



## Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

## ESCWA MEETINGS HELD IN 2015

Date and venue	Title
<u>First quarter</u>	
10 January Tripoli	Launch of the Study on Poverty in the City of Tripoli
12 January Beirut	Technical review of the Methodology and Results of the Urban Poverty Index (UPI)
14-15 January Amman	AWARENET First Regional Training Course on “Water Integrity for MENA Region” (in cooperation with Cap-Net UNDP, SIWI WGF UNDP, IUCN-ROWA, GWP-Med, ACWUA)
20-21 January Abu Dhabi	Expert Workshop on Using CO <sub>2</sub> -EOR in the Gulf States to Reduce CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (in partnership with IEA and MASDAR Institute)
20-22 January Amman	Subregional Training Workshop on Participatory Community Development from a Gender Perspective
23-25 January Amman	Workshop on Capacity-building for Partnership in Democratic Governance and the Social Accountability of the Private Sector in Iraq (in partnership with Iraq Business Council)
25-28 January Abu Dhabi	Trade Statistics for Regional Integration: Compilation of Statistics of Trade in Service for the Arab Countries
27-28 January Rabat	Fifteenth Session of the Committee on Transport
29 January Abu Dhabi	UAE National Seminar on Trade in Services Statistics
30 January – 1 February Cairo	Advisory Services in relation to the Beijing review process and the preparation of the Arab Synthesis report on progress achieved in the implementation of Beijing declaration and platform of action after 20 years
2-3 February Cairo	Arab High-level Conference on Beijing+20: Towards Justice and Equality for Women in the Arab Region (in partnership with UN Women/Regional Office for Arab States and the League of Arab States)

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4-5 February Amman	11 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Statistical Committee
10-12 February Marrakech	Joint ESCWA-Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan Sixth Annual Conference of the GIFT-MENA Network
20 February Beirut	Special Event: Commemoration of the World Day of Social Justice (in partnership with ANND and UNESCO)
22-26 February Beirut	Senior Level Workshop on Expanding Social Protection Schemes to the Rural Informal Sector in Sudan
24-25 February Khartoum	National Training Workshop on Remittances and Development in the Sudan
25-26 February Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on “Methodology for Mainstreaming Appropriate Green Technology Initiatives in Rural Areas of the Arab Region”
4 March Sanaa	National Training Workshop on Remittances and Development in Yemen
5 March Beirut	Commemoration of International Women’s Day
5-6 March Beirut	Expert Group Meeting to Review the Draft 2015 Situation Report on International Migration: Migration, Displacement and Development in a Changing Arab Region
11 March New York	Gender Discussion Series on “Women’s Economic Empowerment: Strategies and Outlooks from the Regions”
18-19 March Amman	Meeting on Developing Innovation Scoreboard for MENA Region
20-22 March Tunis	Middle Class Report regional launch (on the sidelines of the Annual Conference of the Middle East Economic Association)
22-23 March Amman	10 <sup>th</sup> Session of ESCWA’s Committee on Energy
23 March Amman	Arab Launch of the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) 2014-2024
24-25 March Amman	Expert Group Meeting on the Water, Energy, Food Security Nexus in the Arab Region (in cooperation with the League of Arab States)
26-27 March Amman	Eleventh Session of ESCWA’s Committee on Water Resources

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<u>Second quarter</u>	
31 March – 1 April Beirut	First Coordination Meeting of the Project: “Promoting Food and Water Security through Cooperation and Capacity Development in the Arab Region”
1-2 April Beirut	Expert Group Meeting to Review the Draft Population and Development Report, Issue no. 7: Overcoming Population Vulnerability to Water Scarcity in the Arab Region
6-10 April Granada	Policy Training Course on Energy Efficiency in Buildings (in cooperation with the League of Arab States, RCREEE, MED-ENEC, Euro-Arab Foundation for Higher Studies)
7-8 April Amman	Ninth Session of the Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade, Economic Globalization and Financing for Development in the Countries of the ESCWA Region
19-20 April Beirut	RICCAR Consultation Meeting on the Regional Knowledge Hub
20-22 April Manama	AWARENET First Regional Training Course on “Water Footprint Assessments for GCC Countries” (in cooperation with Cap-Net UNDP, UN-ESCWA, USAID MENA NWC, WSTA, AGU)
20-28 April Istanbul	Iraq Public Sector Modernization Programme – Phase II (IPSMII): Workshop on Change Management in Public Sector Reform
21-22 April Tunis	National Workshop on Remittances and Development in Tunisia
21-22 April Beirut	ESCWA-ACSAD Coordination Meeting on the RICCAR Vulnerability Assessment
21-23 April Hammamet	Training Workshop on Public-Private Partnerships in Transport Trade related infrastructure for Maghreb Countries
22-23 April Abu Dhabi	Workshop on Gender and Labour in the Arab Region: Towards Innovative Approaches to Women’s Economic Empowerment (in partnership with the New York University Abu Dhabi Institute)
26-29 April Algiers	Training Workshop on Poverty Measurement
28-29 April and 23 May Cairo	Fifth Intergovernmental Consultative Meeting on the Draft Legal Framework on Shared Water Resources in the Arab Region (organized in cooperation with the League of Arab States)
30 April Beirut	Regional Civil Society Organization Meeting on the Post-2015 Agenda (in cooperation with the Arab NGOs Network for Development)

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4 May Beirut	One-day meeting to establish a technical committee for the development of Lebanese workers' remittances strategy
4-7 May Khartoum	Capacity-building Programme of action to support Sudan in the development and updates of the National Policy and Strategy on Women Empowerment and National Strategy on Family Development
5-7 May Manama	Second Session of the Arab High-level Forum on Sustainable Development (in cooperation with the Government of Bahrain and UNEP/ROWA)
6 May Manama	High-level Forum on the Means of Implementing Rio+20: Outcome and Follow-up
7-8 May Beirut	Annual face-to-face meeting of the Inter-agency Support Group for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
9-10 May Sharam El-Sheikh	AWARENET Second Regional Training Course on "Water Integrity for MENA Region" (in cooperation with Cap-Net UNDP, SIWI WGF UNDP, IUCN-ROWA, GWP-Med, EU, UfM, Integrity Action)
11-13 May Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Disability and Development: Operationalizing the post-2015 Development Agenda for Persons with Disabilities
12-13 May Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on "Promoting Large-scale Energy Efficiency Programmes in the Existing Building Sector in the Arab Region"
15 May Beirut	Meeting on the Regional Economic Situation and Prospects
17-18 May Amman	Training of Trainers' (TOT) Workshops on "Mainstreaming Appropriate Renewable Energy Technology in the Rural Productive Sector of the Arab Region" in selected ESCWA Member Countries (Jordan, Morocco, Oman and Sudan) as following:  In Amman: for Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria
18-19 May Cairo	Workshop on the Arab Customs Union organized in collaboration with the League of Arab States
19 May Amman	Fourth Meeting of the Board of Governors of the ESCWA Technology Centre
19-21 May Doha	Fourth Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries (in cooperation with the League of Arab States)

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19-21 May Amman	International Forum on Occupation, Instability and Development
19-21 May Istanbul	Workshop on Development of National Gender Statistics Programme in Arab Countries
20 May Amman	Seventh Meeting of the ESCWA Consultative Committee on Scientific and Technological Development and Technological Innovation (ESTIC)
21-22 May Beirut	Second Coordination Meeting of the Project: “Promoting Food and Water Security through Cooperation and Capacity Development in the Arab Region”
21-22 May Amman	Expert Group Meeting on Protracted Conflict Dynamics and Resilience in the Arab region
23 May Amman	Round-table discussion with Yemeni stakeholders on the Agenda for the Future of Yemen
26 May Beirut	Launch of ESCWA’s study on “Access to Justice for Women and Girls in the Arab Region: From Ratification to Implementation of International Instruments”
27-29 May Beirut	Third United Nations Global Road Safety Week 2015: ESCWA Regional Workshop on Road Safety
28-29 May Beirut	National Workshop on Enhancing the Political Participation of Women in Lebanon through Gender-sensitive Electoral Laws and the Quota System
28-29 May Beirut	ESCWA-ACSAD Coordination Meeting on the RICCAR Vulnerability Assessment Maps and Methodology
31 May – 5 June Tunisia	Two back to back national workshops on international instruments, frameworks and processes related to gender equality, women advancement and development
2-3 June Tunis	Expert Group Meeting on Transport and Trade Facilitation
3-4 June Amman	Expert Group Meeting on Innovation and Technology for Advancing the Knowledge-based Economy in the Arab Region
5 June Beirut	First meeting of the National Technical Committee for the Development of Lebanese Workers’ Remittances Strategy
7 June Beirut	ESCWA-ACSAD-EURAC Meeting on the RICCAR Vulnerability Assessment

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7-8 June Khartoum	In Casablanca: for Morocco, Egypt, Libya and Tunisia
8-9 June Amman	First Meeting of the Executive Committee
8-10 June Beirut	RICCAR Regional Workshop on Moving from Climate Change Impact Assessment to Socio-economic Vulnerability Assessment in the Arab Region
8-12 June Beirut	First Regional Training-of-Trainers Workshop – Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders in the ESCWA Region
9-10 June Casablanca	Regional Workshop for the Maghreb Countries on the Arab Customs Union in collaboration with the League of Arab States, UNDP and UMA
10 June Beirut	Meeting on “Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Views from Lebanon and Jordan” (in cooperation with UNIDO)
10-12 June Rabat	National Training Workshop on Tax Planning and Misuse of Tax Treaties
11-12 June Beirut	Expert Group Meeting to Review the Draft Modules on Climate Change Adaptation using IWRM Tools
14 June Cairo	Capacity-building – Open Consultations on Internet Governance
14-15 June Muscat	In Muscat: for Oman, Bahrain, KSA, Kuwait, Qatar and UAE
15 June Beirut	Workshop on “Safety and Environmental Challenges in the Distribution of Petroleum Products in Lebanon” (organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Energy and Water of Lebanon and IPTEC) (RPTC)
15-16 June Cairo	Multistakeholder Advisory Group (AMAG) – Eighth Meeting
15-16 June Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on death registration systems and mortality statistics in the Arab region
17 June Cairo	Meeting of the Executive Bureau of Joint Coordination
30 June Beirut	Gender Discussion Series on the Arab Gender Index

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<u>Third quarter</u>	
1-2 July Beirut	Arab Governance Report: Discussing Findings and Recommendations (AGR II)
2-3 July Beirut	ESCWA-ACSAD meeting on the SIDA project
2-3 July Beirut	ESCWA-ACSAD-GIZ Meeting on the RICCAR Vulnerability Assessment
8 July Beirut	Training Workshop on MDG+ Initiative for Lebanese National Team (in cooperation with ACWUA)
23-24 July Beirut	Final Meeting on Energy Consumption in the Transport Sector Survey and Results Launching
27-28 July Rabat	In Khartoum: for Sudan and Yemen.
27-30 July Beirut	Pilot workshop to test the toolkit on Building National Capacities in the Design and Implementation of Social Protection Policies using a Participatory Approach
27 July – 1 August Tunis	Capacity Building Workshop on “Addressing gender based violence in the Arab Region: Toolkit for service provision”
27 July – 2 August Tunis	Workshop to pilot the toolkit on Combating Gender-based Violence in the Arab Region (in partnership with CAWTAR)
28-29 July Beirut	Regional Technical Committee Meeting for the project on Strengthening the Capacities to Utilize Workers’ Remittances for Development in the Arab Region
29 July – 2 August Beirut	Training Workshop on Addressing Gender-based Violence in the Arab Region
30 July Beirut	Second meeting of the National Technical Committee for the Development of Lebanese Workers’ Remittances Strategy
9-13 August Baghdad	IPSM-II familiarization seminar: Administrative Decentralization at the National Center for Management Development and Information Technology (NCMDIT)
11-13 August Istanbul	Regional Workshop on the Improvement of Consumer Price Indices in the ESCWA region
17-19 August Erbil	IPSM-II familiarization seminar: Administrative Decentralization at the Kurdistan Institute of Public Administration

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18 August Beirut	Expert Group Meeting to review the first draft of the Social Development Report, No.1: What is Left of the Spring? The Long Road to Social Justice in the Arab Region
24-27 August Beirut	Second Regional Training-of-Trainers Workshop – Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders in the ESCWA Region
26-27 August Beirut	Subregional workshop on Institutional Development of National Women’s Machineries in the Arab Region
26-27 August Beirut	Expert group meeting to discuss the preparation of the Arab Regional Report on a New Urban Agenda
1 September Beirut	Launching of the Report on the Economic and Social Repercussions of the Israeli Occupation on the Living Conditions of the Palestinian People
1-3 September Nouakchott	Training Workshop on the MDG+ Initiative for the Mauritanian National Team (in cooperation with ACWUA)
2-3 September Amman	Training Workshop for Arab Union of Electricity on: “Integration of Renewable Energy Resources in the Transmission and Distribution Networks in the Arab Region”
6-10 September Khartoum	Capacity-building Programme of action to support Sudan in the development and updates of the National Policy and Strategy on Women Empowerment and National Strategy on Family Development
8-9 September Rabat	Tenth session of the Committee on Social Development
9-11 September Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on “Roadmap for Sustainable Energy Policies: Energy Security Issues in the Arab Region” during International Beirut Energy Forum – 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition (in cooperation with Beirut Energy Forum)
14-15 September Beirut	ACSAD-ESCWA Coordination Meeting on the RICCAR Vulnerability Assessment
14-16 September Beirut	Subregional workshop on Capacity-building for Partnership in Democratic Governance (in partnership with the League of Arab States)
15-16 September Algiers	National Workshop on Remittances and Development in Algeria
21 September Beirut	Mandatory Umoja Change Discussion Session (1.5 hours)



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23 September New York	Session organized by ESCWA for the Annual Conference on Sustainable Development
29-30 September Casablanca	“Regional Workshop on Innovative Technologies for the Waste Management in the Arab Region – Paving the Way for the Transition to a Green Economy” (in cooperation with Green Help Desk (GHD) in Morocco), as Follow-up on the DA Project on “Strengthening National Capacities in the ESCWA Region”
29 September – 2 October Yerevan	Sixth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development (in cooperation with UN-ECE)
<u>Fourth quarter</u>	
6-8 October Cairo	Workshop on sustainable development goals
7-8 October Cairo	Expert Group Meeting on the Study “Endurance, Resistance, and Survival -- Women and Girls in Conflict and Humanitarian Settings in the Arab Region” (with the American University of Cairo)
19-20 October Dubai	The Third forum on Digital Arabic Content, under the auspices of the League of Arab States, and in collaboration with the Arab Regional Office of the ITU, the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology and the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority in the UAE
26-29 October India	Study Tour in India on “Ensuring Access to Modern Energy Services in Rural Areas Through the Use of Renewable Energy Technologies – Indian Experience” (in collaboration with the World Institute of Sustainable Energy-WISE and UN-ECE)
27-28 October Rabat	National Workshop on Building National Indicators on Morocco’s Compliance with the CRPD
8-9 November Amman	Population and Housing Censuses in the Arab Countries: Census Round 2020
10-13 November Tunis	Training workshops with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and IPU on institutional and capacity-building for Arab Parliaments and other stakeholders for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security
16-17 November Beirut	ESCWA Session on Sustainable Consumption and Production and the Post 2015 Development Agenda during 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Arab Forum for Environment and Development (in cooperation with AFED)
16-17 November Cairo	Regional Coordination Mechanism Meeting

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17 November Beirut	Gender Discussion Series on “Gender-Based Violence in Emergency Settings”
17 November Tunis	Capacity Building Workshop on Innovation in Public Sector for the Arab region
17-19 November Cairo	Fifth Regional Training Workshop on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries (in cooperation with the League of Arab States)
18-19 November Amman	Third Meeting of the MDG+ Initiative (in cooperation with ACWUA)
22-23 November Cairo	Tenth session of the Committee on Trade
23 November Cairo	Launching of the “Assessing Arab Economic Integration: Towards the Arab Customs Union” publication
23-24 November Cairo	Sixteenth session of the Committee on Transport
25-26 November Beirut	Preparatory Meeting on the Cost of Environmental Degradation in Palestine (in cooperation with ECRI and State of Palestine)
25-26 November Cairo	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism
26 November Beirut	Round-table meeting on the impact of the Israeli occupation on Palestinians’ living conditions
27 November Beirut	Commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
30 November Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Prospects of Space and Satellite Technology Development in the Arab Region
30 November Beirut	Launch of the Arab Governance Report
1 December Amman	Fifth Meeting of the Board of Governors of the ESCWA Technology Centre
1-2 December Amman	Regional Forum on Science and Technology Diplomacy

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1-2 December Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Economic Governance
1-2 December Beirut	EGM on the “Triggers of Transformation: Resilient Governance Institutions in Conflict Affected Countries”
2 December Casablanca	Launching of the “Assessing Arab Economic Integration: Towards the Arab Customs Union” publication
2-4 December Casablanca	Workshop on Strengthening the Capacities of Developing Countries and Countries with Economics in Transition to Facilitate Legitimate Border crossing, Regional Cooperation an Integration
6-7 December Amman	Capacity-building Workshop on Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security
7 December Manama	ESCWA Session on “Enabling Policies to Support Energy Productivity in the Arab Region – GCC” (during the “2 <sup>nd</sup> Energy Management Conference”) (in collaboration with the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center “KAPSARC”)
8-9 December Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Competition, Legislation and Regulation – Challenges and Opportunities in the Arab Region
10-12 December Beirut	Third Session of the Arab Forum for Scientific Research and Sustainable Development (in cooperation with ALECSO and Hariri Foundation)
14-15 December Beirut	Workshop on Strengthening Institutional Capacities and Partnerships for Disability-Inclusive Development in the Arab Region
14-16 December Cairo	Regional Workshop on Sustainable Development Indicators (in cooperation with Statistics Division and the League of Arab States)
14-16 December Beirut	Conference on “Coping with Water Scarcity”
15-17 December Cairo	Joint ESCWA-ARADO Fifteenth Annual Conference on the post-2015 Development Agenda in the Arab States
16 December Beirut	Pre-event Capacity Building day on Internet Governance
16-18 December Beirut	Training Workshop on Capacity Building for Partnerships in Democratic Governance for Yemen
17-18 December Beirut	Fourth Annual Meeting of the Arab Internet Governance Forum (AIGF-IV) – Internet Economy for Sustainable Development

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18 December Beirut	Launch of the Arab Development Outlook: Vision 2030
21 December Beirut	Launch and Policy Discussion on the Social Development Report No. 1: “What is Left of the Spring? The Long Road to Social Justice in the Arab Region”
21-22 December Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Impact Assessment and Future Perspectives – Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders in the ESCWA Region
22-23 December Rabat	Advisory Services on the preparation of a national strategy to combat violence against women and efforts to calculate the economic cost of violence
29-30 December Beirut	Capacity-building Workshop on Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security