



United Nations

Regional Workshop on the Statistical Business registers for the Arab Countries
26 - 29 September 2016
Amman, Jordan

Provisional Agenda

Monday, 26 September 2016

08:30 – 9:00 **Opening ceremony** (*Head of DOS, UN and AITRS*)

- Opening speeches of co-organizers
- Objectives and organization of the workshop
- administrative matters and introduction of participants

9:00 - 10:30 **Introduction to Statistical business registers**

- ESCWA perspective on statistical business registers (*ESCWA*)
- Overview of recent developments and uses of business registers for statistical purposes (*Expert: Ms. Din*)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 -13:00 **The UN Guidelines on Statistical Business Registers** (*UNSD*)

- Roles of the statistical business registers
- Coverage of the statistical business registers
- Comparative advantages of statistical business registers
- Linking trade and business statistics

13:00- 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 16:30 **Units in the statistical business register** (*ESCWA*)

- Types of statistical units: definitions and relations
- Characteristics of units

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09:00 – 11:00 **Data sources for the statistical business registers** (*UNIDO*)

- General methods, procedures and issues (economic statistics)
- Administrative and statistical data sources
- Combining administrative and statistical sources
- Use of data sources in the ESCWA region (*ESCWA*)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break



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11:15 – 13:00 **Maintenance of the statistical business register** (*Expert: Mr. Arouri*)

- Business registers maintenance strategy
- Handling changes in characteristics of statistical units
- Maintenance procedures and treatment of errors

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:30 **Survey frame methodology** (*Expert: Mr. Brion*)

- Identify concepts
- Design outputs
- Design frame and sample
- Design collection
- Quality framework (ESCWA)

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09:00 – 11:00 **Key considerations in establishing a statistical business register**

(Expert: Mr. Arouri)

- Planning considerations
- Governance and organizational considerations
- IT considerations (*UNIDO*)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Presentation of case studies (*participants*)

- Palestine
- Tunisia

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00– 15:00 Country presentations – *continue....*

- Malaysia

15:00 – 16:30 Lessons learned (*Experts and participants*)

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Round table discussion on the implications of SBR for economic statistics (*ESCWA*)

09:00 – 10:30 Statistical business registers and national accounts: needs and opportunities

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30 Role of the statistical business registers in integrating economic statistics

12:30- 13:30 **Closing Ceremony and evaluation**