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An Interagency and Experts Collaboration to Improve the Production and Dissemination of SDG Indicators from Official National Sources

Series of SDG Webinars Fostering South-South Cooperation:

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SDG 8.5.1

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Summary

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA), in collaboration with ILO organized a webinar on SDG indicator 8.5.1 that is less produced in the Arab region to create a common understanding among data producers on how to collect, measure and disseminate SDG indicators to increase data production and enhance national data flow to policymakers, other users, and custodian agencies.

The webinar, as part of the third wave of the series of SDG webinars, aims to create a common understanding among data producers on how to collect, measure, and disseminate SDG indicators to increase data production and enhance national data flow to policymakers, other users, and custodian agencies. The training encouraged interactive dialogue, sharing of national experiences in collecting SDG indicators including challenges, queries, and concerns.

1. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA), in collaboration with CAS organized a south-south cooperation webinar on selected SDG indicators that are less produced in the Arab region, on 21 November 2023— on Zoom platform, as part of the third wave of series of SDG webinars. The webinar is in response to the resolution (A/RES/70/1) on the adoption of the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development in September 2015 to strengthen the capacity of national data systems through collaboration between national statistical systems and the relevant international and regional organizations to enhance data reporting channels and ensure the harmonization and consistency of data and statistics for the indicators used to follow up and review the Sustainable Development Goals and targets. It also responds to Member States' request to the 14th Statistical Committee for ESCWA to organize capacity-building webinars emphasizing the methodology, method of computation, and data collection tools of selected SDG indicators.
2. The webinar was attended by 20 representatives from 7 countries namely: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Qatar, Tunisia, and Yemen.
3. The main objectives of the webinars are to enhance understanding of metadata and the nature of data in the UNSD SDG database, improve statistical capacities to invigorate production and use of comparable SDG indicators, strengthen inter-institutional coordination to invigorate production of SDG indicators and data flow and share and discussing country challenges in measuring SDG indicators.
4. The Workshop agenda covered the following:
 - SDG indicator 8.5.1 Average hourly earnings of employees, by sex, age, occupation, and persons with disabilities.
5. During this webinar, ILO presented the definition and concept of SDG 8.5.1, methodology, method of computation as well as availability of data in the region. Moreover, the presenter explained the updates on income-related statistics based on the 21st ICLS.
6. Workshop Evaluation: Among 20 participants, 8 participants provided their feedback. Overall, 37.5% of the participants rated the methodologies as Easy, and 62.5% Moderate. Participants were asked if the workshop objectives were met, 37.5% of the participants gave an excellent rating and 62.5% gave a good rating. In terms of future data collection

of this indicator, 75% of respondents confirmed their future plans to collect SDG 8.5.1 and 25% confirmed they won't collect this indicator.

As for the other polls, the results came as follows:

Regarding the primary data source in the country, only three participants participated in the pertinent poll. Of these participants, 66.7% reported that their countries gather data on SDG 8.5.1 through the Labor Force Survey (LFS), while 33.3% confirmed utilizing Establishment surveys or censuses for data collection.

Only three participants took part as well in the poll covering questions on earnings, compensations, and labor costs.

7. The workshop presentations and resources will be available on the ESCWA website, accessible at the following link: <https://www.unescwa.org/events/series-sdg-webinars-arab-region>.

8. Further useful resources:

➤ [ILO Labour Force Survey Questionnaire](#)