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Expert Group Meeting on "The Use of Urban Observatories as a Tool for Localizing Social Policy in the ESCWA Region"
Beirut, 1-2 December 2009

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Tuesday, 1 December 2009

9.00-9.30	Registration
9.30-10.30	**Opening Session**
9:30-9:45	Welcome Statement: Mr. Badr Al-Dafa, Executive Secretary, ESCWA
9:45-10:15	The Role of Urban Observatories: Mr. Leon Telvizian, Consultant
10:15-10.30	Preliminary Comments
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-13:00	**Panel 1: Urban Observatories Networks**: Chairperson: Mr. Frederico Neto, Chief, Social Development Division, ESCWA
11:00-11:30	Presentation on Global Urban Observatory Net: Ms Maharufa Hossain, Coordinator, Global Urban Observatory, UNHABITAT, Nairobi, Kenya
11:30-12:00	Regional Approach to Urban Observatories: Mr. Ahmad Taha Saghier, Head, Arab Urban Development Institute (AUDI), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
12:00-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16.00	**Panel 2: The Social Dimension of Urban Observatories**: Chairperson: Mr. Ghassan Samman, Arab Town Organization (ATO), Kuwait
14:00-14:30	ESCWA's Approach to Integrated Social Policy: Ms. Gisela Nauk, Chief, Social Policy Section, SDD, ESCWA
14:30-15:00	Social Policy Guide for Urban Observatories: Mr. Jihad Farah, Expert
15:00-16:00	Discussion
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-17:30	**Special Session: Regional Launch of the Global Report on Human Settlements 2009: Planning Sustainable Cities**
17:30-18:00	**Reception by UN-HABITAT**

Wednesday, 2 December 2009

9:00-11:00	**Panel 3: Urban Spaces** : Chairperson: Ms. Maha Yahya, Regional Advisor, SDD, ESCWA
9:00-9:30	Good Urban Governance and Management: Ms. Cecilia Marocchino, Urban Specialist, UNHABITAT, Amman Office
9:30-10:00	The Role of Urban Observatories in Urban Policy Mr. Serge Yazigi, Professor, Balamand University
10:00-11:00	Discussion
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11.30-12.30	**Country Experiences**: Chairperson: Ms. Dania Rifai, Programme Manager, UNHABITAT, Beirut, Lebanon
	Egypt: Ms. El Shahed, General Organization for Physical Planning
	Lebanon: Mr. Abdul Wahab, Director Urban Community Al Fayhaa
	Saudi Arabia: Mr. Abdul Salam , Director, Jeddah Urban Observatory
	Syria: Mr. Ramadan, Manager, City Development Strategy, Allepo
	Yemen: Ms. Al Awadi, National Urban Observatory Coordinator
12:30-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:30	**Closing Session**: Chairperson: Mr. Frederico Neto, ESCWA
14:00-14:30	Presentation of Recommendations: Mr. Banji Oyeyinka, Director Monitoring Research Division, UNHABITAT, Nairobi, Kenya
14:30-15:00	Discussion of Recommendations
15:00-15:30	Closure of the meeting