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Inception Workshop on the Social Expenditure Monitor (SEM) of Egypt

Venue: UN HOUSE, Committee Room I, ESCWA, Beirut. May 11-12, 2022

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Social Expenditure Monitor of Egypt: Mapping data and Methodology	
Day 1 (9:00 a.m – 16:30)	
9:00 – 9 :30	Registration Welcoming Coffee Station
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mounir Tabet, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCWA ➤ Mai Farid, Assistant Minister of Finance for Economic Justice, Ministry of Finance, Egypt
9:45 – 11:00	Session I: Overview of the SEM Project and its usefulness for budgeting and policy decisions <i>Chair/Moderator: Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Cluster Leader, Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, ESCWA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SEM project tools: Optimising social expenditures toward improving SDGs and macro-fiscal sustainability (<i>Niranjan Sarangi, SEAO & Coordinator of SEM, ESCWA</i>) (15 min) ➤ Achievements and recent reforms in public budget of Egypt toward improving SDGs and macro-fiscal sustainability (<i>Ministry of Finance, Egypt</i>) (15 min) Discussion
11 :00– 13 :00	Session II: SEM methodology and its application to Egypt’s budget (ESCWA) <i>Chair/Moderator: Omar Hakouz, Regional Advisor on National Accounts, ESCWA</i> SEM Mapping Framework: Interactive discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Education (<i>Dana Hamdan, Researcher, ESCWA</i>) (1 hour) ➤ Health and Nutrition (<i>Marwen Hkiri, Economist, ESCWA</i>) (1 hours) Summary of discussions; identification of disaggregation of data (source/method/challenges)
13 :00 – 14 :00	Lunch

14 :00 – 15 :00	<p>Session III. Linking Budgets to SDGs (ESCWA) <i>Chair/Moderator: Maisaa Youssef, Cluster Leader, 2030 Agenda and SDG Coordination, ESCWA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aligning budgets with SDGs: Possibilities and limitations (<i>Mario Jales, EAO, 2030 Agenda and SDG Coordination, ESCWA (15 mins)</i>) <p>Discussion</p>
15 :00 – 16 :00	<p>Session IV. SEM methodology and its application to Egypt’s budget <i>Chair/Moderator: Niranjana Sarangi, SEAO & Coordinator of SEM, ESCWA</i></p> <p>SEM Mapping Framework: Interactive discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Social Protection, subsidies and support to farms (<i>Dana Hamdan, Researcher, ESCWA</i>) (1 hour)
16 :00 – 16 :30	<p>Session V. Way forward <i>Chair: Mai Farid, Assistant Minister of Finance for Economic Justice, Ministry of Finance, Egypt</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Summary of discussions (<i>Niranjana Sarangi, SEAO & Coordinator of SEM, ESCWA</i>) ➤ Key decisions, Close of Day 1
Day 2 (9:00 a.m – 13:30)	
9:00 –	Welcoming Coffee Station
9 :30 – 11:45	<p>Session VI: SEM methodology and its application to Egypt’s budget (ESCWA) <i>Chair: Omar Hakouz, Regional Advisor on National Accounts, ESCWA</i></p> <p>SEM Mapping Framework: Interactive discussion <i>Dana Hamdan, Researcher, ESCWA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Housing, connectivity and community amenities (20 mins) ➤ Labour market interventions and employment generation programmes (15 mins) <p><i>Marwen Hkiri, Economist, ESCWA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arts, culture and sports (20 mins) ➤ Environmental Protection (20 mins) <p>Summary of discussions; identification of disaggregation of data (source/method)</p>
11.45 -12.00	<i>Break</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Session VII: Modelling and analysis of SEM: Efficiency and effectiveness of public social expenditure (ESCWA) <i>Chair/Moderator: Niranjana Sarangi, SEAO & Coordinator of SEM, ESCWA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Efficiency analysis tool (<i>Nathaniel Martin, AEAO, ESCWA</i>) (15 mins) ➤ Macro-fiscal modelling tool (<i>Jan Gaskar, AEAO, ESCWA</i>) (15 mins) <p>Discussion</p>
13 :00 – 13: 30	<p>Summary of discussions (<i>Niranjana Sarangi, SEAO & Coordinator of SEM, ESCWA</i>) Close of meeting (<i>Mohammed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Cluster Leader, Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, ESCWA</i>)</p>
13 :30	Lunch