



Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

ESCWA MEETINGS HELD IN 2014

Date and venue	Title
<u>First quarter</u>	
18-22 January Rabat	Workshop Measuring Poverty, Inequality and Human Development
23-24 January Rabat	Technical Meeting on measuring multidimensional poverty in the Arab region
4 February Amman	Third Training Session “Training of Trainers on Low Carbon Green Growth” (DA Project: Strengthening National Capacities in the ESCWA Region in Developing Green Productive Sectors)
4-5 February Doha	Advisory mission to Qatar to provide technical support for the national delegation on the presentation of Qatar initial report of CEDAW during the 57 <sup>th</sup> Session of the CEDAW Committee
17-19 February Dubai	ICP Meeting for launching the ICP results of the 2011 round
18-25 February Ramallah	Training workshop on Strategic Planning, Public Policy Making, Monitoring, and Evaluation
19-20 February Beirut	Coordination Meeting on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
20 February Beirut	Meeting of the Working Group of the Heads of National Statistical Offices in the Arab Region
20 February Beirut	Presentation of the Results of the “Survey on Energy Institutions in Arab Countries”
20 February Abu Dhabi	EGM on price statistics for regional integration
24-28 February Dubai	Workshop on Labour Statistics for GCC Countries
27-28 February Amman	Training Workshop to Support the Process of Preparation of National Reports to Follow-up on Beijing+20 – in cooperation with UN-Women and the League of Arab States

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1 March Cairo	AMAG – Fifth meeting – Arab Internet Governance Forum (AIGF)
2 March Cairo	Workshop on the “Promotion of Digital Arabic Content Industry in Egypt”
5 March Muscat	Fourth Training Session  Training of Trainers on Low Carbon Green Growth (DA Project: Strengthening national Capacities in the ESCWA Region in Developing Green Productive Sectors)
8-14 March Beirut	International Women Day Celebration: “Equality for Women is Progress for All”
9-13 March Muscat	Training of trainers on Energy Statistics and Balance. (GCCSTAT – ESCWA – IEA – UNSD)
10-12 March Dubai	Workshop for the Arab Countries on “Follow of the outcomes of the Ninth Ministerial Conference of the WTO in Bali”
10-12 March Cairo	Fifteenth Meeting of the Heads of National Population Councils
15 March Sharam El-Sheikh	Seminar on the Environmental Situation and the Electricity Sector in Arab Countries (in cooperation with the League of Arab States “LAS”)
18-19 March Beirut	Advisory mission to the Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon to Train on Gender Concepts
19-20 March Beirut	Coordination Meeting between the League of Arab States “LAS”, RCREEE, Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy of Egypt and ESCWA to discuss preparations for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Energy Forum for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
21 March Beirut	World Water Day 2014: “Seminar on the Water-Energy Nexus: Issues and Challenges” (organized in cooperation with Ministry of Energy and Water; Association of Lebanese Industrialists (ALI); Association of the Friends of Ibrahim Abd El AL; UNIDO; and ESCWA)
31 March Beirut	EGM on National Accounts and Economic Statistics
<u>Second quarter</u>	
1-2 April Kuwait	KISR-ESCWA Workshop on Shared Groundwater Aquifers in GCC Countries
2-4 April Amman	Arab High-Level Forum on Sustainable Development

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6-7 April Amman	Jordan River Basin Dialogue
6-10 April Kuwait	Workshop on Energy Statistics and Balance
9 April Cairo	Fifth Training Session  Training of Trainers on Low Carbon Green Growth (DA Project: Strengthening National Capacities in the ESCWA Region in Developing Green Productive Sectors)
14-15 April Tunis	Regional Seminar on “Enabling Policies for Financing Energy Efficiency Investments”
22-24 April Tunis	Interregional Forum of the Development Account Project “Facilitating the Effective Integration of Developing Countries in the Global Economy through Aid for Trade Schemes”
27-28 April Cairo	Technical advisory meeting for the development of a strategic framework for the implementation of Cairo declaration on the post-2015 Development agenda for Arab women
28-29 April Cairo	Intergovernmental Consultation Meeting on Legal Framework on Shared Water Resources in the Arab Region (in cooperation with League of Arab States)
30 April Beirut	EGM on External Peer Review : Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the Arab Region 2013-2014
11-13 May Beirut	Workshop on “Applying the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Methodology in the Arab Region” (in cooperation with GIZ)
11-15 May Khartoum	Training of Trainers workshop on “Project Cycle & Project Management”
15 May Beirut	EGM on Governance trends and measurement
15 May Amman	Twenty-Eighth Session of the Commission
27 May Beirut	Gender Discussion Series on “Lebanese Women’s Rights”, in Partnership with Platform Horizon for Knowledge
26-28 May Amman	Second Regional Training Workshop on “Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries” (in cooperation with the League of Arab States “LAS”)

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2 June Beirut	Ad hoc expert groups “Consultative Meeting on ESCWA, Civil Society and Support to Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon”
June Beirut	Ad hoc expert groups “ Monitoring of Governance Progress (AGR I)”
3-4 June Amman	National Training Seminar for Policy-makers on “Enabling Environments for Establishing Renewable Energy Public-Private Partnerships” (DA Project: Enhancing Energy Security and Improving Access to Energy Services Through Development of Public-Private Renewable Energy Partnerships)
6 June Beirut	Gender Discussion Series on “Women’s Access to Justice: To what extent do the legal systems in Arab countries facilitate access to justice for women?” in partnership with the Human Rights Institute of the Beirut Bar Association
9-10 June London	High-Level Workshop on “The Euphrates under Stress: Towards Tripartite Cooperation for Sound River Management” (organized in cooperation with Chatham House and The Prince’s Charities International Sustainability Unit)
14-16 June Beirut	CSO Regional Forum on “Dealing with Social and Economic Inequality” The Need for a New Paradigm (in cooperation with ANND)
15 June Beirut	EGM on measuring multidimensional poverty using household survey microdata
15 June Cairo	AMAG- Sixth meeting Arab Internet Governance Forum (AIGF)
15 June Beirut	Meeting of the Executive Bureau for Joint Coordination of the AIGF
16-17 June Hurghada	Workshop on “Best Practices in Supporting Green Production Sectors in the Arab Region” (in cooperation with UNIDO)
17-18 June Cairo	National workshop: “Towards a legislative framework to protect women and girls from all forms of violence”
18-19 June Hurghada	Second Arab Forum on Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE): Enabling Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) (in cooperation with the League of Arab States and RCREEE)
18-20 June Hurghada	Workshop on “Developing a Regional Efficiency Investment Pipeline” (during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Arab Forum on RE and EE )
20 June Amman	EGM on Space and Satellite Technologies for Development

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25-26 June Beirut	Expert Group Meeting to Review the Findings of the Regional Study on “Gaps in Legislation for the Implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 in Seven Selected Countries in the Arab Region”
27 June Beirut	Official Inauguration of the Renewable Energy Center (DA Project: Capacity-building on Climate Change Mitigation for Poverty Alleviation in Western Asia)
<u>Third quarter</u>	
1 July New York	Arab Joint Side Event on “Arab Integration. A Transformative Change for Sustainable Development” during the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
1-2 July Beirut	Advisory mission to the Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon to Train on Gender Concepts
July Beirut	Ad hoc expert groups meeting “National Dialogues during Transition in the Arab Region”
12-13 August Beirut	Consultation Workshop with Arab Civil Society Organizations on Beijing+20 – in partnership with UN-Women and the League of Arab States
18-21 August Ramallah	Advisory mission to Palestine to Train on Gender Mainstreaming in Economic Policies, Programmes and Budgets
1 September Stockholm	Stockholm World Water Week (WWW) MENA Nexus Seminar: Regional Cooperation for Sharing Solutions
3-4 September London	Expert Group Meeting on Arab Development Outlook
12 September Beirut	Technical Cooperation Network (back to back with the Technical Committee)
15 September Beirut	Regional Task Force Meeting on Governance
15-16 September Tunis	Arab Consultative Meeting on an Accountability Framework for the Post 2015 Development Agenda (in cooperation with the League of Arab States “LAS”)
15-18 September Cairo	Training Workshop on International Migration and Development
17-19 September Beirut	The 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition, Beirut Energy Forum: The Role of Renewable Energy in Socio-economic Development in the Arab Region (in cooperation with the League of Arab States “LAS”, RCREEE and LCEC)
23-24 September Beirut	Expert group meeting on “Arab Women and Access to Justice – From Ratification to Implementation of International Instruments”

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23-25 September Beirut	Study Tour for the Green Help Desks (GHDs) Coordinators and Cleaner Production Centers' Directors in the Arab Region
28-30 September Cairo	EGM on Gender Statistics
28 September – 1 October Amman	Trade Statistics for Regional Integration
<u>Fourth quarter</u>	
14-16 October Amman	RICCAR Scoping Meeting for the Establishment of the Arab Climate Outlook Forum (ArabCOF)
15 October Muscat	Capacity Building Workshop on Promoting a safer cyberspace in the Arab region
15-16 October Sharam El-Sheikh	Seminar on the Environmental Situation in the Electricity Sector in Arab Countries (in cooperation with the League of Arab States "LAS")
19 October Muscat	Training Course on "Water Footprint Awareness Raising for GCC and Arab Countries (in cooperation with AWARENET Cap-Net UNDP, ESCWA, WSTA, MRMWR, PAEW, OWS)", held in connection to the WSTA 11 <sup>th</sup> Gulf Water Conference
20-21 October Beirut	RICCAR Vulnerability Assessment Task Force on Sensitivity Indicators Meeting
22-23 October Beirut	RICCAR Vulnerability Assessment Task Force on Adaptive Capacity Indicators Meeting
22-23 October Beirut	EGM to Review the Draft Regional Report on Progress achieved in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in the Arab region
31 October Beirut	Improving census taking in the Arab region
4-5 November Beirut	Inclusive Social Development in the Arab Region
November Amman	Ad-Hoc EGM: Review of the Report "Pathways Towards Food Security in the Arab Region: Assessment of Wheat Availability"
4-7 November Tunis	5 <sup>th</sup> International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development
10 November Beirut	UN Leadership Dialogue

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11-13 November Kuwait	Third Regional Training Workshop on “Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries” (in cooperation with the League of Arab States “LAS” and Government of Kuwait)
12-13 November Cairo	Second Regional Forum on Digital Arabic Content
12-13 November Amman	Back-to-Back: - Intergovernmental Consultative Meeting on the Water and Energy Nexus - Expert Group Meeting on Enhancing the Sustainable Management of Water, Energy and Land
15 November Beirut	Third Annual Meeting of AIGF
15 November Beirut	Eleventh Session of the Statistical Committee
23-24 November Dubai	Expert Group Meeting on Macroeconomic and Sector Policy Coordination and Arab Economic Integration
27 November Amman	Session on “Prospect for Enhancing Wheat Availability in the Arab Region”, during 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED)
25-26 November Jordan	Regional workshop on effective use of statistics for policy making
25-28 November Khartoum	Advisory mission to Sudan on the Preparation of Gender Equality Strategies and Actions Plans
26 November Beirut	Session on “Appropriate Renewable Energy Technologies for Developing Arab Rural Areas” (in collaboration with AUB), during the Second International Conference on “Renewable Energy in Development Countries-REDEC”
26-27 November Beirut	Regional Consultation Meeting on ICPD Beyond 2014 and the Post 2015 Agenda: Strengthening the Role of National Population Councils
2-4 December Muscat	Regional Seminar on “Lessons Learnt and Best Practices of the Regional Project on Strengthening the Capacities in the Arab Region to Support Green Production Sectors”
3 December Beirut	Commemoration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities
3 December Beirut	Gender Discussion Series on “Gender-related research and policy priorities emerging in the context of recent regional developments, particularly in humanitarian and conflict settings”, organized in the context of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence in partnership with the ABAAD Resource Centre for Gender Equality

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4-5 December Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on “Child Marriage in Humanitarian Settings in the Arab Region: Dynamics, Challenges and Policy Options”, in partnership with UNFPA
7-8 December Cairo	Sixth EGM on the “Regional Initiative for the Assessment of the Impact of Climate Change on Water Resources and Socio-economic Vulnerability in the Arab Region (RICCAR)”
7-9 December Tunisia	Advisory mission to Tunis to Participate in the International Seminar and Discuss the Draft Law to Combat Violence Against Women and Girls
9 December Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Population and Development Report Issue No. 7: Analytical framework
9-11 December Blue Nile	Training Workshop on Strategic Planning and Evaluation
9-11 December Cairo	Third Arab Water Forum (organized by Arab Water Council, and supported by ESCWA)
9-11 December Beirut	Training Workshop on “Use of Solar Energy in Water Pumping Units in the Agriculture Sector in the Republic of Yemen”
10-11 December Beirut	Meeting on “Progress for the Elaboration of the Arab Sustainable Report (ASDR)”
11 December Beirut	Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) Meeting
12 December Cairo	Training Workshop on “Advancing Hydro Diplomacy Skills for Shared Water Resources Negotiations”
15 December Dubai	First Annual Meeting of the Arab e-Government Council Directors
15 December Beirut	Workshop on Improving the Competitiveness of the ICT Sector in Lebanon
15 December Amman	Ninth Meeting of the Technical Committee
15 December Beirut	Arab Middle Class Report Launch
15-16 December Beirut	Capacity building Workshop on “Enhancing Financing Mechanisms for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects”