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Regional Meeting on Price Statistics: Impact of Price Fluctuations on Socio-economic Indicators and the SDGs

**06-07 December 2023
Amman, Jordan**

Wednesday 06 December 2023	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:45	Opening remarks, introduction of the meeting objectives and adoption of the agenda
Session 1: Harmonization of Classifications and Methodologies	
1.1 Transition to COICOP 2018	
09:45 – 10:30	From COICOP 1999 to COICOP 2018: Structural changes, comparison, and correspondence
10:30 – 10:50	Transition to COICOP 2018: Challenges and recommendations for implementation in the Arab region
10:50 – 11:00	Country experience in transitioning to COICOP 2018
11:00 – 11:15	Country interventions and discussion
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
1.2 Harmonizing Price Indices	
1.2.1 The Pilot Story	
11:45 – 12:15	Introduction of the Arab Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI): uses, methodology and evolution
12:15 – 12:45	Presentation of the HCPI templates: benefits and improvements
1.2.2 Expanding the HCPI in the Arab Region	
12:45 – 13:15	Presentation of the HCPI results for the Arab region
13:15 – 14:15	<i>Lunch Break</i>
Session 2: Development of New Price Indices	
2.1 Constructing an Investment Price Index (IPI) and sub-indices	
14:15 – 14:45	Harmonized Investment Price Index (IPI) and Construction Price Index: introduction, uses, computation methodology
14:45 – 15:00	Discussion session and Q&A on HCPI and IPI
Session 3: Modernizing Statistics: Innovation and Big Data Applications	

15:00 – 15:30	New data sources and alternative price data collection methods: best practices in the application of new data sources in CPI price collection
Thursday 07 December 2023	
Session 4: Prices in Monitoring Socio-Economic Disparities	
09:00 – 09:15	International publications using PPPs in socio-economic analysis
09:15 – 09:30	Emerging use of PPPs in income distribution
Session 5: The Distinguished Role of ESCWA in Leading the Global Work on PPPs	
5.1 Release of new PPP results for the Arab region	
09:30 – 09:45	PPP computation in the Arab region: strategy and improvements
09:45 – 10:15	New release of PPPs for the Arab region (2017-2022): highlights and main findings
10:15 – 10:30	2023 PPP forecasts
5.2 Purchasing Power of a national currency at the sub-national level	
10:30 – 11:00	Introduction to sub-national PPPs and application in the Arab region
11:00 – 11:15	Country experience in sub-national PPP computation
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
5.3 Preparations for a new global round	
11:45 – 12:00	ICP 2024 in the Arab region: launching, the way forward, and improvements in PPP computation
Session 6: SDGs and the Impact of Price Changes on the Vulnerable	
12:00 – 12:30	Matrix of the impact of prices on the 17 SDGs
12:30 – 13:15	<p>Adjusting SDG indicators to PPP-based conversions</p> <p><i>The detailed story of 9 SDGs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PPPs in SDG1 – Poverty and the cost of its eradication</i> • <i>PPPs in SDG2 – Food insecurity, malnutrition, affordability and accessibility</i> • <i>PPPs in SDG3 – Health and the impact of its cost on the poorest</i> • <i>PPPs in SDG4 – Quality education and investment in learning</i> • <i>PPPs in SDG7 – GDP and energy intensity</i> • <i>PPPs in SDG8 – Economic growth & the standards of living across countries</i> • <i>PPPs in SDG9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure</i> • <i>PPPs in SDG10 – Measuring income and inequalities</i> • <i>PPPs in SDG11 – Heritage and sustainability expenditures</i>
13:15 – 14:15	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:15 – 14:45	Impact on SDG2: Food affordability and accessibility in the Arab region
14:45 – 15:15	Impact on SDG3: Health applications in the Arab region
15:15 – 15:30	Timeline, wrap-up and closing session