



Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
ESCWA MEETINGS HELD IN 2008

Date and venue	Title
<u>First quarter</u>	
14-17 January Cairo	Consultative Workshop on the Management of Shared Aquifers in the MEDA Region: Initial Implementation of Joint Management of Shared Aquifers: Case Studies on the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer System (NSAS) and on the Nahr el Kabir Al-Janoubi Basin (NKJB)
15-16 January Beirut	Consultative Meeting of Specialists and Organizations to Study Ethno-Sectarian Tensions in the Arab World
15-16 January Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Fostering Sustainable Development in the Arab Countries through Regional Integration: A Strategic Vision for 2010-2020
16-17 January Beirut	First Meeting of the ESCWA Technical Committee
17 January Amman	Expert Group Meeting on Draft Social Policy Report II: From Concepts to Practice
27 January – 7 February Basra	Training of Trainers on Training Skills
16-17 February Manama	National Training Workshop for the Bahrain Young Ladies Society on the Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
17-19 February Riyadh	Workshop on Establishing Public/Private Partnerships (PPP) for ICT Initiatives
20-21 February Manama	Eleventh Regional Workshop on the International Comparison Program in Western Asia
26-28 February Beirut	Ninth Session of the Committee on Transport

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<u>First quarter (continued)</u>	
8-13 March Amman	Workshop on Human Resource Management
10-13 March Amman	Joint Sub-regional Training Session on the System of Integrated Environmental-Economic Accounting for Water Resources (SEEAW)
15-19 March Amman	Leadership Training on Skills for Mainstreaming Gender in Municipal Services
22-24 March Amman	Management of Service Provision Under Crisis Conditions (Follow-Up) Workshop
23-26 March Manama	National Workshop for Media Representatives at Bahrain's Supreme Council for Women
23-27 March Cairo	National Training Course on Avoiding Double Taxation
24-26 March Istanbul	Workshop on the Design of National Strategies for the Development of Statistics: Mainstreaming Gender in Sectoral Statistics
25-27 March Amman	Management Skills for Middle Managers (Follow-Up) Workshop
28-31 March Amman	Consultative Meeting for the Situation Analysis of the Iraqi Public Sector
<u>Second quarter</u>	
1-2 April Manama	Fourth Meeting of the ESCWA Consultative Committee on Scientific and Technological Development and Technological Innovation
1-4 April Amman	Strategic Planning Workshop for the Development of the National Center for Consultancy and Management Development
7-10 April Amman	Training Workshop on Measuring ICT Indicators
13-15 April Amman	Workshop on Informal Sector Employment Data Collection: Strategy and Tools for Advocacy
15-16 April Doha	Workshop on Measures and Technologies for Improving Energy Efficiency in the Qatari Electricity Sector

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<u>Second quarter (continued)</u>	
15-17 April Beirut	Seminar on Modern Trends in Financial Management and Internal Auditing in Iraq (Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works)
18 April Beirut	Assessment Meeting for the Project "Enhancing and Developing Employee Skills at Iraq's Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works"
22 April Amman	Assessment Meeting on the Implementation of the GEC Project
23-27 April Amman	Training of Trainers/Advisors on Developing Small and Micro Enterprises in Southern Iraq
26-30 April Amman	Capacity-Building for Palestinian Trainers in Participatory Development
29-30 April Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Promoting Digital Arabic Content in the ESCWA Region
29-30 April Doha	Consultative Preparatory Meeting for the Follow-Up International Conference on Financing for Development
8-12 May Damascus	National Training Course on Foreign Direct Investment Statistics
18-21 May Doha	Regional Workshop on Census Data Processing in the ESCWA Region: Contemporary Technologies for Data Capture and Data Editing Methodology
26-29 May Sana'a	Twenty-fifth Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
28-29 May Dubai	Expert Group Meeting on the Use of Arabic Script in Domain Names
10-16 June Beirut	Training of Trainers Workshop on Evaluation Techniques
12-15 June Cairo	Workshop on Data Quality and External Trade Indices
27-28 June Beirut	Workshop on Concluding the Iraqi Networking Academy Project
<u>Third quarter</u>	
2-3 July Beirut	Third Forum on Arab Business Community and the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreements

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<u>Third quarter</u> (<i>continued</i>)	
7-10 July Beirut	Regional Workshop on DevInfo
15 July Cairo	High-Level Meeting to Review and Promote Water Supply and Sanitation Policies and Related Organizational Reforms in Western Asia
20 July – 7 August Basra	Training Workshop on Computer Basics and Work Plans
22-24 July Beirut	Final Coordination Meeting for the Smart Community Project in Iraq
29-31 July Beirut	Advanced-Level Seminar on Negotiations and Dispute Resolution Over International Shared Water Resources in Iraq
1-2 August Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Social Exclusion in the ESCWA Region
10-11 August Istanbul	Workshops on Private-Public Partnership in Governance and Economic Reconstruction in Iraq
21 August Damascus	Seminar on Statistical Systems in the Arab Countries: the Present Situation, Structures and Statistical Legislation
25-28 August Beirut	Training Session on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting for Water (SEEAW) for the Arab Gulf Countries
13-14 September Beirut	Twelfth Meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM)
<u>Fourth quarter</u>	
9-13 October Beirut	Working Field Trip to Lebanon's Institute of Finance and the Basel Fleihan Institute of Finance and Economics
12-16 October Cairo	Training Course on Bilateral Investment Agreements
14-16 October Beirut	Eighth Session of the ESCWA Statistical Committee
21-22 October Doha	Workshop on Building the Arab Mashreq Road Safety Partnership (AMRSP)

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<u>Fourth quarter (continued)</u>	
3-4 November Beirut	Second Meeting of the Technical Committee
7-13 November Beirut	Training of Trainers on Strategic Planning for Palestinian Officials
8-10 November Cairo	Expert Group Meeting on Global Harmonization of Arabic Script Use in Domain Names
10-13 November Rabat	Training Workshop on Industrial Statistics in the Arab Countries
11-12 November Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Strengthening Private Sector Resilience Under Conflict: Lessons Learned and the Way Forward
12-13 November Damascus	Expert Group Meeting on the Harmonization of Institutional Frameworks and Legislation in the Transport Sector in the ESCWA Region
18-20 November Beirut	Workshop on Electronic/Mobile Government in Arab States: Building Capacity in Knowledge Management through Partnership
20 November Beirut	External Review of the Annual Review of Developments in Globalization and Regional Integration in the Arab Countries, 2008
20-21 November Beirut	Expert Group Meeting "Towards Equity in Urban Social Policy: Social Guide for Urban Observatories"
24 November – 2 December Sana'a	Training of Trainers on Strategic Planning for Yemeni Officials
25-27 November Beirut	Second National Workshop on the Strategic Framework for Enhancing National Statistical Capabilities and Mainstreaming Gender in Statistical Work
25 November – 5 December Beirut	Training of Trainers: Public Procurement and Strategic Planning
26-27 November Beirut	Consultative Workshop on the National Profiles of the Information Society in Western Asia
26-28 November Beirut	Regional Workshop on Roles of Parliamentarians in the Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
1-6 December Cairo	Training of Trainers on the Application and Practice of e-Government for Officials of the National Center for Consultancy and Development

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9-12 December Turin	Workshop on Mainstreaming Gender in Labor Statistics in Iraq
13-17 December Amman	Capacity-Building in the Participatory Research Method for Social Development in the Arab States
15-16 December Beirut	Workshop on Cyber Legislation and its Implementation in the ESCWA Region
17-18 December Beirut	Expert Group Meeting on Trade Policy Trends in the ESCWA Member Countries and their Respective Implications for Trade and Economic Performance
17-18 December Beirut	Workshop to Enhance National Capabilities in Responding to the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY)
17-19 December Beirut	Eighth Session of the ESCWA Committee on Water Resources
17-19 December Beirut	Workshop on Knowledge-Sharing and Networking in the ESCWA Region