

Second 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 is the second training workshop on using the "Indicator simulation tool for policymakers in the Arab region". It aims to improve the State's performance on global indicators on gender equality through training a group of policymakers from the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs and various bodies on the following:

- Reviewing the background information of the first phase (workshop held in May 2023).
- Developing scenarios and linking hypotheses with the National Gender Equality Strategy.
- Identifying thematic areas where policy changes are a priority.
- Assessing the nature of the obstacles to closing the gender gap in the Syrian Arab Republic (administrative, procedural, etc.).
- Sharing relevant global best practices from other Member States with similar experiences.
- Identifying short-, medium- and long-term reforms that could be implemented to improve the Syrian Arab Republic's overall ranking of global indicators on gender equality.