



**Inter-agency and Expert Group Meeting on Gender and the Millennium
Development Goals in the Arab Region**

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The Inter-agency and Expert Group Meeting on Gender and the Millennium Development Goals in the Arab Region (Cairo, 10-11 September 2007) is being organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme Regional Bureau for Arab States (UNDP-RBAS), and in partnership with the following regional and international organizations: the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), International Labour Organization (ILO), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), World Bank, and the World Health Organization (WHO). The meeting is convened under the umbrella of the inter-agency project "Toward More Gender-responsive MDG Monitoring and Reporting in the Arab Region" coordinated by ESCWA.

The objective of the meeting is to forge a common framework of priority gender issues and indicators needed for more gender-responsive monitoring and reporting on the MDGs. The outcome of the meeting is a recommended list of priority gender issues and gender-sensitive indicators, and recommendations for improving data availability, monitoring and reporting from a gender perspective and establishing a common platform for knowledge management and information sharing in the Arab region.

The meeting is directed at middle and high-level statisticians from selected Arab national statistical offices, gender experts and statisticians from specialized UN agencies, academia, research centres, and national women's machineries, and other relevant institutions who have the responsibility for gender statistics in their respective offices.

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