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Expert Group Meeting on “*Technological Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the Role of Science and Technology Parks for Sustainable Development in the Arab Countries*”

Royal Scientific Society, Amman, Jordan, 26-28 November 2019

Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday 26 November 2019	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Nael Al Mulki, ESCWA Technology Centre (ETC), Jordan - Mr. Ayad Jalloul, R&D Department, AIDMO, Morocco - Ms. Nibal Idelbi, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA, Lebanon
09:45 – 11:30	Session 1: National Innovation and Entrepreneurship Ecosystems: Gaps and Effective Solutions. Examine gaps specific to the region in running a productive innovation ecosystem. Thereafter explore and prioritize key solutions with the highest impact while accounting for realistic constraints (feasibility, resources and willingness). Moderator: Mr. Amr Farouk Abdelkhalik, Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, Egypt <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Challenges and Opportunities for Arab Women and Youth in the Arab region Speakers: Ms. Nibal Idelbi, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Arif Yousif, Murgan Incubator, National Bureau of Graduates Employment (NBGE), Sudan
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 2: Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development in the Arab Region</p> <p>Share successful public and private initiatives in supporting the youth innovation harnessing science and technology; best practices.</p> <p>Moderator: Fouad Mrad, ESCWA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Sherine Abdelraouf, Electronics Research Institute (ERI-SCI), Egypt - Mr. Najm Alhemi, Business Incubators and Accelerators Company (BIAC), Saudi Arabia
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Lunch Break</p>
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Session 3: Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Arab Region</p> <p>Representatives of SMEs are supposed to present their national and/or regional experiences and tackle the social, financial, or governmental challenges they face in the region. Accordingly, they should state their expectations of ESCWA and Arab Governments</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Adel AlGhaberi, Economic Development & Integration Division, ESCWA</p> <p>Speakers: Representative SME Cases from Arab countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Hinda Sahnoun, Founder, Educ'Art - Ms. Rasha AlEid, Founder, Al Juman Factory - Ms. Farah Al Gharib, Executive Director and Environmental and Public Health Consultant, Precision & Choice - Ms. Ayat AlQaralleh, Founder, KISR
15:30 – 15:45	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:45 – 16:30	<p>Session 4: SME Digital Enabling Portal Overview</p> <p>New ESCWA SME Portal for the Arab Region serves as a one-stop-shop for information needed by SMEs including national legislations and procedures for setting up businesses, sources of available funding, capacity building for entrepreneurs, and accessing foreign markets. This session demonstrates a pilot of the portal and discusses its various design specifications, content and added value</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Fouad Mrad, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Adel AlGhaberi, Economic Development & Integration Division, ESCWA</p>
<p>Day 2: Wednesday 27 November 2019</p>	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 5: Technology Development and Transfer Offices for Knowledge Commercialization and Employment</p> <p>Explore enabling conditions for the successful and effective management of a national technology transfer office (NTTO). Discuss most relevant performance indicators for effective NTTO</p>

	<p>Moderator: Ms. Nibal Idelbi, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Korany Abd Allah, National Research Center, Egypt - Mr. Nizar Al Halasah, Innovation Systems, Habibi Valtiberina, Association (HVA), Jordan - Ms. Dalal Boresli, Technology Transfer Office, National Technology Enterprise Company(NTEC), Kuwait - Mr. Moez Safta, The National Agency for the Advancement of Scientific Research (ANPR), Tunisia
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:30	<p>Session 6: Regional Cooperation Framework in Technology Development and Transfer</p> <p>Showcase the benefits of collaboration. Especially in the regional context with existing mechanisms. Identify needed pillars to enable and sustain a productive regional network of established NTTTO's.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Fouad Mrad, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Amr Farouk Abdelkhalek Moustafa, Academy of Scientific Research & Technology (ASRT), Egypt - Mr. Ilyas Azzioui, Innovation & technology Transfer Unit, National Center for Scientific Research & Technology (CNRST), Morocco - Mr. Obaid Al Saeedi, Research Programs, The Research Council (TRC), Oman - Mr. Mohamed Ali, Digital Economic Department, Africa City of Technology (ACT), Sudan - Mr. Majd Aljamali, Higher Commission for Scientific Research(HCSR), Syria - Mr. Chedly Abdelly, National Agency for the Advancement of Scientific Research (ANPR), Tunisia
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:30	<p>Session 7: Regional Entities Supporting Innovation and Entrepreneurship & Potential Regional Initiatives</p> <p>Overview of different available initiatives by various regional organizations for supporting entrepreneurs in delivering innovative solutions to the market.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ayad Jalloul, R&D Department, AIDMO, Morocco</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Amir Hassan Abu Bakr Bashir, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, Sudan - Mr. Bassam Alfeeli. KFAS, Kuwait - Mr. Ayman Kayssi, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon - Mr. Jorge Martinez Navarrete, Innovation & Communication Technology, UN Technology

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Day 3: Thursday 28 November 2019	
09:00 – 11:30	<p>Session 8: Role of Science and Technology Parks in the Adaptation, Transfer and Acquisition of Technology in the Arab Region</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Hala Elkady, National Research Center, Egypt</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Nael Al Mulki, ESCWA Technology Centre (ETC), Jordan - Ms. Maysoun Ibrahim, Higher Council for Innovation & Excellence (HCIE), Palestine - Mr. Fadhl Al-Nozaily, Water and Environment Centre, Sana'a University, Yemen - Mr. Salim Chahine, Talal and Madiha Zein Innovation Park, AUB, Lebanon - Ms. Fatima El Habti, Innovation Cities and Clusters Development Service, Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy, Morocco
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 9: Technology Incubators and Science Parks in Promoting Sustainable Industrial Development</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Abed Almotolib Othman, Advisor to the Egyptian Minister of Industry, Egypt</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ayad Jalloul, R&D Department, AIDMO, Morocco - Mr. Baha'a Eldeen Alzubaidy, Industrial Research and Development Authority, Ministry of Industry and Minerals, Iraq - Mr. Korany Abd Allah, National Research Center, Egypt - Mr. Osama Dewedar, Researcher of Agricultural Engineering, Member of Technology, Innovation Commercialization Office, National Research Center, Egypt - Mr. Mohammad Al Khaldi, Economic Activities, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, Jordan
13:00 - 13:15	Coffee Break
13:15 – 13:45	<p>Session 10: Support the Acceleration of Innovation Initiatives and Harnessing Frontier Technologies for Entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Nael Al Mulki, ESCWA Technology Centre (ETC), Jordan and Mr. Fouad Mrad, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA, Lebanon</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mohammad Oqeili, Ghoorcom, Jordan - Mr. Kareem Hassan, BENAA foundation, Egypt

15:45 – 14:00	Session 11: Conclusion and Way Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Ayad Jalloul, R&D Department, AIDMO, Morocco- Mr. Fouad Mrad, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA, Lebanon- Ms. Nibal Idelbi, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA, Lebanon- Mr. Nael Al Mulki, ESCWA Technology Centre (ETC), Jordan
14:00 – 15:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>