



Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Seminar on Means of Implementing the Environmental Dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Palestine

Kempinski Hotel, Amman – Jordan, 5 – 6 February 2019

AGENDA

Expected Learning Outcomes:

- Increased knowledge and understanding of:
 - The Sustainable Development Goals and the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda.
 - Global, regional and national environmental frameworks and trends on environmental SDG targets and indicators.
 - Key steps and processes to facilitate national implementation of environmental SDGs, including target and indicator prioritization, target setting and mainstreaming, localization, and monitoring and review.
 - Tools and approaches for measuring progress on SDG targets and indicators, enhancing policy coherence, and policy evaluation.

- Enhanced capacity to:
 - Undertake initial stages of implementation of the environmental dimension of the 2030 agenda and SDGs, including prioritization, localization and alignment with national planning, budgeting and monitoring.
 - Clearly identify and outline the main environmental goals, targets, and indicators in the SDGs.
 - Clearly articulate key environmental issues, targets and indicators of priority for Palestine, and options for mainstreaming and follow-up.

Day 1: Tuesday, 5 February 2019

08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:45	<p>INTRODUCTORY SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome remarks by ESCWA - Welcome remarks by Palestine - Tour de Table <p>Introduction, Outline of Agenda, Course Expectations</p>
09:45 - 11:00	<p>SESSION 1 - Introduction to Implementation of the SDGs</p> <p>Presentation 1: Introduction to the SDGs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Components of the 2030 Agenda 2. Vision and Principles 3. Results Framework – SDGs 4. Implementation (MoI and Partnerships) 5. Follow-up & Review <p>Discussion – initial Q&A</p> <p>Presentation 2: National implementation of the 2030 Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of guidance manuals and tools to assist national implementation 2. Key steps in national implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs <p>Discussion: Palestine’s efforts in the 2030 Agenda and SDG implementation process. Highlights from the Palestinian VNR, national implementation steps, alignment of national plans and strategies etc.</p> <p>Exercise: Where is Palestine up to in the 2030 Agenda implementation process?</p>
11:00 - 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 12:00	<p>SESSION 2(a) – ‘Deep-Dive’ on initial steps for SDG implementation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institutional settings and stakeholder engagement 2. SDG target and indicator prioritisation 3. Target setting and localisation 4. Mainstreaming of priority SDG targets 5. Aligning national work plans, budgets and reporting with the SDGs and accountability and follow-up 6. Case studies from the Arab region <p>Discussion – Q&A</p>

12:00 - 13:00	<p>SESSION 2(b) Environmental Dimension of the SDGs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of the environmental dimension in the SDGs 2. Summary of environmental goals, targets and indicators 3. MEAs and synergies 4. Assessing priority environmental targets for the Arab region 5. Environmental statistics and SDG indicators <p>Explanation of exercises and template for subsequent sessions</p> <p>Discussion – Q&A</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:10	<p>SESSION 3: SDGs 2 and 6 - Food Security and Water</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction/background 2. Key environmental targets and indicators 3. Global, regional, national trends and challenges 4. Relevant global, regional, national agreements plan and reports 5. Potential policy measures or actions 6. Interlinkages with other SDGs and targets <p>Exercise: Score or rank SDG targets and indicators of priority for Palestine.</p>
15:10 - 15:30	Break
15:30 - 16:45	<p>SESSION 4: SDG7 and 13 - Energy and Climate Action</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction/background 2. Key environmental targets and indicators 3. Global, regional, national trends and challenges 4. Relevant global, regional, national agreements plan and reports 5. Potential policy measures or actions 6. Interlinkages with other SDGs and targets <p>Exercise: Score or rank SDG targets and indicators of priority for Palestine</p>
16:45 - 17:00	Day 1 – Discussion and Q&A
17:00	End of day 1

Day 2: Wednesday, 6 February 2019

09:00 - 09:15	Recap
09:15 – 10:45	<p>SESSION 5: SDGs 11 and 12 Sustainable Cities and Infrastructure & SCP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction/background 2. Key environmental targets and indicators 3. Global, regional, national trends and challenges 4. Relevant global, regional, national agreements plan and reports 5. Potential policy measures or actions 6. Interlinkages with other SDGs and targets <p>Exercise: Score or rank SDG targets and indicators of priority for Palestine</p>
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 13:00	<p>SESSION 6: SDGs 14 and 15 - Ocean and Terrestrial Biodiversity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction/background 2. Key environmental targets and indicators 3. Global, regional, national trends and challenges 4. Relevant global, regional, national agreements plan and reports 5. Potential policy measures or actions 6. Interlinkages with other SDGs and targets <p>Exercise: Score or rank SDG targets and indicators of priority for Palestine</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00– 15:30	<p>SESSION 7: ‘Deep-Dive’ – advanced tools and approaches for measuring progress, enhancing policy coherence, and policy evaluation and assessment of investment needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicator- and target-based assessment and reporting of progress on the SDGs – international case studies • Policy coherence and assessing interlinkages • Advanced analytical and modelling tools for national SDG planning and evaluation of policies and investment needs – case study from Australia <p>Discussion – Q&A</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Presentation of results from exercises</p> <p>Discussion</p>
16:30-17:00	<p>Final Remarks</p> <p>Close and end of Seminar</p>