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National Workshop on “Gender Empowerment and Entrepreneurial Development in the Rural Context: The Role of Renewable Energy” for the “Regional Initiative for Promoting Small-Scale Renewable Energy Applications in rural areas of the Arab Region (REGEND)”

Amman, Jordan – 20-21 November 2019

Agenda

The Regional Initiative for Promoting Small-Scale Renewable Energy Applications in rural areas of the Arab Region (REGEND) Project	
Wednesday, 20 November 2019	
Day 1 of the National Workshop on “Gender Empowerment and Entrepreneurial Development in the Rural Context: The Role of Renewable Energy”	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration Sponsored participants are kindly asked to bring their passport, visa stamp and Airline ticket stub to the meeting.
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Session and Introduction
09:00 – 09:10	Welcoming Remarks Mr. Zeyad Alsaada, Director of Electricity & Rural Electrification Directorate, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division (SDPD), UN-ESCWA
09:10 – 09:20	Tour de Table
09:20 – 09:30	Review of the Agenda and Expected Outcomes of the Meeting Mr. Ahmad Diab, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, UN-ESCWA
Session I	Setting the Stage: Renewable Energy and Gender Empowerment
Moderator:	Mr. Zeyad Alsaada, MEMR
Rapporteur:	Mr. Jil Amine, Sustainable Development Officer, Energy Section, SDPD, UN-ESCWA
09:30 – 09:50	Renewable Energy Projects in Jordan Mr. Yacoub Marrar, Director of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Directorate, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR)

09:50 – 10:10	The Role of Women and Success Stories in Jordan Ms. Shorouq Abdel Ghani, Director of Planning and Organizational Development Directorate, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR)
10:10 – 10:30	Presenting the Regional Initiative to Promote Small-scale Renewable Energy Applications in Rural Areas of the Arab Region (REGEND) Project Ms. Radia Sedaoui, UN-ESCWA
10:30 – 10:50	Q&A and Discussion
10:50 – 11:05	Coffee Break
Session II	The Jordanian Context and Gender Empowerment: Results of Assessment and REGEND Perspectives
Moderator:	Ms. Radia Sedaoui, UN-ESCWA
Rapporteur:	Ms. Rasha Hudeeb, Assistant Electrical Engineer, Rural Electrification Directorate, Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources (MEMR)
11:05 – 11:25	REGEND’s Assessment of Prevailing Situations in Rural Areas of Jordan Mr. Bashar Zeitoun, UN-ESCWA Consultant
11:25 – 11:45	REGEND’s Gender Assessment in Jordan Ms. Sawsan Gharaibeh, UN-ESCWA Consultant
11:45 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 13:00	Group Photo and Lunch Break
Session III	The Jordanian Context and Gender Empowerment: Development Programs and Projects
Moderator:	Ms. Sawsan Gharaibeh, UN-ESCWA
Rapporteur:	Mr. Ahmad Diab, Research Assistant, Energy Section, SDPD, UN-ESCWA
13:00 – 13:20	Mainstreaming Gender Equality in the Environmental Management System in Jordan Mr. Maisam Otoum, Project Officer, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
13:20 – 13:40	The Role of Rural Women and Gender Mainstreaming in Promoting Economic Empowerment: The Challenges Facing Rural Women in Such Communities Ms. Lama Shamyleh, Head of Economic Empowerment of Rural Women, Ministry of Agriculture - Jordan
13:40 – 14:00	Coffee Break
14:00 – 14:45	Q&A and Discussion
14:45 – 15:00	Closing of Day 1

Thursday, 21 November 2019	
Day 2 of the National Workshop on “Gender Empowerment and Entrepreneurial Development in the Rural Context: The Role of Renewable Energy”	
Session IV	National Gender Empowerment Experiences: Case Studies
Moderator:	Ms. Lama Shamyleh, Ministry of Agriculture - Jordan
Rapporteur:	Mr. Jil Amine, UN-ESCWA
09:00 – 09:20	Public Space Appropriation: Development of Green Infrastructure in Rural Areas and the Empowerment of Women Ms. Dina Dudokh, Project Field Officer, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)
09:20 – 09:40	Gender Mainstreaming in the MINARET project: Nature-Based Solutions for Sustainable Development Ms. Mar Echevarria, Gender Expert, MINARET Project.
09:40 – 10:00	Gender Mainstreaming in Agriculture Water Energy Nexus; in the Context of Renewable Energy Ms. Wafaa Ramadneh, Gender Focal Point, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
10:00 – 10:20	The Role of Al-Jawhara Charitable Association in Supporting Women and the Activities of the Association: The Difficulties Faced in the Field of Energy Ms. Jamila Al Jazi, President of Al-Jawhara Charitable Association
10:20 – 10:40	Wise Women Plumbers Cooperative: Rationalization of Water and Energy Consumption Ms. Tahani Al-Shatti, Head of The Plumbers Cooperative
10:40 – 11:10	Q&A and Discussion
11:10 – 11:25	Coffee Break
Session V	National Pathways to Gender Mainstreaming and Entrepreneurial development: Access to STEM education, Technology, Capacity Building and Finance Channels
Moderator:	Mr. Omar Abu Eid, Energy, Environment & Climate Change Programme Manager, Delegation of the European Union to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Rapporteur:	Mr. Ahmad Diab, UN-ESCWA
11:25 – 11:45	Micro Financing and Small Grants: Presenting Case Studies Ms. Jaleela Smadi, Jerasa Charitable Society for Women, GEF small grants program
11:45 – 12:05	STEM Education for Women, Vocational Training and Strengthening the Link Between Higher Education and the Job Market Ms. Majd Batarseh, Assitant Professor, Electrical Engineering, Princess Sumaya University for Technology
12:05 – 12:25	Empowering Rural Women in all the Agricultural Food Processing Chains Mr. Fadi Jaber, Secretary-General, Arab Federation for Food Industries

12:25 – 12:55	<p>Challenge to Opportunity: Women and Youth Driving Inclusive Employment and Entrepreneurship in RE & EE Sector in Jordan An open discussion, Eng Mohammad Ramadan, Project Team Leader, with the energy ambassadors from the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development project in Jordan (SEED)</p>
12:55 – 13:15	<p>Q&A and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What indicators can be developed to support local, sub-national and national institutions in developing context-based policies and actions? How to develop these indicators? ➤ How is access to finance linked to rural development and gender mainstreaming? ➤ Does collaboration between national players and stakeholders generate an output that is greater than the sum of its parts? ➤ What methods can be applied to integrate societal and cultural considerations when approaching gender mainstreaming and rural development?
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch
Session VI	Panel discussion on promoting integrated approaches to address gender empowerment and gender equality in the renewable energy sector in Jordan: Way Forward
Moderator:	Ms. Radia Sedaoui, UN-ESCWA
Rapporteur:	Mr. Jil Amine, UN-ESCWA
14:15 – 14:35	<p>Rural Development and Empowerment through Renewable Energy Technologies: REGEND's pilot Projects Mr. Iyad Muslih, UN-ESCWA Consultant</p>
14:35 – 15:00	<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Where do you identify the most potential for introducing and implementing gender mainstreaming in the energy sector and what are the main challenges and barriers? ➤ Are there any statistics or data that track the implementation of gender mainstreaming and what are your suggestions or recommendations to develop such baseline and indicators? ➤ How can the developed renewable energy capacity be leveraged not only for renewable energy entrepreneurship, but also to boost and create current and new productive activities that support women empowerment and improve their lives? ➤ What gender mainstreaming and human rights action plans and recommendations can be recommended to policy makers, government and local institutions for the energy sector? ➤ What are the recommended main themes to develop capacity building programs around to be implemented by the REGEND Project?
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 – 15:25	<p>Summary of Key Messages and Recommendations for the Way Forward Ms. Radia Sedaoui, UN-ESCWA</p>
15:25 – 15:30	<p>End of Day 2 and Closing Remarks Ms. Radia Sedaoui, UN-ESCWA Mr. Zeyad Alsaada, MEMR</p>