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Advancing Green Technologies through Science-Policy Interface (Expert Group Meeting)
Beirut, 5-6 April 2017

AGENDA

Day 1– 5 April 2017

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Welcome
- 09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome and opening remarks**
- *Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*
 - Tour de table
 - Organization of work and review of the agenda, *Ms. Johanna von Toggenburg, Associate Expert, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA*
- 09:30 – 10:30 **Session 1: Green Technology Opportunities for Sustainable Development**
Moderator: *Mr. Moein Hamzeh, Director, National Council for Scientific Research, Lebanon*
- Achieving the 2030 agenda in the Arab region, prospects of Science Policy Interface and Green Technologies, *Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA*
 - Innovation Policy Framework for the Arab region, *Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Chief, Innovation Section, ESCWA*
 - Technology Opportunities for Sustainable Development, *Mr. Fouad Mrad, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Center, Jordan*
- Discussion
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 13:00 **Session 2: Policies for Sustainable Technology Development**
Moderator: *Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA*
- Keynote Presentation: Policies to enable green technologies in the Arab region, *Mr. Reyad Al Ahmad, ESCWA Consultant*
- Panel discussion
- *Mr. Khaled Ghedira, General Director, National Agency for Scientific Research Promotion, Tunisia*
 - *Ms. Abeer Shakweer, Minister’s Advisor, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Egypt*

- *Mr. El Hacem Sid'Ahmed Lemhamed, Director of Infrastructures, Promotion and Technological Watch, Ministry of Employment, Professional Education and ICT, Mauretania*

Q&A and General Discussions

13:00 – 14:00 Rich coffee break

14:00 – 16:00 **Session 3: Productive National Technology Development and Transfer Systems**
Moderator: *Mr. Fouad Mrad, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Center, Jordan*

- UN ESCWA Project on “Establishing National Technology Development and Transfer Systems in 5 Arab countries,” *Mr. Nizar Halasah, Innovation Support Officer, ESCWA Technology Center, Jordan*
- CASE: Lebanon Coherent Knowledge and Technology Transfer Policies, *Mr. Hassan Al Charif, Consultant, Lebanon*
- CASE: Tunisia Coherent Knowledge and Technology Transfer Policies, *Ms. Nefissa Chakroun, International Technology Transfer Consultant, Tunisia*
- CASE: Egypt Effective University IP and Technology Transfer, *Mr. Ehab AbdulRahman, Interim Provost, American University of Cairo, Egypt*
- CASE: Oman National Technology Transfer System, *Ms. Sheikha Al Akhzami, Deputy Director Innovation and Entrepreneurship Department, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman*

Q&A and General Discussions

Wrap-up first day: *Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA*

Day 2 – 6 April 2017

09:00 – 10:30 **Session 4: Science-Policy Interface for Sustainable Development**
Introductory Remarks and Moderator: *Mr. Obaid Al Saeedi, Director of Research Programs, Assistant Secretariat General, Programs and Research, The Research Council, Oman*

Panel discussion:

- *Mr. Yousuf Al Bulushi, Head, Science, Knowledge and Technology Transfer Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oman*
- *Mr. Rashid Abdelhallet, Deputy General Manager, Associate Professor, Scientific Research and Innovation Commission, Higher Education and Scientific Research, Sudan*
- *Mr. Raafat Atieh Assi, Director, Water and Environment Cluster and Acting Vice President, Research and Development, Royal Scientific Society, Jordan*

Q&A and General Discussions

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 **Session 5: Knowledge Development for Industrial Green Technologies**
Introductory Remarks and Moderator: *Ms. Johanna von Toggenburg, Associate Expert, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA*

Panel discussion

- *Mr. Ali Mohamad Yaacoub, Regional Executive for Arab Region, RECP Global Network, Lebanon*
- *Mr. Ahmad Smaili, President, Rafik Hariri University, Lebanon*
- *Ms. Batoool Al Mulaji, Expert, SME Development and Advisor of Green Help Desk, Public Authority for SME Development, Oman*
- *Mr. Hassan Harajli, Project Manager, Energy & Environment, UNDP, Lebanon*

Q&A and General Discussions

13:00 – 13:30 Rich coffee break

13:30 – 15:00 **Session 6: Means of Implementation: Investment, Financing and Capacity Building**
Introductory Remarks and Moderator: *Fadia Homeidan, Director, Office of Grants and Contracts, Technology Transfer Unit and Centre of Research and Innovation, American University of Beirut, Lebanon*

Panel discussion

- *Ms. Monia Braham, General Director, Green Investments Unit, Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment, Tunisia*
- *Mr. Rashid Bou Hamad, Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer, Corner Stone Development, Lebanon*
- *Mr. Mazen Halawi, Head, Subsidized Loans and Financing Programs Division, Financing Unit, Banque du Liban, Lebanon*
- *Mr. Samer Aburashed, Consulting Manager, Abu Ghazaleh and Co Consulting, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization, Jordan*
- *Mr. Ramy Boujawdeh, Deputy General Manager, Berytech, Lebanon*

Q&A and General Discussions

Final remarks and way forward: *Mr. Fouad Mrad, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Center, Jordan*

Day 2 – 6 April 2017 – closed session

15:00 – 17:00 Green Help Desks internal meeting