



Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Calendar of Meetings and Events for 2018

Venue/date	Title	Organizer
<u>First quarter</u>		
Beirut 16-17 January	Training Workshop on Single Window for Iraq	EDID
Tunis 22-25 January	Training Workshop on Mainstreaming Public Policies Within the 2030 Agenda: Designing and Implementing Equality Oriented Public Policies (DA project on Equality)	SDD
Manama 23 January	Workshop on Technology and Innovation: means of Economy Diversification	TDD
Beirut 29-31 January	Regional Workshop on the Use of Technology in Population and Housing Censuses in Arab countries	SD
Beirut 30 January 2018	Advisory Meeting for Arab Ambassadors	OES
Beirut 1 February	Launch of the Flagship Publication “Arab Horizon 2030: Prospects for Enhancing Food Security in the Arab Region”	SDPD
Beirut 1 February	Signing Ceremony of the Revised Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between ESCWA and AOAD	SDPD
Beirut 1-2 February	Second Consultative Meeting on Food Security Assessment and Monitoring in the Arab Region	SDPD
Tunis 6-8 February	Workshop on Sound Institutional Environment, Cooperation, Dialogue and Partnerships for the Production and Utilization of SDG Indicators	SDPD
Beirut 9 February	Expert Group Meeting on the Constitution and Elections in Syria	EDID

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Cairo 10-12 February	Training Workshop on Sand and Dust Storms in the Arab Region	
Dubai 11 February	Arab Governments High-Level Event and Ministerial Roundtable on: Technology for Development Horizon 2030 in the Arab countries: Leapfrogging development Gaps	TDD
Beirut 12 February	Launch of NAFS Studies on the Constitution and Elections in Syria	EDID
Cairo 13-14 February	Second Meeting of the Arab Climate Outlook Forum (ArabCOF)	SDPD
TBD 22 February	Meeting of the Working Group of the Statistical Committee	SD
Beirut 26-28 February 1-3 March	Two Back-to-Back Sub-regional Training Workshops for National Teams on AquaCrop Component 1 of the Project "Promoting Food and Water Security through Cooperation and Capacity Development in the Arab Region" (Phase II)	
Beirut 27-28 February	Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit	EDID
Amman February	Workshop on Integrating 2030 Agenda in Development Planning in Support to the National Committee and Task Forces in Palestine	SDD
Beirut February	RCM Working Group on 2030 Agenda: AFSD-2018 Task Force meeting	SDD
Beirut February	Eleventh Annual Observance of the World Day of Social Justice	SDD
Beirut February	Gender discussion series: selected topic on gender justice and SDGs	ECW
Amman February	Eleventh annual observance of the World Day of Social Justice	SDD
Beirut February or March	Inter- Agency Consultative Meeting on the Corridors for Vital Connectivity in Cooperation with IDB	EDID

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Beirut 6 March	International Women's Day 2018 (focus on gender justice)	ECW
Cairo 6-7 March	Regional Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit	EDID
Cairo 11-15 March		
Tunis or Beirut 13-14 March	Regional Workshop on Trade Impact Analysis Toolkit	EDID
TBD 19-20 March	Preparatory Meeting on SCP for the 2018 Arab Forum on Sustainable Development (AFSD) and HLPF	SDPD
Geneva 19-23 March	Arab International Consultations Meeting on Digital Technologies for Sustainable Development and Related Regional Processes	TDD
Amman 26-29 March	Workshop on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Central Framework and Environment-Related SDG Indicators for Arab Countries (ESCWA-UNSD-AITRS)	SD
Amman 27-28 March	Regional Preparatory Meeting on Energy-Related Issues and Priorities for the Arab Forum on Sustainable Development	SDPD
Rabat 27-28 March	Sub-Regional Training Workshop on Alternative Mechanisms to Collect and Distribute Import Taxes	EDID
Beirut 28-29 March	Regional Preparatory Meeting on the Water-Related Sustainable Development Goals for the Arab Forum on Sustainable Development	SDPD
TBD* March	Launch of the Situation Report on International Migration and Development in the Arab Region 2017	SDD
Beirut March	Gender Discussion Series: Gender and the SDGs (2 of 4)	ECW
Beirut March	Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building for Partnership in Democratic Governance	SDD

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Venue/date	Title	Organizer
Khartoum March	National Capacity Building Workshop on Innovation in Public Sector	TDD
Nouakchott March	Workshop on Technology Incubator and Advisory on ICT/digital strategy	TDD
Rabat March	Capacity Building Workshop on e-Gov Strategies and Applications	TDD
TBD* March	Open Consultations and Arab IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (AMAG)	TDD
Beirut March or April	Regional Seminar for Civil Society Organizations on the 2030 Agenda	SDD
<u>Second quarter</u>		
Kuwait 2-5 April	Tenth Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries	SDPD
UAE or Kuwait 10-11 April	Sub-Regional Training Workshop on Alternative Mechanisms to Collect and Distribute Import Taxes	EDID
Beirut 24-26 April	Arab Forum on Sustainable Development 2018	SDD
TBD 24-26 April	Technical Advisory Group on Economic Statistics	SD
Amman 27-28 April	Expert group meeting on energy with a focus on the 2030 Agenda	SDPD
Beirut April	Expert group meeting on knowledge-sharing to support the science-policy interface for climate change action	SDPD
Beirut April or May	Regional Training Workshop on ITSAS GIS	EDID
Amman 15-19 April	Workshop on Innovation Policies for SDGs in the Arab Region	SDPD
Beirut 7-10 May	Thirtieth Session of ESCWA	OES

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Venue/date	Title	Organizer
Beirut 7-10 May	High-Level Meeting on Frontier Technologies and Innovation to Accelerate Achievement of 2030 Agenda in the Arab Region and its Impact on Employment and Youth	TDD
TBD* 8-9 May	Expert Group Meeting on Progress Made by Arab Countries in the Implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda	EDID
Rabat 9 May	Round table on Sustainable Development Goal 16: Strengthening Conflict Prevention Capacities and Disseminating the Culture of Good Governance and Dialogue	ECW
Beirut 9-10 May	High Level Symposium on Women, Water Security and Peacebuilding	SDPD
TBD* May	Capacity Building Workshop on Science, Technology and Innovation for SDGs	TDD
Beirut May	Peer review of the Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the Arab Region 2017-2018	EDID
KSA May	Third meeting of the Intersessional Group of Experts on Disability	SDD
Beirut May	Regional Meeting to Share Lessons Learned on Analysis and Measurement of Socio-Economic Inequalities and the Design and Implementation of Equality-Oriented Pub	SDD
Beirut May	Reginal Workshop on Road Safety in Cooperation with the office of SG Special Envoy's for Road Safety	EDID
Rabat May	Sub-regional training workshop on the toolkit for Developing Social Protection Policies using a Participatory Approach for North African Countries	SDD
Tunis May	National Workshop on Up-scaling Energy Efficiency in the residential and services sectors in the Arab Region	SDPD
Beirut 6 June	Expert Group Meeting on Building Institutions in Conflict-Affected Countries; the Arab State in the 21st Century, Challenges and Reform Opportunities	ECRI

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Beirut 18 June	Expert Group Meeting on Measuring and Analyzing the Cost of the Israeli Occupation	ECRI
TBD* June	Expert Group Meeting on International Migration and Development in the Arab region	SDD
Kuwait June	National Workshop on Up-scaling Energy Efficiency in the residential and services sectors in the Arab Region	SDPD
Beirut June	Civil Society Consultative Meeting on Social Justice Issues in the Arab region	SDD
TBD* June	Capacity Building Workshop on Open Government in the Arab region	TDD
<u>Third quarter</u>		
Beirut 30-31 July	Expert Group Meeting on Mitigating the Ramifications of Conflict through Development: the Challenges of Conflict and Forced Displacement in the Arab Region	ECRI
Beirut July	Expert Group Meeting on Women's Advancement with a Focus on the 2030 Agenda	ECW
Khartoum August	Arab IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (AMAG)	TDD
Morocco 3 September	Expert Group Meeting on Monitoring Governance Progress: Conflict Prevention: Good Governance of Natural Resources and Conflict	ECRI
Beirut September	Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-Building for Partnership in Democratic Governance	SDD
<u>Fourth quarter</u>		
Beirut October	Expert Group Meeting on shared water with a focus on the 2030 Agenda	SDPD
Beirut October	Expert group meeting on gas flaring management in Arab countries	SDPD

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TBD* October	Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-Building for Partnership in Democratic Governance	SDD
TBD* October	Expert Group Meeting on PDR9: Youth in the Arab Region	SDD
Beirut October	Expert Group Meeting to Discuss Findings of the Social Development Report No. 3 on the future of social justice in the Arab region	SDD
TBD October	11th Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries	SDPD
TBD* October	Expert Group Meeting on Regional Follow-Up and Review	SDD
TBD* November	Annual Meeting of National Population Councils	SDD
Beirut November	Civil Society Consultative Meeting on Social Justice Issues in the Arab region	SDD
Beirut November	Regional Seminar for Parliamentarians on the 2030 Agenda	SDD
TBD* November	Launch of the Population and Development Report No. 8	SDD
Beirut November	Regional workshop on Road Safety in Cooperation with the office of SG Special Envoy's for Road Safety	EDID
Beirut November	Fourteenth session of the Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade, Economic Globalization and Financing for Development (focus on trade)	EDID
Beirut November	Nineteenth session of the Committee on Transport and Logistics	EDID
TBD* November	Fifth Arab Internet Governance Forum AIGF	TDD
Beirut November	Expert Group Meeting on Gender Justice and Intersecting Inequalities	ECW

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Beirut November	Expert Group Meeting on Gender Equality in Recovery from War to Work for All Women and Men	ECW
Beirut November	Gender Discussion Series: Gender Equality in Post-Conflict Recovery	ECW
TBD* November	Annual Advocacy Events on Prevention of Violence Against Women	ECW
Cairo December	Joint League of Arab States/Arab Administrative Development Organization/ESCWA Annual Conference	ECRI
Beirut 4 th Quarter	Expert Group Meeting on the Draft Report on Social Protection in Arab countries	SDD

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