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Expert Group Meeting on “Resource Efficiency in the Arab Region: Monitoring Progress of SDG 12 and Building Back Better from COVID-19”
Online Virtual Meeting, 7-8 October 2020

Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday, 7 October 2020

12:30-12:45	Opening
	<p>Welcoming Remarks by Organizing Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mahmoud Fathallah, Director, Department of Environmental, Meteorological Affairs (EMA), Economic Sector, League of Arab States - Mr. Abdul-Majeid Haddad, Deputy Director, UNEP - West Asia Office - Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA <p>Presentation of Background and Meeting’s Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief Economic Statistics Section, Statistics, the Information Society and Technology Cluster, ESCWA - Mr. Tarek Alkhoury, Regional Coordinator, Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production, UNEP
12:45-15:30	Monitoring Progress on SCP in the Arab Region: Statistical Frameworks and Methodologies
	<p>The session will focus on three statistical frameworks: 1) The System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) and its application in measuring domestic material consumption, 2) The Framework for Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) in relation to SCP and waste management, and 3) Global Footprint analysis with a regional perspective and multitude of indices informing on progress on SDGs targets such as the OECD, ESCAP and SDG -SDNS. The existing frameworks and their relevance for the SCP in the Arab Region will be presented and will help countries to track SCP in the national context and for cross-country comparable data.</p>

Moderator: Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief Economic Statistics, Cluster on Statistics, Information Society and Technology, ESCWA	
12:45-12:50	- Introduction <i>Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief Economic Statistics Section, Statistics, the Information Society and Technology Cluster, ESCWA</i>
12:50–13:15	- Statistical Frameworks as standards for informing on Resource Efficiency, Sustainable Consumption and Production in SDG12 and other related SDGs and Current undertakings at the global and regional levels <i>Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief Economic Statistics Section, Statistics, the Information Society and Technology Cluster, ESCWA</i>
13:15-13:30	- Brief on the follow-up on Arab SDGs of Priority and the SCP context <i>Ms Nadia Elchtioui, Director, LAS-Statistics and Database Department</i>
13:30-13:45	- The System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) and its application in measuring domestic material consumption (DMC) <i>Mr. Ole Pedersen, Statistics Denmark</i>
13:45-14:00	- Natural Capital Accounts: Waste Accounts and the Case of Egypt: World Bank Project <i>Mr. David Bain, Independent Expert, Australia</i>
14:00-14:20	- Country Practice Jordan experience, e-Waste Survey <i>Mr. Sudki Hamdan, Department of Statistics, Jordan</i> - Morocco experience, Forest Accounts <i>Mr. Abderrahmane Lmakadem, High Commission for Planning, Morocco</i> Discussion
14:20-14:40	- Ecological Footprint analysis with a regional perspective <i>Mr. Alessandro Galli, Global Footprint Network, Director, Mediterranean-MENA Program</i>
14:40-14:50	- Data assessment tool” for drafting waste management related indicators <i>Mr. AbdelMonam Mohamed, UNEP</i>
14:50-15:00	- The Framework for Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) in relation to SCP and waste management <i>Mr. Marcus Newbury, UNSD</i>
15:00-15:10	- Global and regional e-waste trends <i>Mr. Kees Balde, UNU</i>
15:10-15:30	Discussion Conclusion and Recommendations for Day 1

Day 2: Thursday, 8 October 2020

13:00-16:00	Building Back Better within Context of COVID-19
	How to build back better in the context of COVID-19, and an overview of UNEP's building back better response to COVID-19. Feedback on regional SCP best practices, and on design and implementation of coherent SCP strategies during the recovery phase. Discuss the approaches and modality for assessing progress on achieving SCP's goals and targets in the Arab region, with a focus on selected experiences and challenges encountered in implementing SCP interventions at the national level, highlighting success stories in food and conflict waste recycling.
Moderator: Mr. Tarek Alkhoury, Regional Coordinator, Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production, UNEP West Asia	
13:00-13:05	Overview of Agenda for Day 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Tarek Alkhoury, Regional Coordinator, Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production, UNEP - Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA
13:05-13:15	- Presenting COVID-19 strategic response for UNEP with focus on Building back better <i>Mr. Abdul-Majeid Haddad, Deputy Regional Director, UNEP West Asia Office</i>
Addressing the SCP challenges while building back better, examples of regional and global programmatic approach by UNEP	
13:15-13:20	- UNEP West Asia Resource Efficiency strategy <i>Mr. Tarek Alkhoury, Regional Coordinator, Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production UNEP West Asia</i>
13:20-13:30	- Launching the GO4SDGs project and its menu of service <i>Ms. Adriana Zacarias, Global Coordinator</i>
13:30-13:40	- The state of play of food waste in West Asia <i>Mr. Hussein Hassan, Associate Professor of Food Science and Technology/Food Safety Program Coordinator, Lebanese American University</i>
13:40-13:50	- Mainstreaming Eco-innovation in Sustainable Consumption and Production Policies with focus on Sustainable fashion <i>Ms. Yara Abdul Samad - Sustainable Lifestyle Expert, UNEP West Asia</i>

13:50-14:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Switch-MED; what has been done and what is new? A concrete experience in implementing the SDG12 <i>Mr. Luc Reuter, SwitchMed Policy Coordinator (15min + 5min Q&A)</i>
14:10-14:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PACE (Platform for Accelerating the Circular Economy): a global community leading the way towards a circular economy <i>Mr. David B. McGinty, Global Director of the PACE</i>
14:20-14:30	Discussion
Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability Cluster, ESCWA	
14:30-14:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment methodology for progress on sustainable consumption and production <i>Mr. Cameron Allen, ESCWA's expert</i>
14:50-15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role of Start-Ups in advancing SCP at the national level <i>Mr. Ramy Boujawdeh, Deputy General Manager, Berytech</i>
15:00-15:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building back better: Addressing food loss and waste <i>Ms. Theresa Wong, Natural Resources Officer, FAO/Regional Office for the Near East</i>
15:10-15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recycling of glass debris and other material recycling examples <i>Mr. Ziad AbiChaker, Chief Executive Officer, Cedar Environmental, Lebanon</i>
15:20-15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNESCO's experience in addressing wastewater treatment <i>Mr. Abdelaziz Zaki, Science National Professional Officer, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States</i>
15:30-15:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussants from major groups: <i>Mr. Fadi Jabr, Arab Federation for Food Industries</i>
15:40-15:50	Discussion
15:50-16:00	Concluding remarks, ESCWA, UNEP, LAS