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Regional Coordination Mechanism
Twelfth Meeting
Beirut, 13-14 September 2008

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Saturday, 13 September 2008

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| 9.30 - 10.00 a.m. | Registration of participants. |
| 10.00 - 10.30 a.m. | <p>First session</p> <p><u>Item 1</u> Opening of the meeting:</p> <p>Welcome statement by Mr. Bader Omar AlDafa, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)</p> <p>Opening remarks by Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General</p> |
| 10.30 - 10.45 a.m. | Break |
| 10.45 a.m. - 12.45 p.m. | <p>Second session</p> <p><u>Item 2</u> Review of emerging global issues and challenges and their implications for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the Arab region.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Fatteh Azzam Regional Representative, OHCHR</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> Dr. Jihad Azour, economic expert and former Minister of Finance, Lebanon; Dr. Rafiq Ghubash, President, Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain; Dr. Omar Razzaz, Director General, Social Security Corporation, Jordan.</p> |
| 1.15 - 2.30 p.m. | <p>Third session</p> <p><u>Item 3</u> Renewed role and functions of the RCM in the Arab region in pursuance of United Nations "Delivering as One" at the regional level</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Bader Omar AlDafa, Executive Secretary of ESCWA</p> <p><i>Statement by:</i> Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General</p> |

Saturday, 13 September 2008 (continued)

2.30 - 3.30 p.m.

Fourth session

Item 4

The Regional Directors' Team (RDT) in the Arab States and MENA region

Moderator: Ms. Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director, UN-ECA, Office for North Africa

6.45 p.m.

Official reception - Iftar

Sunday, 14 September 2008

9.30 - 10.00 a.m.

Fifth session

Item 5

Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the eleventh RCM meeting.

Moderator: Mr. Hussein Abouzaid, Country Representative for Lebanon, EMRO-WHO

Briefing by: Mr. Mohamed Abdulrazzak, Acting Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCWA

10.00 - 10.30 a.m.

Launching of "Gender in the MDGs: Information Guide for Arab MDG reports"

10.30 - 11.45 a.m.

Sixth session

Item 6

Consideration of the proposed thematic working groups under RCM:

(a) MDGs in the Arab Region

Moderator: Mr. Tarek Alami

11.45 - 12 p.m.

Break

12.00 - 2.30 p.m.

(b) Climate Change

Moderator: Mr. Habib El-Habr, Director, UNEP Regional Office for West Africa (ROWA)

Briefing by: Ms. Anhar Hegazi, Chief, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division, ESCWA

Briefing by: Mr. Hedi Larbi, Regional Director for the Middle East, World Bank

(c) Food security

Moderator: Mr. Maurice Saade, Senior Officer, FAO Regional Office for the Middle East

Briefing by: Mr. Julian Lampietti, The World Bank

2.30 - 3.00

Break

3.00 - 3.30 p.m.

Seventh session

Item 7

The way forward and conclusion of the meeting.

Closing statement by Mr. Bader Omar AlDafa