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**REPORT**  
**OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE ON ITS ELEVENTH SESSION**  
**AMMAN, 4-5 FEBRUARY 2015**

**Summary**

The Statistical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) held its eleventh session in Amman, on 4 and 5 February 2015.

The session agenda contained several items, including the implications of the twenty-eighth ESCWA ministerial session in the area of statistical monitoring of social justice; national strategies for the development of statistics in support of the post-2015 development agenda; official statistics and emerging sources of data; and ESCWA statistical activities. The session was also an opportunity to discuss a unified regional position on issues to be considered at the forty-sixth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission.

The present report sets out the recommendations issued by the Statistical Committee at its eleventh session.

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## Introduction

1. The Statistical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) held its eleventh session in Amman, on 4 and 5 February 2015, pursuant to resolution 179 (XVI) of 2 September 1992, endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1993/2 of 2 February 1993, concerning the establishment of a statistical committee at ESCWA, and in accordance with the recommendations issued at the tenth session of the Statistical Committee, held in Cairo from 30 to 31 January 2013.
2. The present report sets out the main recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its eleventh session. The Committee adopted this report at its closing session, held on 5 February 2015.

### I. RECOMMENDATIONS

3. At its eleventh session, the Statistical Committee made the following recommendations to member States and the ESCWA secretariat.

#### A. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ESCWA MEMBER STATES

4. The Statistical Committee issued the following recommendations to ESCWA member States:
  - (a) To form a technical advisory group comprising government representatives to support the secretariat in preparing a manual for measuring social justice and multidimensional poverty;
  - (b) To update their national strategies to develop their statistical systems in support of a post-2015 development agenda;
  - (c) To urge national statistical offices to actively participate in negotiations on the goals and objectives of a post-2015 development agenda;
  - (d) To stress the need for consistency in statistical indicators at the international, regional and national levels and the importance of benefiting from the development of statistical systems in relation to formulating the goals and objectives of a post-2015 development agenda;
  - (e) To affirm the importance of providing the necessary resources to national statistical offices to implement a post-2015 development agenda;
  - (f) To strengthen partnerships between data sources and to empower them to monitor priority issues for the Arab region, including the situation of refugees and displaced persons and development under occupation, through consultations on the goals and objectives of a post-2015 development agenda;
  - (g) To update and develop the official statistical regulations of national statistical offices;
  - (h) To affirm the active role of national statistical offices in the Arab region in negotiations to determine the indicators and objectives of a post-2015 development agenda;
  - (i) To benefit from big data and use them as complements, not alternatives, to official data, taking into consideration the various challenges they present;
  - (j) To operationalize the task force on population censuses and amend its terms of reference in line with developments in Arab countries and the 2020 population and housing census.

## B. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ESCWA SECRETARIAT

5. The Statistical Committee made the following recommendations to the ESCWA secretariat:

(a) To prepare a manual on measuring social justice that takes into account the specificities of the Arab region, using available resources and data;

(b) To conduct an evaluation study on the availability of social justice indicators and their role for national statistical offices in the Arab region;

(c) To prepare a project document on a standardized multipurpose Arab survey, in collaboration with the national statistical offices of member States,<sup>1</sup> to cover gaps and shortfalls, drawing from public policies for achieving social justice and proposed sustainable development goals; and to determine a time frame for the project;

(d) To affirm the importance of benefiting from the experiences of countries that conduct multipurpose survey and of sustaining such censuses, identifying their periodicity and coordinating with statistical offices and regional and international institutions in that regard;

(e) To proceed with the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS21) initiative, ensuring that the development of national statistical strategies takes it into consideration;

(f) To follow developments in big data and support the capacity of statistical offices in this field through studies and specialized training;

(g) To present a report on progress in implementing long-term recommendations at the twelfth session of the statistical committee;

(h) To follow up on unimplemented recommendations issued at the tenth session of the Committee and present reports thereon at future meetings using the logical framework approach;

(i) To stress the importance of the role of statistical offices by inviting them to participate in ESCWA sessions as part of their national delegations, noting that enough notice should be given to allow for preparations;

(j) To stress the importance of strengthening partnerships between statistical bodies in the Arab region and with the secretariat of the League of Arab States, the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, the Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf, the Economic Commission for Africa, relevant international bodies and the United Nations Statistics Division;

(k) To approve the proposal for forming two advisory groups on economic and social statistics, and to discuss their terms of reference and amend them in line with the views of their members, so as to ensure sufficient continuity and flexibility in their work and that they comprise representatives of civil society and of the private sector;

(l) To include in the work programme on statistics for the biennium 2016-2017 issues related to commercial records, a manual on measuring social justice and a multipurpose census;

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<sup>1</sup> The Syrian Arab Republic expressed some reservations on the project.

(m) To organize a preparatory meeting on the sidelines of the forty-sixth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, to be held in New York, to coordinate the positions of ESCWA member States in accordance with the agenda items of the current session;

(n) To communicate with States that are not attending the session of the United Nations Statistical Commission to present their concerns at the session;

(o) To communicate directly with statistical offices to invite them to attend the sessions of the ESCWA Statistical Committee, in coordination with national focal points.<sup>2</sup>

## II. DISCUSSION TOPICS

### A. IMPLICATIONS OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ESCWA MINISTERIAL SESSION IN THE AREA OF STATISTICAL MONITORING OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

6. The Tunis Declaration on Social Justice in the Arab Region, adopted by member States at the twenty-eighth ESCWA session held in Tunis from 15 to 18 September 2014, contains a set of specific recommendations on statistical issues. The Statistical Committee has reviewed these requests and has made the necessary recommendations thereon to continue ESCWA work in the field of statistics. Under this item, the following two documents were presented to the Committee: “Issues of measuring social justice” (E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/3(Part I)) and “Proposed methodology for measuring multidimensional poverty” (E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/3(Part II)).

#### 1. *Measurement issues of social justice*

7. Under this item, discussions focused on several issues, notably reaching consensus on a standardized definition of social justice in line with the specificities of the Arab region; identifying indicators for the Arab region that measure social justice; and stressing the need for indicators that measure the growing role of young people and corruption control; and agreeing that these indicators should be composite and not static.

8. Participants requested the secretariat to prepare an evaluation study on an approach for developing social justice indicators, focusing on deriving them from appropriate sources and on their measurement, to be sent to national statistical offices for their comments and approval. Participants agreed on the need to form a technical group to develop the concept and approach and identify minimum indicators of social justice and their sources of funding.

#### 2. *Proposed methodology for measuring multidimensional poverty*

9. Document E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/3(Part II) set out the proposed ESCWA methodology for measuring multidimensional poverty, which comes under the framework for organizing a multipurpose national survey in Arab countries, whose results can be used in analytical studies conducted under the various ESCWA subprogrammes. The secretariat presented the complete text of the methodology in document E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/CRP.1. The Statistical Committee expressed its appreciation for ESCWA efforts in this field.

10. The ensuing discussion focused on several issues, notably the importance of a standardized methodology, taking into account the specificities of each country when conducting the survey; the need to coordinate with all international organizations, especially those concerned with conducting other surveys in the region; determining the periodicity of the survey and developing a time frame; and benefiting from the

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<sup>2</sup> For the Syrian Arab Republic, invitations should be sent to the focal point and copied to the statistical office.

experiences of other countries in this field. Participants also discussed the need to identify sources to fund these surveys, which should complement, not supersede, other surveys.

11. The Statistical Committee requested ESCWA to prepare a standardized multipurpose project to survey households, covering shortfalls in measuring poverty and sustainable development, to be sent to statistical offices for their comments and approval.

#### B. ROUND TABLE ON NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS IN SUPPORT OF A POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

12. Document E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/4 presented to the Statistical Committee under this item reviewed issues of central importance to national statistical offices in the context of the formulation of national strategies for the development of statistics in support of a post-2015 development agenda. Document E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/CRP.2 was also presented to the Committee and contained important information on this issue.

13. The ensuing discussion focused on developing national strategies that meet data needs for the period 2015-2030, in line with the PARIS21 approach. Participants affirmed the importance of identifying, developing and updating national strategies and laws, in addition to strengthening financial and human resources in statistical offices and providing political support to produce good data, develop statistics in the Arab region and formulate appropriate policies in support of a post-2015 development agenda. They stressed that national statistical offices were the official sources of data and underlined the importance of operationalizing their role, including in all regional meetings on statistics.

#### C. OFFICIAL STATISTICS AND EMERGING SOURCES OF DATA: IMPLICATIONS FOR ESCWA STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES

14. Under this item, the ESCWA secretariat presented document E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/5 on big data in official statistics, aimed at raising awareness of big data and familiarizing participants with their role in improving official statistics and evaluating a post-2015 development agenda. The presentation also covered numerous challenges that national statistical offices faced when attempting to benefit from big data in various sectors. National statistical offices were receiving increasing numbers of requests to provide greater amounts of more detailed data; these requests could be met, if necessary resources were unavailable, by improving data collection methods. Information and communications technology experts and decision-makers preferred using abundant electronic data, known as big data. Statistical offices must discover new data sources, in accordance with data quality, reliability, representativeness and secrecy standards.

15. In the ensuing discussion, representatives of statistical offices agreed on the need to clarify what constituted big data and to continue developing them, taking into account the challenges they posed in statistical work, including reduced cost at the expense of data quality; exponential growth of statistical work resulting from great demand for big data, which would threaten the credibility and accuracy of official statistics, thus highlighting the need for increased efforts to ensure the reliability of big data sources. All representatives of statistical offices stressed the importance of respecting official statistical principles with regard to big data sources and when calculating indicators and metadata. Participants focused on building the analytical capacity of national statistical offices by training their staff and on developing national strategies to organize big data for use in improving statistical work in the region.

#### D. ESCWA STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES

16. Under this item, the Statistical Committee was presented with the following three documents on ESCWA statistical activities within the context of preparations for a post-2015 development agenda: "Implementation of recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its tenth session" (E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/6(Part I)); "Strategic direction for the statistical work of ESCWA in 2016-2020 in

the context of the post-2015 development agenda” (E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/6(Part II)); and “Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017 in the field of statistics” (E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/6(Part III)).

### *1. Implementation of recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its tenth session*

17. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on progress made in implementing the recommendations made by the Statistical Committee at its tenth session, some to ESCWA member States and others to the ESCWA secretariat. He reviewed the measures taken to implement the recommendations and their implementation levels.

18. In the ensuing discussion, participants requested that work continue on international comparisons, although the project had ended, given the great benefit it provided countries in terms of strengthening joint action to support statistical work, conducting a comprehensive evaluation of statistical offices (Gulf Cooperation Council countries have begun this process) and developing an action plan for the coming years. They expressed to the secretariat their wish to involve statistical offices in its technical and governmental meetings on statistics and requested that invitations be sent directly to statistical offices, rather than to ministries, allowing sufficient time for preparations. They also requested a strategy for implementing recommendations and following up on those that had yet to be implemented.

### *2. Strategic direction for the statistical work of ESCWA in 2016-2020 in the context of the post-2015 development agenda*

19. The representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on the strategic direction of the statistical work of ESCWA for the period 2016-2020, focusing on administrative and strategic issues related to official statistics; social and demographic statistics; economic statistics; environmental statistics; development indicators; and interconnected sectors. To ensure the effectiveness and organization of the work, he proposed the formation of an advisory working group comprising ESCWA representatives and experts from national statistical offices and partner organizations to guide the work. He also presented a model for developing advisory groups on economic and social statistics, focusing on their importance, goals and tasks, and on organizational and administrative issues, including membership, chair and secretariat.

20. In the ensuing discussion, participants welcomed the proposal to establish advisory groups on social and economic statistics concerned with providing statistics of the highest possible quality, in accordance with international standards, and strengthening coordination and cooperation at the national, regional and international levels. They requested that the continuity of their work be ensured and that their terms of reference be discussed and amended as appropriate. They then tackled numerous challenges, including those posed by social, economic and environmental data and development indicators; new challenges following the “data revolution”; challenges in new statistical fields not covered by official statistics; and the need for detailed, timely and organized data that included more geospatial information. They highlighted the importance of identifying new sources of data other than traditional statistical surveys; benefiting from modern technologies; and adapting statistical programmes to changing public policy requirements.

### *3. Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017 in the field of statistics*

21. The representative of the secretariat presented the strategic framework for 2016-2017 adopted by ESCWA at its twenty-eighth session, focusing on subprogramme 5 on statistics for evidence-based policymaking and the proposed programme of work and outcomes for 2016-2017 in the field of statistics.

22. The ensuing discussion focused on the various statistical activities to be completed in the biennium 2016-2017. Delegations requested that the proposed programme of work be amended to include the following: to begin work on business registers in coordination with national statistical offices, benefiting from successful experiences; and to include tourism statistics, the multipurpose survey and the survey on

social justice in ESCWA activities for 2016-2017. Delegations also requested the ESCWA secretariat and the United Nations Statistics Division to focus on supporting member States in conducting censuses in the coming years, particularly the 2020 population and housing census. They specifically requested the ESCWA secretariat to form an entity to support member States in providing resources and sources and building capacity, through coordination and networking, to meet technical and material needs. They also stressed the need to operationalize the working group on population censuses.

23. Participants also discussed the importance of coordination and cooperation between statistical offices, ESCWA and the United Nations Statistics Division, as well as other actors involved in statistical work, to exchange expertise, build national capacity and improve quality frameworks in statistical work. Participants expressed their wish to prepare a comprehensive standardized census for the Arab region.

#### E. DEVELOPING A REGIONAL POSITION ON ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL COMMISSION

24. Under this item, the representative of the secretariat focused on the need to coordinate Arab States' positions on key issues to be discussed and decided at the forty-sixth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, to be held in the last week of February 2015; he presented to the Committee the agenda for the session, set out in document E/CN.3/2015/1.

25. The Committee urged member States to actively participate in the forty-sixth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission. Participants agreed to hold a preparatory coordination meeting on the sidelines of the session, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. They stressed the need to prepare well for the coming year, given that the agenda for the session included an item on the Arab region.

26. The Committee identified items on the agenda for the Commission session of interest to statistical offices in the Arab region and requested the secretariat to prepare a document on the benefits of participating in the session, to be presented at the next meeting of the Bureau of the Commission. Member States then chose an item from the agenda to write a summary thereon, which the secretariat would use to prepare a paper reflecting the Arab region's positions on the session's key agenda items. The following are the items selected by member States:

- (a) Data in support of the post-2015 development agenda: broader measures of progress (Palestine);
- (b) Population and housing censuses (Jordan);
- (c) Refugee statistics (Jordan);
- (d) Household surveys (Egypt and Kuwait);
- (e) National accounts (Egypt);
- (f) Environmental-economic accounting (Palestine);
- (g) International Comparison Programme (Oman);
- (h) Agriculture and rural statistics (Sudan);
- (i) Governance, peace and security statistics (Jordan);
- (j) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (Egypt);
- (k) Regional statistical development in Latin America and the Caribbean (ESCWA).

#### F. DATE AND VENUE OF THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

27. The twelfth session of the Statistical Committee will be held, in principle, at the United Nations House in Beirut, in mid-January 2017.



## G. OTHER MATTERS

28. The Statistical Committee discussed other statistics-related issues, including the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), the Gender Statistics Programme and the announcement on the convening of the fifth International Arab Statisticians Union Conference.

29. The Director of the United Nations Statistics Division gave a presentation on UN-GGIM, focusing on its establishment and its role as a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council, whose international annual meetings were attended by heads of national geographic agencies. He said that, to strengthen work at the international level, the Committee of Experts had decided to form regional entities, including UN-GGIM Arab States. Saudi Arabia had proposed hosting the first official meeting of this regional entity on 23 and 24 February 2015. The Statistical Committee welcomed the establishment of UN-GGIM and agreed to work closely with experts on global geospatial information management to integrate statistical and geospatial information, particularly important in the run-up to the 2020 population and housing census.

30. Participants were informed that the Gender Statistics Framework had been completed, in collaboration with statistical experts from national statistical offices in the Arab region. The Framework comprises 10 goals that complement the Millennium Development Goals. The secretariat encouraged member States to apply the Framework,<sup>3</sup> provide comments thereon and inform the secretariat if they required any technical or advisory support for its implementation.

31. The representative of Egypt said that the fifth International Arab Statisticians Union Conference would be held in Cairo, on 9 and 10 February 2016, in collaboration with the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics, on the theme “Role of statistics in conflict management”. The Union would also hold a meeting of its General Assembly on the sidelines to elect a new Board of Trustees and to discuss key issues and activities in the field of administration and its future work plans and financial affairs, in accordance with its rules of procedure. The Conference would consist of several meetings and a training session. An invitation was extended to national statistical offices to participate by submitting their research papers and studies.

32. Participants were informed that the African Centre for Statistics of the Economic Commission for Africa was organizing the High-level Conference on the Data Revolution in Africa, to be held from 27 to 29 March 2015. For more information, participants were invited to contact the African Centre for Statistics. The Centre was also organizing the meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa, to be held in November 2015.

### **III. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE**

33. The Statistical Committee, at its closing meeting held on 5 February 2015, adopted the report on its eleventh session.

### **IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION**

#### **A. DATE AND VENUE**

34. The Statistical Committee held its eleventh session at the Kempinski Hotel in Amman, on 4 and 5 February 2015.

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<sup>3</sup> Available from [www.escwa.un.org/sites/GISINHANDBOOK/index.asp](http://www.escwa.un.org/sites/GISINHANDBOOK/index.asp).

## B. OPENING

35. The session was opened by Mr. Karim Khalil, Secretary of the Commission. He welcomed the participants and expressed his appreciation for member States' cooperation with ESCWA to strengthen joint statistical work between all stakeholders.

36. Mr. Khaled al-Mudafar, Chair of the tenth session of the Statistical Committee, welcomed the participants. He expressed his appreciation for ESCWA efforts to support statistical capacity in member States and strengthen joint statistical work, especially regarding the post-2015 development agenda, and his hope that the session would result in recommendations that met the needs of member States.

37. Mr. Juraj Riecan, Director of the ESCWA Statistics Division, gave a speech on behalf of the ESCWA secretariat. He welcomed the participants and said that continual and effective cooperation was vital between member States and ESCWA on statistical issues regarding support for national statistical offices; applying new approaches and standards for measuring social justice; and collecting and publishing reliable and useful statistical data, especially in the light of recent political events in the Arab region. He added that there was increasing demand for information following the data revolution; and that societies were being affected by increasing inequalities, unmet needs and poverty.

## C. ATTENDANCE

38. The session was attended by representatives of 10 ESCWA member States, the United Nations Statistics Division, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics. The list of participants is contained in annex I to the present report.

## D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

39. Rule 18 of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of ESCWA states: "Member States shall chair the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on a rotating basis, in the Arabic alphabetical order employed by the United Nations."<sup>4</sup> In accordance with this rule, the representative of Palestine chaired the session. Participants elected the representatives of Kuwait and Oman as Vice-Chairs, and of Egypt as Rapporteur.

## E. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

40. At its first meeting, the Statistical Committee adopted the provisional agenda of its eleventh session, as contained in document E/ESCWA/SD/2015/IG.1/L.1. Under the item "other matters", it included a request to hold a coordination meeting before the forty-sixth session of the United Nations Statistical Commission. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the organization of work of the session as contained in document E/ESCWA/SD/2012/IG.1/L.2.

## F. DOCUMENTS

41. A list of the documents presented at the eleventh session of the Statistical Committee is set out in annex II to the present report.

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<sup>4</sup> ESCWA member States in the Arabic alphabetical order are as follows: Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Tunisia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Iraq, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

## Annex I

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Annex II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

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