



**Workshop on  
Fostering Innovation in the Public Sectors of Arab Countries**  
30-31 October 2017, Sonesta Hotel, Cairo, Egypt

*Under the patronage of Her Excellency Dr. Hala Helmy El Said, the Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform, Egypt*

**Agenda**

<b>Day One</b>	<b>Monday, 30 October 2017</b>	
08:15 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>09:00–09:30</b>	<b>Opening</b>	
	ESCWA welcoming remarks	<i>Dr. Nibal Idlebi, ESCWA</i>
	Minister Speech	<i>H.E. Dr. Hala Helmy El Said</i>
<b>09:30–10:30</b>	<b>Session I- Chairperson: Dr. Saleh El Sheikh – Deputy of H.E. Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform, Egypt</b>	
	Public Innovation in Egypt: Current status and future prospects	<i>Prof. Mahmoud Sakr, Egypt</i>
	Bahrain steps toward public sector innovation	<i>Dr. Zakareya Al Khaja, Bahrain</i>
	Discussion	
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>11:00 –12:45</b>	<b>Session II - Public Sector Innovation: concepts, challenges and benefits (what and why)</b> <i>Chairperson: Dr. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of Innovation Section, UN-ESCWA</i>	
	Innovate what? and why?	<i>Dr. Dimitris Gouscos, University of Athens</i>
	United Arab Emirates Government Innovation	<i>Ms. Nourhan Ahmed, United Arab Emirates</i>
	Discussion	
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break &amp; Networking</i>	
<b>14:00: - 15:45</b>	<b>Session III –Public Sector Innovation: types, steps and suitability</b> <i>Chairperson: Dr. Najwa El Shenawi, Undersecretary, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Egypt</i>	
	Innovate by whom, when, where and how	<i>Dr. Dimitris Gouscos, University of Athens</i>
	Innovation in the Public Sector of Jordan	<i>Ms. Nesreen Harahsheh, Jordan</i>
	Discussion	
15:45 – 16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>16:15 - 17:15</b>	<b>Session IV–European perspective for advanced government services</b> <i>Chairperson: Dr. Ahmad Bassel Alkheshi, Director, National Information Center, Syria</i>	
	European e-government strategies as a global exemplar	<i>Mr. Jeremy Millard, Denmark</i>
	European Standards for Innovation Management as a roadmap for fostering innovation in Arabic countries	<i>Dr. Awadh Alharbi, Saudi Arabia</i>
	Discussion	



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<b>09:00–10:30</b>	<b>Session V - Open government linkage to public sector innovation</b> <i>Chairperson: Dr. Ashraf Abdel Wahab, Manager, Microsoft, Egypt</i>	
	Open Government: Concept & Models	<b>Ms. Lize Denner, ESCWA</b>
	The ESCWA Open Government Framework for the Arab countries	<b>Dr. Nibal Idlebi, ESCWA</b>
	Developing and implementing e-participation, open government and open data road map	<b>Mr. Jeremy Millard, Denmark</b>
	Discussion	
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>11:00–12:30</b>	<b>Session VI –Public Sector Innovation: Challenge Yourself</b> <i>Chairperson: Dr. Wasim Hajjar, Judge, Ministry of Justice, Lebanon</i>	
	Public Sector Innovation: Challenging Ourselves	<b>Dr. Dimitris Gouscos, University of Athens</b>
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<i>Lunch break &amp; Networking</i>	
<b>14:00–15:00</b>	<b>Session VII –Public sector innovation and the demands of the SDGs</b> <i>Chairperson: Mr. Slaheddine Maaref, Senior Advisor, ITU-Arab Regional Office</i>	
	Achieving the SDGs: the key role of ICT, innovation and partnership	<b>Mr. Mohamed Ben Amor, AICTO</b>
	Public Sector Innovation in Egypt	<b>Dr. Karim Hamzah, Egypt</b>
	Innovation for fostering e-Government in Sudan	<b>Dr. Mohamad Abdelrahim Yassin, Sudan</b>
	Discussion	
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>15:30– 16:30</b>	<b>Session VIII - Conclusion</b> <i>Dr. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of Innovation Section, UN-ESCWA</i> <i>Mr. Ahmad Kamal, Minister Advisor, Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform, Egypt</i>	
	Discussions	