

**Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

United Nations Regional Meeting on Environment Statistics
and Accounts and Evaluation of the ESIAP Project
Beirut, 7-9 April 2010

**Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
Statistics and Economic Projections Division (ECLAC)****INFORMATION NOTE**

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) is organizing a "Regional Meeting on Environment Statistics and Accounts and Evaluation of the ESIAP project" in coordination with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) at the UN House, Beirut, during the period of April 7 to 9, 2010.

1. Background information

ESCWA and ECLAC have been implementing the development account project "*Strengthening National Capacities in Environment Statistics, Indicators and Accounts in support of progress toward achieving the internationally agreed development goals in the ESCWA and ECLAC Region*" with a total budget of \$ 602,000 and a duration from October 2007 to June 2010.

ESCWA and ECLAC provided assistance through training workshops, technical assistance missions, publication of studies and reports, and development of information systems, in coordination with regional and international agencies, particularly UNSD, the regional statistical cooperation programme between the European Union and Mediterranean partner countries (MEDSTAT), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other partners.

The objective of the project was to enhance the national capacities of Member States in environment statistics, indicators and accounts in order to integrate environmental concerns into economic development, thus supporting progress toward achieving environmental sustainability and related international agreed development goals member countries.

2. Purpose of the Meeting

The main purpose of the meeting is to evaluate the activities, outcomes and results of the project obtained so far, as well as the activities planned up to June 2010.

Also future capacity building needs in the countries concerned in the field of statistics and projects in relation to this will be discussed and addressed.

The discussions will also focus on ways to facilitate and improve exchange of experience and interaction between Western Asia and Latin America national statistical offices.

Delegates from countries are expected to share their experience and propose ways for future collaboration in the field of environment statistics and accounts.

3. *Tentative agenda of the meeting*

The meeting will take place during 3 days, 2 sessions per day, as per the following draft agenda:

- Session 1: Reports on the activities of the Project
- Session 2: Countries experiences
- Session 3: Evaluation of the activities, outcome and results of the Project
- Session 4: Regional and international activities
- Session 5: Future in support of statistical capacity building in Environment Statistics and Accounts
- Session 6: Conclusion and recommendations

4. *Participation and registration*

The meeting will bring together experts (statisticians, managers of environment statistics and/or national accounts) from National Statistical Offices, Ministries of Environment and Water Authorities in the Arab Countries.

International and regional experts from the UN Statistics Division, UN-ECLAC, Latin American countries and other concerned organizations are also expected to attend the meeting.

The nomination form to be filled by participants is attached.

5. *Date and venue*

The meeting will be held at the UN House in Beirut, Lebanon from 7 to 9 April 2010.

6. *Documentation, methods of work and official languages*

The working languages are English and Arabic. Interpretation will be available for both languages. Delegates are kindly requested to prepare a paper on: 1) their experience in environment statistics and accounts as related to the project ; 2) their priorities of future support in the field; and 3) their proposals on ways to improve mutual interaction. The paper should be submitted to Ms Wafa Aboul Hosn, Statistics Division, (E-mail: aboulhosn@un.org) by March 10th 2010.

PowerPoint and PDF presentations will be available for download at the ESCWA/Statistics Division website (<http://www.escwa.un.org/divisions/main.asp?division=sd>) and the project website (<http://www.escwa.un.org/esiap/>). Participants are encouraged to download the papers from the website and bring their copies to the meeting.

7. *Accommodation and travel arrangements*

The UN-ESCWA will cover the travel costs, Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) and Terminal expenses of selected participants from the region's least developed countries.

Participants are expected to inquire on their entry visa requirements to Lebanon and to secure one ahead of their anticipated travel date. ESCWA may provide assistance to Palestinian or Iraqi participants on their VISA requirements.

Nominated participants are requested to fill in the nomination form and send copies of their passport in order to finalize the administrative arrangements concerning their travel.

Additional information

Submissions, inquiries and requests for additional information should be addressed to:

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Participant Nomination Form: استمارة ترشيح المشارك (Send Photocopy of Passport as well)

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| 1. Title, Name (last, first) of candidate as Written in the Passport: الاسم الكامل للمشارك حسب وروده في جواز السفر Ps: Write the name in both English and Arabic | | | | |
| 2. Date of Birth (day/month/year): تاريخ الولادة | 3. Place of birth: مكان الولادة | 4. Nationality: الجنسية | 5. Sex: الجنس F [] M [] | |
| 6. Mailing Address العنوان البريدي | | | | |
| 7. Telephone: هاتف Mobile: خليوي | 8. Fax: فاكس | 9. E-mail: البريد الالكتروني | | |
| 10. Mother tongue: اللغة الأم | 11. Other languages: لغات أخرى | | | |
| 12. Education: التحصيل العلمي <u>Name, address of institution</u> اسم المؤسسة التعليمية | | <u>Dates of study</u> تاريخ الدراسة | <u>Major field of study</u> مجال التخصص الدراسي | <u>Degrees obtained</u> التحصيل العلمي |
| 13. Official Title/Present position: المسمى الوظيفي | | Since منذ | | |
| 14. Name of Institution: اسم المؤسسة | | 15. Type of Institution: نوع المؤسسة | | |
| 15. Candidate's signature: إمضاء المرشح | | | | |
| 16. Recommendations of national selecting authority : التوصيات من قبل الجهة المرشحة : | | | | |
| 17. Signature and title of responsible official : اسم وإمضاء المسؤول الرسمي : | | | | |

URGENT! Please complete the form and send it immediately along with **a photocopy of your passport!**
After completion please send it by FAX (961 1 981 510) to Ms. Amal Nicola, Statistics Division SD, ESCWA
and send it electronically to nicola@un.org