

Functions

The Centre will achieve the above objectives by undertaking such functions as:

- (a) Conducting research and analysis of trends, conditions and opportunities.
- (b) Providing advisory services.
- (c) Disseminating information and promoting good practices.
- (d) Developing partnerships and other networks with regional and international organizations and key stakeholders.
- (e) Training national personnel, particularly scientists and policy analysts.
- (f) Assessing the scientific and technological level and content of production and service sectors and measuring performance indicators of those sectors in relation with the transfer of scientific and technological knowledge.



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Background

In an increasingly dominating global economy, the need for harnessing science, technology and innovation (STI) has become quite evident. As globalization has enhanced the dissemination of knowledge and expertise, there is a pressing need to couple STI outcomes with business enterprises and practical applications in the industrial and technical domains.



A formal evaluation process resulted in August 2009 with the selection of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan as the host country for the establishment of the ESCWA Technology Centre. The ESCWA resolution 294 (XXVI) and Statute of Centre were adopted in May 2010 by the twenty-sixth ministerial session to formalize the hosting arrangements and finalize the establishment of the Centre.

This resolution was endorsed by the United Nations Economic and Social Council through the resolution 2010/5, dated 20 July 2010, regarding the establishment of the ESCWA Technology Centre and its governing statute.

The Host Country Agreement for the Centre was signed between the United Nations and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in December 2010. The Centre is hosted in the Jordanian Capital Amman, within El Hassan Science City.



Dr. Rima Khalaf, ESCWA Executive Secretary, inaugurating the ETC at El Hassan Science City

Mission

The mission of the Centre is to assist ESCWA members countries and public and private organizations to acquire the tools and capabilities necessary to accelerate socio-economic development in order to attain technological parity with other nations and regions of the world and to contribute to convert the economies of member countries into economies based on scientific and technological knowledge.



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Objectives

The objectives of the Centre are:

- to assist the members' countries by strengthening their capabilities to develop and manage national systems;
- develop, transfer, adapt and apply technology;
- determine the suitable technology for the region and facilitate its development and improve the legal and commercial framework for the transfer of technology.

The Centre also aims at enhancing the technological and scientific knowledge content of major economic sectors in member countries.