



Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
ESCWA MEETINGS HELD IN 2016

Date and venue	Title
<u>First quarter</u>	
11-12 January Cairo	EGM to discuss the regional report for the Arab region for the United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development
13 January Beirut	WebEx conference call on Arab Conference on Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics – Steering Committee
14 January Beirut	Launch of the 2015 Situation Report on International Migration: Migration, Displacement and Development in a Changing Arab Region
19-20 January Amman	National Workshop on population priorities in Jordan: framework and methodology development for in-depth studies related to selected priority areas
19-26 January Istanbul	The 2 nd Regional Workshop on the 2016 PPP Production in Western Asia
20-21 January Muscat	The Seventh Session of the Committee on Women
25 January Istanbul	Sub-regional CPI Harmonization in Western Asia Region
26-28 January Istanbul	Second Workshop for the implementation of a Regional 2016 PPP Production round in Western Asia Region
27-29 January Beirut	Syria: Workshop on Constitution Related Issues
28 January Beirut	Closed Session on Challenges of Peace and Reconstruction in Yemen
31 January – 5 February Istanbul	I-PSM II: Capacity Development Workshop on Good Governance and Sustainable Development Goals
31 January – 10 February Beirut	Consultation Meeting to Discuss Overall Scope and Set-up of an Arab-Good Agricultural Policies (GAP)

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1-2 February Rabat	Seminar on Remittances and Development in the Arab Region
9-11 February Amman	Training Workshop for the Development of the Palestine National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325
15-17 February Beirut	Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation in the Agricultural Sector Using Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Tools
15-18 February Tunis	Institutional Capacity-Building for Parliaments in Selected Arab Countries and Other Stakeholders to Implement Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security
16-18 February Amman	Expert Group Meeting on Short Term Economic Statistics in Western Asia
18 February Rabat	National Workshop to Establish a Working Group for the Project on Establishing National Technology Development and Transfer Systems in select ESCWA Member States – Morocco
19 February Beirut	Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation Solutions for the Green Sectors of Selected Zones in the NENA Region
22-23 February Beirut	Consultative Meeting on Yemen's Reconstruction and Rehabilitation
22-23 February Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on the Regional report for the Arab region for the United Nations Conference on housing and sustainable urban development
22-24 February Amman	ESCWA/IDB Workshop on "The Package of measures agreed by the WTO in Nairobi and its implications for Arab Member Countries"
25 February Beirut	WebEx conference call on 47 th session of the Statistical Commission
28-29 February Abu Dhabi	International Partnership Conference on the implementation of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics in the Near East Region
2-3 March Beirut	Commission on the Status of Women: Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting
2-4 March Beirut	ESCWA-ACSAD ACCWaM Coordination Meeting
3 March Beirut	Workshop on Legislative Bodies in Lebanon

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8 March Cairo	Workshop on Legislative Bodies in Egypt
10 March Beirut	The Commemoration of 2016 International Women's Day
17 March Beirut	EGM on regional economic situation and prospects
22-24 March Beirut	Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation in the Environmental Sector Using Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Ecosystems-based Management Tools
28-29 March Rabat	Workshop with Government representatives and with Organizations of Persons with Disabilities on a draft set of indicators to monitor the implementation of the Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Morocco
27-31 March Bahrain	Workshop on Tax Treaties
28-29 March Beirut	IAEG meeting on Gender Statistics for the Arab Countries
29 March Beirut	Syria: Round Table on Humanitarian Impact and Consequences for the Future of the Country
30 March – 1 April Beirut	Workshop on Gender Statistics: Training of Trainers
30-31 March Beirut	EGM on Deepening Regional Economic integration through the liberalization of trade in Services in the Arab Region
<u>Second quarter</u>	
3-6 April Cairo	6 th Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries
4-6 April Kuwait	The Middle East and North Africa Renewable Energy Conference – 6 (MENAREC – 6)
5-7 April Ankara	Arab Conference on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics
6-7 April Karthoum	National workshop on population priorities in Sudan: Framework and methodology development for in depth-studies related to selected priority areas

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6-7 April Ankara	Arab Regional Conference on Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics in support of the Post-2015 Development Agenda
12-13 April Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on the Water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
12 and 15 April Beirut	ESCWA – WFP Validation Workshop of the Strategic Review for the Country Programme in Lebanon
14 April Beirut	Preparatory Meeting for the 3 rd Arab Forum on Sustainable Development and the 2 nd United Nations Environment Assembly
14-15 April Beirut	EGM on Promoting Market-driven Access to Modern Energy Services in Arab Rural Regions (UNDA Project on Building Capacities in Developing Appropriate Green Technologies for Improving the Livelihood of Rural Communities in the ESCWA Region)
18-19 April Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Promoting Market-driven Access to Sustainable Modern Energy Services in the Arab Rural Regions
19-21 April Amman	Expert Workshop on Developing the Capacities of the Health Sector for Climate Change Adaptation to Protect Health from the Climate Change Effects on Freshwater Resources
21 April – 8 May Muscat	Advanced Training on the Use of Geographic Information System (GIS) Methods for the Development of Regional Water Resources for the Sultanate of Oman
25-30 April Granada	EURO Arab Training Course on Smart Grids and Integration of Renewable Energy
27-28 April Beirut	Expert Group Review Meeting of the Climate Change Integrated Vulnerability Assessment
3-4 May Rabat	Regional Training Workshop on Renewable Energy projects development, finance and business planning
9-10 May Dead Sea	4th Inter-Agency and Expert Group Meeting on Gender Statistics in the Arab Countries
10-11 May Morocco	Training Workshop on Social Mediation
11-13 May Dead Sea	Training of Trainers Workshop on Gender Statistics Curricula
22-24 May Amman	Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation in Human Settlements Using Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Tools

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24-25 May Beirut	Capacity Building Workshop on Promoting Green Energy Technology Market in Rural Areas
25-26 May Rabat	Expert Group Meeting on “Arab Development Outlook 2017: Macro-Fiscal Frameworks towards Transformative Growth and Human Development”
25-27 May Amman	Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation in the Economic Development Sector Using Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Tools
29-30 May Amman	2016 Arab Forum for Sustainable Development
29-30 May Cairo	First Consultation Meeting on Component I of the Food and Water Security Project: Criteria for Selecting Geographical Coverage of the Project
30 May Manama	ESCWA regional event at the 17 th session of the Arab Towns Organization General Conference: Promoting Knowledge and Innovation for inclusive and sustainable urban development in the Arab region
30-31 May Cairo	First Meeting of the Working Group on the Improvement of the Arab IGF Process
31 May – 1 June Cairo	Expert Group Meeting on the Scope and Setting up of an Arab-Good Agricultural Policies (Arab-GAP) Framework
31 May – 1 June Tunis	First sub-regional workshop on “Facilitating the launching of the Arab Customs Union”
2-3 June Tunis	EGM on deepening regional economic integration through the liberalization of trade in Services in the Arab region (prospects, requisites and implications)
8 June Beirut	Preparatory Meeting for a Training Program for Capacity Building in Electricity Utilities in Syrian Arab Republic
20 June Beirut	Web Conference to Celebrate the World Day to Combat Desertification
20-21 June Geneva	Inter-regional seminar and EGM on Promoting Electronic Exchange of Customs Information for trade facilitation
28-30 June Beirut	ESCWA – ACSAD ACCWaM Coordination Meeting

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<u>Third quarter</u>	
19-20 July Beirut	Regional workshop on conditional cash transfer programmes
8-10 August Beirut	Conference on Towards Prioritizing Women, Peace, and Security on the Arab Agenda
11-12 August Beirut	Two-day Training on the “Water-Energy-Food Nexus: Overview and Sample Applications”
16 August Beirut	Dialogues on justice issues in the Arab region: “In Search of Justice: Civic Liberties and Political Rights in Electoral Processes in Arab Countries”
17-18 August Beirut	Capacity Building Workshop on the Adoption of 2030 Development Agenda on Gender and SDGs
4-5 September Amman	Training Workshop on “Energy Efficiency in Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electricity Systems”
6-7 September Tunis	National workshop on population issues in Tunisia: Framework and methodology development for in depth-studies related to national selected priority areas
6-7 September Cairo	Workshop for the Computation of a Sub-regional Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI)
8 September Beirut	SIDA-ESCWA Annual Review Meeting
19-22 September Cairo	Sub-regional Workshop for ICP data validation
20-21 September Beirut	Inter-Sessional Working Group on Disability
20-22 September Beirut	National Agenda for the Future of Syria II: Work Plan Preparations
21-23 September Beirut	Back-to-Back: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consolidation Workshop entitled “Sustainable Energy Access for the Rural Areas” - The 7th International Beirut Energy Forum
25-29 September Rabat	7 th Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries
26-29 September Amman	Regional Workshop on Statistical Business Registers for the Arab Countries

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<u>Fourth quarter</u>	
3-6 October Muscat	Sub-regional training on the toolkit for building national capacities in the design and implementation of social protection policies using a participatory approach
4-6 October Casablanca	Regional Consultation on Climate Services in Arab Countries: the role of climate information and services in support of decision-making in the context of climate change
5-6 October Beirut	Meeting of the National Focal Points for the Project on Promoting Food and Water Security in the Arab Region
7 October Beirut	ESCWA-ACSAD-GIZ ACCWaM Meeting
7 October Beirut	Roundtable discussion on “The Review of the Conceptual Model to Estimate the Cost of Violence Against Women (VAW)”
11-13 October Cairo	Workshop on the Survey for the Impact Assessment and Improvement of the Arab Internet Governance Forum, and the 2 nd Meeting of the AIGF2020 Initiative’s Technical Cooperation Working Group
15-16 October Amman	Regional Workshop on “Indicators for monitoring the situation of women and sustainable development in the Arab region within the framework of the implementation of the sustainable development plan 2030”
17-18 October Tunis	First Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group on Demographic and Social Statistics for the Arab Countries
19-20 October Baku	Regional Seminar on Enabling Policies to Promote Financing Renewable Energy Investments
25-26 October Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Competition, Enforcement and Competitiveness
30-31 October Amman	Regional Policy Workshop on the Water-Energy Nexus
31 October – 3 November Amman	Workshop on “Multidimensional Poverty in the Arab Region”
1-2 November Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Mechanisms to Advance Innovation for Inclusive Sustainable Development in the Arab Region: Promoting Collaboration and Bridging Gaps
1-2 November Amman	MDG + Initiative: High Level Meeting on the Water-related SDGs

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1-2 November Riyadh	ESCWA-KAPSARC Coordination Meeting re Presentation of Joint ESCWA-KAPSARC Project Outputs on Energy Productivity in the Arab Region – GCC
3-4 November Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Women, Peace, and Security: The Role of Institutions at Times of Peace and of War in the Arab Region
8-9 November Sharm El Sheikh	17 th Meeting of the Heads of National Population Councils
9-10 November Cairo	Technical Advisory Group on Economic Statistics (TAGES) in the Arab Region
14-16 November Beirut	Regional Workshop on “Institutionalizing Gender at the Organizational Level”
14-17 November Muscat	Workshop on Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System, Revision 3 for Arabic-speaking countries
15 November Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on the Role of Transport connectivity to Global Value Chains
21-22 November Tunis	Two back-to-back meetings on Population Issues in Tunisia Framework and methodology development for in depth studies related to national selected priority areas
24 November Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Regional Financial Integration
25 November Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on 2017 Situation Report on International Migration in the Arab Region
25 November Beirut	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
26-28 November Amman	Workshop to Support the National Efforts on the Follow-up and Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Palestine
29 November Beirut	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
29-30 November Amman	Second sub-regional Workshop on Facilitating the Launch of Arab Customs Union
6 December Beirut	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

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6-8 December Turin	Expert Group Meeting-cum-Training on “Implementing the SDGs in the Arab States: Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Growth and Decent Work”
6-9 December Beirut	Expert Peer Review of the RICCAR Integrated Assessment Findings on Climate Change in the Arab Region
8 December Beirut	Workshop on the regional impact of armed conflict in the Arab region
9 December Beirut	Estimating the Cost of Violence Against Women in the Arab Region
12 December Doha	5 th Technical Cooperation Knowledge Sharing Network meeting
12-14 December Muscat	United Nations Regional Meeting on Disability Measurement and Statistics in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Program for ESCWA countries
13 December Doha	22 nd Meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism
13-15 December Doha	Twenty-ninth session of ESCWA
14-16 December Beirut	Women’s participation in public governance in the Arab region
15-16 December Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on “Beyond Parliamentary Representation: Women’s Participation in Public Life in Selected Arab Countries”
19-20 December Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on civil registration in refugee settings: advancing assessment of CRVS in unsettled environments
20-22 December Cairo	Workshop on the Outputs of the AIGF2020 Initiative’s Technical Cooperation Working Group (TCWG)
21 December Beirut	Expert Consultation on SDGs Indicators
22-23 December Marrakesh	ESCWA/ITC Workshop on the rules of origin in international trade: techniques and applications for the Arab region