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towards the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCWA Region”*

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Tentative Work Programme

Monday, 9 February 2004

08:00 - 10:00 Registration of participants

10:00 - 10:30 Opening
Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCWA
Director-General, CAS

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

Session chair:

11:00 - 12:00 Monitoring the implementation of the Millennium Development
Goals: International and regional reporting

UNSD will present the process of international reporting on MDG and the results of the first two global MDG reports 2002 and 2003. ESCWA and UNDP will present regional monitoring and reporting efforts.

Mr. Robert Johnston, UNSD: Global reporting
Mr. Ahmed Hussein, ESCWA: Regional reporting
Mr. Eduardo Zepeda, UNDP (NY): Regional reporting+ dissemination

Discussion

12:00 - 12:30 Coffee Break

12:30 - 13:30 - continued -

Session chair:

13:30 - 15:00 Monitoring the implementation of the Millennium Development
Goals: National reporting

UNDP will inform participants on the process of national reporting on MDG in general and in the region in particular. Countries will present how their report was produced and what were the lessons learnt.

Eduardo Zepeda, UNDP (NY): National reporting

Mr. Yousef Falah, Palestine
Mr. Mohammed Assaf, Jordan
Egypt

Discussion

Tuesday, 10 February 2004

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: indicators on poverty

MDG indicator 1: Proportion of population below \$1 (PPP) per day
MDG indicator 2: Poverty gap ratio (incidence x depth of poverty)
MDG indicator 3: Share of poorest quintile in national consumption

Session chair:

08:30 - 09:15 Goal 1: Poverty - Introduction and methodology

Ms. Heba El-leathy, Cairo University (consultant)

09:15 - 10:00 Goal 1: Poverty - Country presentations

*Ms. Awatef Saleem, Kuwait
Mr. Hussein Ali/Mr. Said Safadi, Syria
Mr. Yousef Falah, Palestine
Yemen*

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 11:30 Goal 1: Poverty - Discussion

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: indicators on malnutrition/hunger

MDG indicator 4: Prevalence of underweight children under five years of age
MDG indicator 5: Proportion of population below minimum level of dietary energy consumption

Session chair:

11:30 - 12:00 **Goal 1: Malnutrition/Hunger - Introduction and methodology**

*Mr. Krishna Belbase UNICEF (Amman)
Mr. Ricardo Sibrian, FAO (Rome)*

12:00 - 12:30 Coffee Break

12:30 - 13:30 Goal 1: Malnutrition/Hunger - Country presentations

*Ms. Fayza Idriss Al Naiim, Sudan
Mauritania*

13:30 - 14:30 Goal 1: Malnutrition/Hunger - Discussion

Wednesday, 11 February 2004

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education

MDG indicator 6: Net enrolment ratio in primary education
MDG indicator 7: Proportion of pupils starting grade 1 who reach grade 5
MDG indicator 8: Literacy rate of 15-24-year-olds

Session chair:

- 08:30 - 09:15 Goal 2 - Introduction and methodology
- Mr. Said Belkachla, UNESCO (Montreal)*
Mr. Ahmed Hussein, ESCWA (Beirut)
- 09:15 - 10:00 Goal 2 - Country presentations
- Mr. Yousef Falah, Palestine*
Mr. Abdel Jawad Al Zrari, Morocco
Ms. Ibtissam El Jouni, Lebanon
- 10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30 - 11:30 Goal 2 - Discussion

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and the empowerment of women

MDG indicator 9: Ratio of girls to boys in primary, secondary and tertiary education
MDG indicator 10: Ratio of literate women to men of 15- to 24-year-olds
MDG indicator 11: Share of women in wage employment in the non-agricultural sector
MDG indicator 12: Proportion of seats held by women in national parliament

Session chair:

- 11:30 - 12:00 Goal 3 - Introduction and methodology
- Mr. Ahmed Hussein, ESCWA (Beirut)*
Mr. Said Belkachla, UNESCO (Montreal)
- 12:00 - 12:30 Coffee Break
- 12:30 - 13:30 Goal 3 - Country presentations
- Mr. Habib Al Fourati, Tunisia*
- 13:30 - 14:30 Goal 3 - Discussion

Thursday, 12 February 2004

Goal 4: Reduce child mortality

MDG indicator 13: Under-five mortality rate

MDG indicator 14: Infant mortality rate

MDG indicator 15: Proportion of 1-year-old children immunized against measles

Session chair:

08:30 - 09:15 Goal 4 - Introduction and methodology

Dr. Amina Elghamry/ Dr. Abdullah Al Dearbey, WHO (Cairo)

09:15 - 10:00 Goal 4 - Country presentations

Mr. Kamal Saleh, Jordan

Iraq

Oman

Ms. Ibtissam El Jouni, Lebanon

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 11:30 Goal 4 - Discussion

Goal 5: Improve maternal health

MDG indicator 16: Maternal mortality ratio

MDG indicator 17: Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel

Session chair:

11:30 - 12:00 Goal 5 - Introduction and methodology

Dr. Amina Elghamry/ Dr. Abdullah Al Dearbey, WHO (Cairo)

12:00 - 12:30 Coffee Break

12:30 - 13:30 Goal 5 - Country presentations

Iraq

Oman

13:30 - 14:30 Goal 5 - Discussion

Friday, 13 February 2004

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

8:30 - 10:00

Goals 6 – 8: Overview

Mr. Ahmed Gamal Atalla, ESCWA: Indicators on goal 7: Environment

Mr. Abdullilah Dewachi, ESCWA: Indicators on goal 8: ICT

Mr. Feras Abou Ibrahim, ESCWA: Indicators on goal 8

Other international experts and international organizations

10:00 - 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 - 11:30

Goals 6 – 8: Discussion

11:30 – 12:00

Related indicator work: An overview

Ms. Sabine Warschburger/Ms. Fabia Yazaki, UNSD (New York)

Mr. Ahmed Hussein, ESCWA

12:00 - 12:30

Coffee Break

12:30 - 14:30

Conclusions and closing