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

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<td>8:30-9:00</td>
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<td>9:00-9:30</td>
<td>Opening Statements (DOS, UNESCWA, UNSD)</td>
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First session: Overview of global/ regional ground of the short term statistics
Chairman: ESCWA

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

11:00-11:30 Break

Second session: Rapid Estimates of Short-term Statistics
Chairman: Mr. Denis Ward

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<td>11:30-12:30</td>
<td>- Overview of Handbook on Rapid Estimates (UNSD)</td>
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<td>- Eurostat experience with GDP flash estimate (EUROSTAT)</td>
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Discussions
## Third session: National Accounts / Quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP): Method of Compilation and Challenges

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

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| 12:30-1:30  | - Overview of Quarterly GDP *(UNSD)*  
- Quarterly GDP estimates in the Arab Region: Challenges and opportunities for improvements *(ESCWA)*  

  **Discussions** |
| 1:30-2:30    | lunch                                                                                           |
| 2:30-4:30    | Country Presentations:  
- Egypt  
- Jordan  
- Lebanon  
- Palestine  
- Qatar  
- Oman  
- Tunisia  

  **Discussions** |

## Day 2: Wednesday 17 February 2016

**Fourth session: Production and Turnover: Methodological aspects**  
**Chairman:** *Mr. Benson Sim/UNSD*

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| 9:00-11:00 | - Statistical concepts and definitions, Methods of Compilation and usage of the production and turnover indices; *(ESCWA Consultant)*  
- Index of Industrial Production: Methods of Compilation *(UNIDO)*  
- Data Availability and Regional Challenges in the Compilation and Dissemination of the Production and Turnover Indices *(ESCWA)*  

  **Discussions** |
| 11:00-11:30 | Break                                                                                       |

**Fifth session: Others Short Term Statistics**  
**Chairman:** *Mr. Klaus Abberger/KOS*

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| 11:30-1:30 | - Producer Price indices, of goods and services, for different purposes, Unit Value Indices/ Exports and Imports Price Indices *(INSEE)*  
- Household Debt: Methods of Compilation and source of data *(UNSD)*  


Sixth session: Improving Data Sources for Compilation and Information Systems
Chairman: Mr. Denis Ward

2:30-4:30
- Implementing Short-term Statistics Programme (UNSD)
- Index of Industrial Production (IIP) Seasonal Adjustments: Concepts and practice (UNIDO)
- Economic Tendency Surveys (ETS) (KOF-Swiss Economic Institute)
- Eurostat-INSEE ERETES for National Accounts (Jean-Samy Aziz)

Discussions

Day 3: Thursday 18 February 2016

Seventh session: Compilation, Production and Usage of Leading, Composite and Sentiment Indicators
Chairman: Mr. Alain Gallais/ INSEE

9:00-11:00
- Composite Indicators for Business Cycle Analysis (KOF Swiss Economic Institute)
- Business and Consumer Confidence Indicators: Arab Region Experience, (ESCWA Consultant)
- Overview of the Handbook on cyclical composite indicators (UNSD)

Discussions

11:00-11:30 Break

Eighth session: Challenges and Problem of producing Short Term statistics
Chairman: ESCWA

11:30-1:00 Round Table Discussion (UNSD, KOF, UNIDO, INSEE, GCC-Stat, (Countries representatives: Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine Qatar, Oman, Tunisia)

1:00-2:00 Lunch

Ninth session: Closing Remarks and Conclusion
Chairman: ESCWA

2:00-3:00 - The way forward and the recommendations