Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Workshop on Fostering Open Government in the Arab Region
Beirut, Lebanon, 25-27 September 2018

Agenda

Day One - 25 September 2018

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:30 Opening Session

  Welcoming notes, Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of Innovation Section, ESCWA

  Technology for Development Division Remarks, Mr. Haidar Fraihat. Director, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA

  ESCWA Speech, Mr. Mounir Tabet, Deputy Executive Secretary for program, ESCWA

09:30–11:00 Session I- Regional Perspectives on Open Government


Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of Innovation Section, ESCWA

Opportunities and Challenges for Open Government in the Arab Region: OECD analysis.

Ms. Karine Badr, Policy Analyst/Project Coordinator, OECD

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Session II – Impact of Open Government & Country Experiences

Economic Dimensions of Open Data

Mr. Nawar Al Awa, Regional Advisor on Technology for Development, ESCWA

Open Government in Morocco

Mr. Ismail Amartini, Head of Service of Bilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Administrative Reform and Civil Service, Morocco

An Ambitious Nation: Effectively Governed Responsibly Enabled

Mr. Majid Aldraehim, Research and Innovation Manager, Saudi e-Government Program (Yesser)

Discussion
13:00 – 14:00  Lunch break & Networking

14:00 - 15:30  Session III- Participation, Collaboration and Engagement in Open Government (1)

The Four Phased ESCWA Framework on Open Government (1)
Ms. Louise Thomasen, Director/Independent Consultant, coThomasen

Practical Exercise
Mr. Morten Meyerhoff, Academic Fellow, UNU-Operating Unit for Policy Driven Electronic Governance

Discussion

15:30 – 16:00  Coffee break

16:00 - 17:00  Session IV- Open Government for Achieving SDGs

Open Government Data as Enabler of SGD 16 Implementation (remotely)
Ms. Arpine Korekyan, Governance and Public Administration Officer, UNDESA
Discussion

A New Way of Thinking: Open Government, Innovation and Achieving the SDGs
Ms. Lize Denner, Associate Program Management Officer, Innovation Section, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA

Discussion
Day Two - 26 September 2018

09:00–10:30  Session V – Open Data 1: Concepts and Benefits

Open Government Data: Concepts and National Strategy
Mr. Khaled Sellami, Director General, e-Government Unit, Presidency of the Government, Tunisia
Practical Exercises
Discussion

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00  Session VI – Open Data 2: Technical Aspects, Technologies and Platforms

Open Data: Technical Aspects, Technologies and Platforms
Mr. Kamel Malleh, Expert in open data platforms, ONSHOR Program, Tunisia
Practical Exercises
Discussion

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch break & Networking

14:00 – 16:30  Session VII – Participation, Collaboration and Engagement in Open Government (2)

Open, Accessible and User-Centric Public Service Delivery
Mr. Morten Meyerhoff, Academic Fellow, UNU-Operating Unit for Policy Driven e-Governance

15:00 – 15:15  Coffee break

The Four Phased ESCWA Framework on Open Government (2)
Ms. Louise Thomasen, Independent expert, coThomasen
Discussion
Day Three - 27 September 2018

09:00 – 10:30  Session VIII – Legal Aspects of Open Government: Access to Information law

Access to Information Laws: Importance, Requirements, and Impact
Mr. Wassim Hajjar, Supervisor of the ICT Center, Ministry of Justice, Lebanon

Authority for Access to Information in Tunisia (creation, general framework, stages and tasks)
Mr. Adnene Lassoued, Deputy President, Authority for Access to Information, Tunisia

Promoting Access to Information in South Africa
Ms. Lize Denner, Associate Program Management Officer, ESCWA

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00  Session IX – Country Experiences in Open Data

Open Data Strategy in Jordan
Ms. Nada Khater, Head of e-Government Strategies, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Jordan

Open Data in Oman
Mr. Ahmed Al Balushi, Team Leader of International Relations, Information Technology Authority, Oman

Discussion

12:00-13:00  Closing Session

Implementation of ESCWA Project on Open Government in The Arab Region and Future Stages.
Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of Innovation Section, ESCWA

Group Discussion
Concluding Remarks