

Second Regional Trainers of Trainers on Statistical Literacy and Capacity Building for MDGs Hammamet, 23-31 July 2007

Background information

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Tunisia and under the umbrella of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) are organizing a regional training of trainers as part of the project on "Statistical Literacy and Capacity Building for MDG Monitoring at the Country Level." The workshop will be held at Diar Lemdina Hotel in Hammamet, Tunisia from 23 to 31 July 2007.

The project is a global initiative, which ESCWA is implementing in the three Arab countries namely Palestine, Jordan and Tunisia. The objectives are to enhance MDG statistical literacy among national stakeholders, to ensure that the production of data is tailored to the needs of policy-makers, and to promote the use of MDG statistics to advocate for policy change. Overall the project aims to have better access to statistics and to enhance the skills required to make more effective use of data in the policy making process. It also provides tools to help develop a more inclusive MDG-based national development strategy

Training Content

The training aims to enhance statistical capacity and literacy at the national level and will cover (i) The Millennium Development Goals and monitoring indicators; (ii) sources, methods and metadata; (iii) basic statistical analysis. The training is a mixture of lectures, practical exercises, and discussions based on a statistical literacy course entitled "Indicators for Policy Management." It also includes modules to country trainers to develop, plan, and deliver customized training within respective countries.

The opening will be held on Monday 23 July at 9.00 at Diar Lemdina Hotel. The training sessions will be held daily from 8.30 till 16.30.

Expected Outputs

There are two outputs which participants are expected to deliver by the end of the training:

1. A project on "MDGs in Your Country." To that end, familiarity with the country's national policy issues and data is required.
2. A base plan for training at the country level which will be developed by the country teams at the meeting.

Required reading

In order to better prepare for the outputs of the meeting, background reading is necessary. It is highly recommended that participants familiarize themselves with their country's development strategies and other policy-related documents.

Participants

Representatives from the national statistical office in Tunisia, and government ministries as well as a range of stakeholders from the civil society will be invited to attend. Participants will be trained as trainers for the subsequent country roll-out of the project. Representatives from NGOs, training institutions, and UN agencies will also be present at the workshop.

Working language

The working language of the workshop is Arabic; no simultaneous interpretation will be made available.

Venue and Accommodation of participants

Arrangements have been made with the Diar Lemdina Hotel (5 star) for hosting the event and lodging the participants.

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Phone: 216 72 24 10 00; Fax: 216 72 24 01 33.

Accommodation will be covered by ESCWA in accordance with UN rules and regulations. All participants are expected to stay at the hotel.

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