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**Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

Expert Consultation on SDG6 Indicators  
Beirut, 21 December 2016

**AGENDA**

*Wednesday, 21 December 2016*

9:15-9:30      **Registration**  
*The meeting will be held at the United Nations House in Room 500. Kindly allow time to collect your access badge at the front entrance. Participants are kindly requested to bring their passport, airline ticket boarding stub and all other travel-related receipts with them to the meeting.*

9:30-9:45      **Opening Statements**

Moderator:      *Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief, Economic Statistics, Statistics Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)*

- Mr. Juraj Riecan, Director, Statistics Division, ESCWA
- Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

Tour de table

Review of the Agenda – *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Chief, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*

**Session I      The Water-related Sustainable Development Goals, Targets and Indicators**

Moderator:      *Ms. Roula Majdalani, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*

9:45-10:15      • Review of the Water-related Sustainable Development Goals and Targets, including SDG6 with respect to the MDG+ Initiative and the water-energy-food security nexus  
- *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA*  
- *Interventions by MDG+ Initiative Focal Points*

Discussion

10:15-10:45      • Review of the work of the United Nations Statistical Commission and Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goals (IAEG-SDGs), and particularly on the water-related SDG indicators  
- *Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA*  
- *Interventions by IAEG-SDGs and HLG Members*

**Wednesday, 21 December 2016 (continued)**

Discussion

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

**Session II Discussion of Selected SDG6 Targets and Indicators within the Arab Context**

Moderators: *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA and Mr. Ali Karnib, Water and Sanitation Expert, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*

11:00-11:45 • SDG 6.1 – By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all

*Points for discussion:*

- *Universal and equitable: water supply intermittency*
- *Safe: drinking water quality*
- *Affordable: piped, off-network, bottled, desalination*

11:45-12:30 • SDG 6.3 – By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally

*Points for discussion:*

- *Improved water quality: surface, ground, fossil; pollution & salinity*
- *Recycling/safe reuse: treated wastewater reuse for pollution prevention and health*
- *Treated wastewater as a nonconventional water resource in water scarce regions*

12:30-12:45 Coffee Break

12:45-13:15 • SDG 6.4 – By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity

*Points for discussion:*

- *Ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity: through water use efficiency (only)*
- *Reduce number of people suffering from water scarcity: proposed additional indicator 6.4.3*
- *Demographic dynamics (nationals/residents; refugees; urban/rural)*

13:15-13:45 • 6.a – By 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies

*Point for discussion:*

- *Expand international cooperation and capacity-building support: should support and/or achievement be quantified*
- *Government expenditures in the water sector: investments, water accounting tools*

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13:45-14:00      Coffee Break

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**Session III      Next Steps and Recommendations**

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Moderator: *Mr. Juraj Riecan, Statistics Division, ESCWA*

- 14:00-14:20      • Country-level follow-up on the water-related SDGs  
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Discussion

- 14:20-14:40      Additional issues for consideration  
                         - *Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA*

Discussion

- 14:40-15:00      • Review of proposed recommendations for follow-up  
                         - *Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA*

Discussion

- 15:00-15:15      Closing Statements
- Mr. Juraj Riecan, Director, Statistics Division, ESCWA
  - Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

15:15              End of Meeting

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