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## **ESCWA Technical Cooperation Network**

### **Work plan for the biennium 2016-2017**

#### **Summary**

The present document provides an overview of the 2016-2017 Technical Cooperation Programme of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and explains the role of the ESCWA Technical Cooperation Network in implementing this Programme.

This document also provides information on the responsibilities of the Technical Cooperation Network and items covered at its meetings.

## **Introduction**

1. The planned ESCWA Technical Cooperation Programme for the biennium 2016-2017 is ambitious and comprehensive. It has been created to fully support the ESCWA results-oriented programme and achieve commitments made in the 2016-2017 strategic framework and priority work areas agreed by member States. The Technical Cooperation Programme includes the regular budget, the Regular Programme for Technical Cooperation, the United Nations Development Account and extrabudgetary resources.

2. The main goal of the Technical Cooperation Network is to support ESCWA in the implementation of this programme, to optimize the use of resources and maximize the impact that the Programme can have in support of member States through the exchange of expertise and experiences on the implementation of such activities.

### **WORK PLAN OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION NETWORK 2016-2017**

3. To perform these duties, the Network and its members are expected to perform the following activities over the period 2016-2017:

(a) Provide ESCWA with initial national plans for technical cooperation in 2016-2017 and organize planning workshops with the ESCWA technical cooperation team if needed (first semester of 2016);

(b) Review technical cooperation requests from member States to ensure compliance with agreed issues;

(c) Continually review ESCWA technical cooperation activities against national plans;

(d) Support ESCWA efforts to assess the quality of services provided by actively engaging with ESCWA direct clients in each country;

(e) Support ESCWA in the identification of emerging regional priorities and elaborate plans to deliver technical cooperation to address these needs;

(f) Support the implementation of an independent evaluation of the ESCWA Technical Cooperation Programme in mid 2017;

(g) Organize at least one meeting of the Technical Cooperation Network in 2016 and one in 2017 to review progress and adjust cooperation plans (meet more often if needed via electronic means); a meeting of the Technical Cooperation Network may be held back-to-back with the twenty-ninth ESCWA session in May 2016.

4. Each meeting of the Technical Cooperation Network will review the following:

- Technical cooperation activities for the current biennium;
- Requests received;
- Remaining plans;
- Service assessment and evaluation efforts.

5. As part of the duties of the Technical Cooperation Programme, ESCWA will undertake the function of Network secretariat, and disseminate data on activities, successful experiences, lessons learned and Network reports on the Technical Cooperation Programme website.

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