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National Workshop on the use of New tool, the Social Expenditure Monitor (SEM) of Jordan: Tool to Analyse Efficiency and Effectiveness of Public Expenditures toward achieving the SDGs
Kempinski Hotel, Amman, 28-30 November 2021

AGENDA

National Workshop on the use of New tool, the Social Expenditure Monitor (SEM) of Jordan: Tool to Analyse Efficiency and Effectiveness of Public Expenditures toward achieving the SDGs	
Day 1 – November 28, 2021	
9:00 – 9:30	Welcoming and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoPIC • MoF • ESCWA Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Cluster Leader, Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, ESCWA)
9:30 – 9:45	Coffee Break
9:45 – 11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Expenditure Challenges of Jordan in the context of COVID-19 (MoPIC, 15 minutes) • Important Trends and Patterns of Social Expenditure and Policy Relevance for Budgeting (Niranjan Sarangi, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA and Dana Hamdan, Research Assistant, ESCWA) (30 minutes) Open Discussion (45 minutes)
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping Social Expenditure to Social Development Priorities (Omar Hakouz, Regional Advisor, ESCWA and Dana Hamdan, Research Assistant, ESCWA) Open Discussion (50 minutes)
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch Break
2:00 – 3:30	Enhancing Social Expenditure and Fiscal Sustainability ((Niranjan Sarangi, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA and Clive Altshuler, Macro Econometric Model building Consultant) (30 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Discussion (40 minutes)
Day 2 – November 29, 2021	

9:00 - 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of SEM and macro-economic analysis and modelling in the context of enhancing fiscal sustainability (ESCWA, 60 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basics of macro-econometric modelling - E-views application • Open Discussion (30 minutes)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeling application to Jordan (ESCWA, 90 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure - Data - Forecasting - Simulations Open Discussion (30 minutes)
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch Break
2:00 – 3:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working labs (60 minutes) • Open Discussion (30 minutes)
Day 3 – November 30, 2021	
9:00 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeling application to Jordan (ESCWA, 90 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure - Data - Forecasting - Simulations • Open Discussion (30 minutes)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working labs (120 minutes) • Open Discussion (30 minutes)
2:00 – 3:00	Lunch Break
3:00 – 3:30	Summary and Concluding Remarks