



**Expert Group Meeting on Short Term Statistics  
16-18 February 2016  
Amman, Jordan, Le Royal Hotel**

**Agenda of the meeting**

**Day 1: Tuesday 16 February 2016**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	- Registration of participants

<b>9:00-9:30</b>	- Opening Statements ( <b>DOS, UNESCWA, UNSD</b> ) - Objectives of the meeting ( <b>ESCWA</b> )
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**First session: Overview of global/ regional ground of the short term statistics**

**Chairman:** ESCWA

<b>9:30-11:00</b>	- International programme on Short-term Statistics ( <b>UNSD</b> ) - Overview of the ESCWA Project on Short Term Statistics ( <b>ESCWA</b> ) - GCC-Stat Road Map on Short Term Statistics ( <b>GCC-Stat</b> ) - Overview of the draft Regional Guidelines on Short Term Statistics based on Selected ESCWA member countries ( <b>ESCWA Consultant</b> ) - Regional Assessment on the availability, methods of compilation and dissemination practices for short term statistics in the ESCWA region ( <b>ESCWA</b> )  <b>Discussions</b>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Break</b>

**Second session: Rapid Estimates of Short-term Statistics**

**Chairman:** *Mr. Denis Ward*

<b>11:30-12:30</b>	- Overview of Handbook on Rapid Estimates( <b>UNSD</b> ) - Eurostat experience with GDP flash estimate ( <b>EUROSTAT</b> )  <b>Discussions</b>
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<b>Third session: National Accounts / Quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP): Method of Compilation and Challenges</b> <b>Chairman: Mr.Denis Ward</b>	
<b>12:30-1:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of Quarterly GDP (<u>UNSD</u>)</li> <li>- Quarterly GDP estimates in the Arab Region: Challenges and opportunities for improvements (<u>ESCWA</u>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussions</b></p>
<b>1:30-2:30</b>	<b>lunch</b>
<b>2:30-4:30</b>	<p>Country Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Egypt</li> <li>- Jordan</li> <li>- Lebanon</li> <li>- Palestine</li> <li>- Qatar</li> <li>- Oman</li> <li>- Tunisia</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussions</b></p>

**Day 2: Wednesday 17 February 2016**

Time	Topic
<b>Fourth session: Production and Turnover: Methodological aspects</b> <b>Chairman: Mr.Benson Sim/UNSD</b>	
<b>9:00-11:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Statistical concepts and definitions, Methods of Compilation and usage of the production and turnover indices; (<u>ESCWA Consultant</u>)</li> <li>- Index of Industrial Production: Methods of Compilation (<u>UNIDO</u>)</li> <li>- Data Availability and Regional Challenges in the Compilation and Dissemination of the Production and Turnover Indices (<u>ESCWA</u>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Country Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Palestine</li> <li>- Egypt</li> <li>- Jordan</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussions</b></p>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Break</b>

**Fifth session: Others Short Term Statistics**

**Chairman: Mr. Klaus Abberger/KOS**

<b>11:30-1:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Producer Price indices, of goods and services, for different purposes, Unit Value Indices/ Exports and Imports Price Indices; (<u>INSEE</u>)</li> <li>- Household Debt: Methods of Compilation and source of data (<u>UNSD</u>)</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relationship between short term Statistics (<b>ESCWA consultant</b>)</li> <li>- Overview of Handbook on data template and metadata for short-term statistics (<b>UNSD</b>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussions</b></p>
<b>1:30-2:30</b>	<b>lunch</b>

**Sixth session: Improving Data Sources for Compilation and Information Systems**

**Chairman:** *Mr. Denis Ward*

<b>2:30-4:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implementing Short-term Statistics Programme (<b>UNSD</b>)</li> <li>- Index of Industrial Production (IIP) Seasonal Adjustments: Concepts and practice (<b>UNIDO</b>)</li> <li>- Economic Tendency Surveys (ETS) (<b>KOF-Swiss Economic Institute</b>)</li> <li>- Eurostat-INSEE ERETES for National Accounts (<b>Jean-Samy Aziz</b>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussions</b></p>
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**Day 3: Thursday 18 February 2016**

Time	Topic
<b>Seventh session: Compilation, Production and Usage of Leading, Composite and Sentiment Indicators</b>	
<b>Chairman:</b> <i>Mr. Alain Gallais/ INSEE</i>	
<b>9:00- 11:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Composite Indicators for Business Cycle Analysis (<b>KOF Swiss Economic Institute</b>)</li> <li>- Business and Consumer Confidence Indicators: Arab Region Experience, (<b>ESCWA Consultant</b>)</li> <li>- Overview of the Handbook on cyclical composite indicators (<b>UNSD</b>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussions</b></p>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Break</b>

**Eighth session: Challenges and Problem of producing Short Term statistics**

**Chairman:** *ESCWA*

<b>11:30-1:00</b>	<b>Round Table Discussion</b> <i>(UNSD, KOF, UNIDO, INSEE, GCC-Stat, (Countries representatives: Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine Qatar, Oman, Tunisia)</i>
<b>1:00-2:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

**Ninth session: Closing Remarks and Conclusion**

**Chairman:** *ESCWA*

<b>2:00-3:00</b>	- The way forward and the recommendations
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