

**Training workshop on using the "Indicator simulation tool for policymakers in the Arab region"
to improve the State's performance on global indicators on gender equality**

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The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) has developed an interactive tool known as "Indicators Simulation for Policymakers in the Arab Region", which allows its users to identify national strengths and weaknesses in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment. The tool is designed to be interactive and user-friendly, aims at supporting the State through several steps to improve its international indicators and to develop mechanisms that will design national policies to help their country's progress its ranking in the most widely used international and regional indicators. The tool is unique in that it provides an opportunity to understand the gaps in gender inequality over global indicators and the steps needed to address these gaps.

Workshop Objectives

This workshop targets policymakers from the Ministry of Social Development and various ministries and agencies on:

- Definition of basic global indicators on gender equality to support the Ministry by developing a national gender equality index.
- Definition of index simulation tool for policymakers in the Arab world (Index Stimulator for Policy Makers in the Arab World (ISPAR))
- How to use the index simulation tool for policymakers to change the Sultanate of Oman's rating on global indicators.
- Define global indicators on gender equality and rank the Sultanate of Oman on sub-indicators.
- Identify priority areas that can be worked on.
- Familiarize the draft with the national changes required to improve the Sultanate of Oman's performance on global indicators on gender equality.