



Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
ESCWA MEETINGS HELD IN 2007

<u>Date and venue</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>First quarter</u>	
8-11 January Amman	Seventh ICP Regional Workshop
15 January - 12 March Beirut	Online Workshop on E-Government Policies and Strategies
18-19 January Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on the Preparation of the Regional Millennium Development Goals Report
24-25 January Doha	Expert Group Meeting on the Foreign Direct Investments' (FDIs) Policies in Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates
30 January - 10 March Beirut	Online Workshop on Promoting Digital Arabic Content Industry
4-5 February Doha	Sixth Session of the Committee on Energy
5-7 February Amman	Sub-Regional Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming for the Mashreq Region
6-9 February Cairo	Training Workshop on Compilation of Statistics on International Trade in Services
7-8 February Cairo	National Conference on Social Policy in Egypt
10-11 February Sana'a	Workshop on Trade-Related Multilateral Environmental Agreements (ESCWA; Environmental Protection Authority of Yemen)
12-14 February Cairo	Expert Group Meeting: "Towards the Implementation of the MoU on Maritime Transport Cooperation in the Arab Mashreq (the Role of Governments and Private Sector in Activating Shipping Traffic and Application of ICT in the Seaports of ESCWA Member Countries)

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13-15 February Cairo	Expert Group Meeting on Information and Communications Technology Indicators Adoption and Data Collection: ICT Indicators in Education and E-Government
26-27 February Beirut	Workshop on Composite Economic Indicators for Short-Term Economic Forecasting
26 February - 1 March Amman	Workshop on Establishing Public Private Partnerships for ICT Initiatives
28 February - 1 March Beirut	Second Coordination Meeting on the Smart Community Project for Iraq
4 March Amman	Sub-Regional Brainstorming Meeting Entitled "A Decade of ESCWA Achievements in the Field of Local Community Development"
5-7 March Amman	Sixth Session of the Committee on Social Development
12-13 March Amman	Workshop on Composite Economic Indicators for Short-Term Economic Forecasting
13 March Abu Dhabi	Expert Group Meeting for the Advancement of Women Under War and Conflict Situations
13-15 March Amman	Workshop on Building Country Capacity to Maintain a Central Repository of Data
14-15 March Abu Dhabi	Third Session of the Committee on Women
18-20 March Muscat	Expert Group Meeting on National Institutional Reforms for the Implementation of IWRM in the ESCWA Region
20-22 March Muscat	Seventh Session of the Committee on Water Resources
24-28 March Cairo	Training Session on the Protection of Shared Aquifers
27-28 March Ramallah	National Conference on Statistics and Development
27-29 March Beirut	Eighth Session of the Committee on Transport

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<u>Second quarter</u>	
3-4 April Amman	Expert Group Meeting on Regional Model for Integrating Demographic Changes in Development Plans and Programmes
14-30 April Cairo	ICT Indicators Adoption and Data Collection: Training on Use of Statistical Packages
17-19 April Sana'a	Third Regional Forum on Statistical Capacity-Building for the Arab Region
19-20 April Beirut	Consultative Meeting on Reduction of Ethno-Sectarian Tensions in Iraq Through Non-Formal and Informal Education
19-20 April Beirut	Workshop on Peace Education for Iraqi Youths
23-24 April Abu Dhabi	Foundation Meeting of the Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA)
24-26 April Beirut	Fifth Session of the Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade and Economic Globalization in the ESCWA Member States
2-3 May Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of the Arabic Language Center
4-6 May Amman	Sub-Regional Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming for the Gulf Region
6-8 May Algeria	Expert Group Meeting on the Specification of the Railways Network in Algeria to Connect with the Arab Mashreq
15-17 May Doha	Regional Workshop on Sampling Design
17 May Beirut	Consultative Meeting on the Project Entitled Confronting the Growing Threat of Ethno-Sectarian tensions in the Arab World: Towards a Homegrown Response
18 May Beirut	Launching of ESCWA Flagship Publication "Annual Review of Developments in Globalization and Regional Integration in the Arab Countries, 2006"
20-24 May Doha	Regional Workshop on Population Projections
26-28 May Cairo	Eighth ICP Regional Workshop for Western Asia Region
5-7 June Cairo	Expert Group Meeting on Production of Statistics on Natural Resources and Environment

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9-13 June Lattakia	Workshop on Facilitation of Maritime Trade (FAL Agreement) and Related Matters
12-14 June Amman	Training on Negotiations and Dispute Resolution over International Shared Water Resources
12-14 June Sana'a	Training Workshop on Networking Mechanisms for the Smart Community Projects
20-21 June Cairo	Capacity-Building Workshop on Information Society Measurements: Household and Business Surveys
22 June Beirut	Peer Review Meeting on the Outline of the Integrated Social Policy Report No. 2
26 June Khartoum	Peer Review Meeting on the Outline of the Sudan Social Policy Report
26-28 June Cairo	Joint Interregional Seminar on Capacity-Building in Economic Assessment of Interregional Linkages and in Facilitation of International Transport between ESCWA, ESCAP, ECE and ECA
<u>Third quarter</u>	
5 July Nabatiyyeh, Lebanon	Managing Development Under Crisis and Emergency: Enhancing Preparedness and Responses
11-12 July Cairo	Expert Group Meeting on Sectoral Approach to Regional Integration in the Arab World
11-12 July Cairo	Capacity-Building Workshop on Trade Facilitation through Application of Single-Window in the ESCWA Region
17-19 July Sana'a	Expert Group Meeting on Application of Indicators and Indices for Water Quality Management in the ESCWA Region
23-31 July Hammamet, Tunisia	Second National Training of Trainers on Statistical Literacy and Capacity-Building for MDGs
30-31 July Cairo	Workshop on "Evaluation and Adaptation of Existing Water Visions and Forecasts for Shared Aquifers Management in the MEDA Region"
31 July - 8 August Turin	Training Iraqi Business Advisers and Counselors for Small and Micro Enterprise Development in the Southern Part of Iraq
4-6 August Cairo	Ninth ICP Workshop in the Middle East Region

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6-12 August Istanbul	Iraqi National Training Workshop on “Human Development, Literacy and Adult Education (WHD)”
12-14 August Istanbul	Third Coordination Meeting on the Smart Community Project for Iraq
20 August Beirut	Seminar to Discuss First Draft of UN 2007 MDG Report in the Arab Region: A Youth Lens
3 September Cairo	Working Group of ESCWA Statistical Committee
4 September Cairo	Regional Workshop on Resolution Writing for the National Statistical Offices
3-4 September Beirut	Regional Stakeholders Meeting on Knowledge Network Strategies, Mechanisms and Tools
4-6 September Cairo	Expert Group Meeting on Multimodal Transport in the ESCWA Region
5-6 September Bahrain	Regional Forum on the Role of Islamic Financial Institutions in Financing for Development
5-6 September Cairo	Fourth Meeting of the Task Force on Population and Housing Census
5-6 September Cairo	Regional Workshop on the Movement of Natural Persons and its Respective Implications on Development in the Arab States
5-6 September Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Regional Networking and Partnership for Information Society Development
5-6 September Amman	Expert Group Meeting to Increase the Effectiveness of National Machineries in Gender Mainstreaming in Policies and Programmes
7-9 September Zahle, Lebanon	Workshop for the Management of Water Provision Under Crisis, the Case of Southern Lebanon
10-11 September Cairo	Inter Agency Expert Group Meeting on Gender and MDGs in the Arab Region
10-20 September Beirut	Practical Training Workshop on Dairy Processing Methodology
20 September Beirut	Coordination Meeting with a Delegation from Wassit University on the Smart Community Project for Iraq

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25 September Juba-Sudan	Peer Review Meeting on the Outline of the Sudan Social Policy Report
30 September - 2 October Amman	National Workshop on Gender Statistics and Time Use Surveys
23-27 September Amman	Workshop on "Funding Strategies and Project Formulation" for Staff of the Iraqi Ministry of Human Rights and NGOs
<u>Fourth quarter</u>	
17-19 October Amman	Workshop on Judges and Parliamentarians on the Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
17-29 October Syrian Arab Republic	Training Workshop on Management Skills and Enterprises Creation (in Collaboration with ILO)
20-21 October Amman	Workshop on Launching of the Jordanian National Initiative on Secure Housing and Land Tenure and Good Urban Governance
21-24 October Dead Sea	Workshop on Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA), Second Foundation Committee Meeting
22-25 October Cairo	National Workshop on Compilation of Constant-Price Estimate of National Accounts at National and Regional Levels
23-25 October Abu Dhabi	Joint Interregional Seminar between ESCWA, ECE, ESCA and ECA on Experience Sharing and Lessons Learnt from the Interregional Transport Linkages Project
23-25 October Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Transport Facilitation for Regional Integration
27-29 October Cairo	Tenth ICP Workshop for Western Asia Region
27-31 October Amman	Sub-National Workshop: Capacity-Building of Palestinian Actors and Officials in the Field of Social Participatory Development
28-30 October Cairo	Workshop on Establishment of Technical Cooperation Knowledge Sharing Networking Meeting
29 October - 2 November Amman	Workshop on Countries Practices in the Compilation of International Merchandise Trade Statistics

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30 October Beirut	Coordination Meeting with a Delegation from Mosul University on the Smart Community Project for Iraq
30 October - 1 November Cairo	Regional Conference on Land Degradation Issues in the Arab Region
2 November Beirut	Coordination Meeting with a Delegation from Al-Qadissiya University on the Smart Community Project for Iraq
3-4 November Cairo	Expert Group Meeting on Harnessing Technology for Enhanced Small and Medium Enterprises' Productivity and Competitiveness
3-12 November Amman	Workshop on "Management of Services Provision Under Crisis Conditions: the Case of Water" for Staff of the Iraqi Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works
4-6 November Amman	National Workshop on Gender Statistics and Time-Use Surveys for the Iraqi Central Organization for Statistics and Information Technology
6-7 November Amman	Expert Consultation Meeting on Priority Science and Technology Domains: Establishment of the ESCWA Technology Centre for Development
7-8 November Amman	Fellowship on Gender Statistics in Jordan for the Central Organization for Statistics and Information Technology
9-18 November Amman	Workshop on "Management of Services Provision Under Crisis Conditions: the Case of Sanitation" for Staff of the Iraqi Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works
10-11 November Beirut	Training Workshop on the Accountability Programme Developed by ESCWA
11-13 November Cairo	Expert Group Meeting on Trade and Environment Priorities in the Arab Region (ESCWA; UNEP ROWA; LAS + Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
14-15 November Amman	Interregional Forum on Trade Facilitation and Regional Trade Agreements
15-24 November Amman	Workshop on "Management of Services Provision Under Crisis Conditions: the Case of Municipal Services" for Staff of the Iraqi Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works
16 November Beirut	Brainstorming Session "2007-2008 Survey of Economic and Social Developments"
17-28 November Amman	Workshop on "Management Skills Training" for Middle Managers of the Iraqi Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works

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20-21 November Amman	Arab Regional Meeting on the Five-Year of the International Plan of Action on Ageing
24 November - 5 December Amman	Workshop on "Management Skills Training" for Middle Managers of the Iraqi Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works
25-29 November Abu Dhabi	National Training Workshop on Bilateral Investment Agreement in Abu Dhabi
25-26 November Amman	Follow-Up Meeting on Project Formulation: from Training to Implementation
26-27 November Thessaloniki, Greece	Workshop on "Shared Aquifers Database for the MEDA Region: Content, Use and Maintenance"
27-28 November Amman	Regional Training Workshop on Gender Budgeting
29 November Geneva	High Level Meeting on Fostering a Mutually-Supportive Trade and Environment Regime: Perspectives and Lessons Learned at the Regional Level (ESCWA, ESCAP, ECLAC, ECA, UNCTAD, UNEP)
2-6 December Manama	National Training Workshop on Bilateral Investment Agreement in Bahrain
1-12 December Amman	Workshop on "Management Skills Training" for Middle Managers of the Iraqi Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works
3-6 December Cairo	Workshop in Civil Registration
3-15 December Amman	Training of Trainers on Business Planning and Performance Management for the Iraqi Public Sector
4-8 December Amman	Regional Workshop on Management of Water Provision Under Crisis Conditions in Iraq
5-6 December Al-Ain	Regional Workshop for Strengthening Skills of Demographers and Population Experts in the Area of Demographic Analysis
6 December Beirut	Meeting with HE the Minister of Municipalities and Public Works in Iraq on the Smart Community Project for Iraq and Other Projects Under ECRI

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8-19 December Amman	Workshop on “Management Skills Training” for Middle Managers of the Iraqi Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works
10 December Khartoum	Expert Group Meeting on the Sudan Social Policy Country Profile
10-12 December Kuwait	Expert Group Meeting on Good Urban Governance and the Millennium Development Goals: Towards Implementing MDGs Target 11: “Equitable Cities”
10-13 December Cairo	United Nations Workshop on Economic and Social Classifications
11-12 December Amman	Peer Consultation Meeting on Models for Cyberlegislation in the ESCWA Region
12 December Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on External Peer Review for the Preparation of the Annual Review of Developments in Globalization and Regional Integration in the Arab Countries
12-13 December Amman	Expert Group Meeting on “Fostering Partnerships Between International and Regional Private Sector Institutions and their Counterparts in Crisis Stricken Countries: Towards a More Resilient Private Sector”
16-17 December Damascus	Expert Group on Economic Policy Analysis and Forecasting
18-19 December Damascus	Expert Group on Employment Policies and Economic Development in Countries including those Emerging from Conflict