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The 7th ESCWA Technology Centre's Technical Committee Meeting
Amman, Jordan on 29 July 2019

Information Note

I. Background

ESCWA Technology Centre (ETC) is a specialized regional centre and a subsidiary body of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA) established in 2010 by ESCWA in implementation of ECOSOC Resolution 5/2010 on July 2010. ETC is hosted by the government of Jordan at the Royal Scientific Society in Amman, Jordan and is supported by the Higher Council for Science and Technology.

ETC is committed to help ESCWA member countries in implementing global policy frameworks, notably the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by developing their capabilities in Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI). ETC provides its member countries with needed capacity development, capabilities to develop and manage national systems; develop, transfer, adapt and apply technology; determine the suitable technology for the region and facilitate its development and improve the legal and commercial framework for the transfer of technology. The Centre also aims at enhancing the technological and scientific knowledge content of major economic sectors in member countries and responds to countries requested advisory services, supporting their implementation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In accordance with the ETC statute, a technical committee is formed annually consisting of experts from ESCWA member countries and from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

ETC Technical Committee

As per the statute of the Centre, The Centre shall have a Technical Committee consisting of experts from members of the ESCWA and from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. the Technical Committee shall be responsible for advising the Executive Director on the formulation of the programme of work and on other technical matters concerning the Centre's operations. Reports of meetings of the Technical Committee, and the Executive Director's observations thereon, shall be submitted to the Board at its next session. The chair at each meeting of the Technical Committee shall be elected by the majority vote of those members of the Technical Committee present and voting.

II. Context of ETC Technical Committee

ETC sets its program of work based on identified key regional technological priorities, as discussed and agreed upon during the different ETC organized Expert Group Meetings (EGMs), Technical Committee Meeting, and approval of ETC Board of Governors.

Hence, based on the outcome of key ETC meetings of 2018/2019 (specifically ETC 6th Technical Committee Meeting, the 8th Board of Governors Meeting and the Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Green Technology Investments and Access to Sustainable Financing in the Arab Region), participants stressed on the importance of promoting the transfer, adaptation and scaling-up of innovative technologies in the agricultural sector due to its significant role in reducing poverty and improving food security in rural and remote areas. Furthermore, participants asked ETC to explore green technologies to address conflict solid waste management.

Within this context, ETC is organizing its 7th Technical Committee Meeting on 29 July 2019 back to back with ESCWA Technology Centre's Expert Group Meeting on Green Technology Transfer, Adaptation and Investment Required for Implementing SDG 12: Sustainable Consumption and Production that will be held during 30-31 July 2019.

III. Objectives of the meeting

The objective of the Technical Committee Meeting is to seek guidance on the focus areas of the centre and its work program for the coming years based on the identified key technological priorities. The meeting participants will be informed on ETC progress in the work plan. In addition, the participants will benefit from the EGM presentation of three technical reports that ETC is developing on green technology transfer, adaptation and investment required for implementing sustainable development goals with a special focus on SDG-12. The specific objectives of the meeting are:

- To deliberate and share experience on innovative green technologies that are considered imperative to promote sustainable development;
- To discuss the needed appropriate technologies for member countries that could assist in achieving their national development plans
- To guide ETC in prioritizing its focus areas on technology transfer and adaptation for achieving the agenda 2030 and its goals for the coming years.

The outcome and key messages of the technical committee will be used to develop the ETC proposed work program for the coming years. The proposed work program and the report of the meeting will be further reviewed and discussed by ETC Board of Governors in their next regular meeting in November 2019. This technical committee meeting will be followed by an expert group meeting on “Green Technology Transfer, Adaptation and Investment Required for Implementing SDG 12: Sustainable Consumption and Production “taking place back to back with the TCM.

IV. Participants

Participants in the meeting include technical experts from the region in various sectors engaged in technology related fields, representing stakeholders from the academic and research institutions, agricultural, industrial, and public and private sectors. International experts and organizations will be also invited to participate in the

meeting. Participants include members of the Coordination Committee of Industrial Research Centers that is organized by Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO).

V. Partnerships and Side Events

The Technical Committee Meeting and the EGM are organized by ESCWA in collaboration with the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), UN Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries and Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO).

An interactive exhibition/display will be showcasing examples of green technologies that could be applied in member countries to enhance implementation of SDG 12. Space is available for institutions to display information if a request is received before end of June 2019.

In addition, the National Council for Scientific Research - Lebanon (CNRS-L) will introduce their hosted initiative “DAWReK’N” “دوركُن” (Dynamic Actions for Women in Research and Knowledge) which aims to support Lebanese female researchers.

VI. Organization of the meeting

A. Date and venue

The Meeting will be held on Monday 29 July 2019 at Kempinski Hotel in Amman, Jordan. Participants are kindly requested to arrive at 9:00 am on 29th July 2019 to register for the meeting which will promptly start at 9:30 am with the opening session. The meeting will be followed by an Expert Group Meeting during 30-31 July 2019.

B. Language of the session

The meeting will be conducted in the Arabic and English languages. Simultaneous interpretation from and into Arabic and English will be available.

C. Registration

Invited experts are kindly requested to submit their completed meeting registration form (attached) before 28th June 2019.

D. Travel

Air travel reservation and ticketing for sponsored participants will be arranged by ESCWA. Roundtrip tickets will be issued in economy class on the least expensive route in accordance with United Nations Financial Rules and Regulations. Participants attending the meeting at their own cost are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Sponsored participants will receive a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) to cover the cost of their hotel, meals and incidental expenses, in addition to a fixed terminal expenses allowance to cover their airport transfers.

Sponsored participants are kindly requested to bring with them on the first day of the meeting their passport, a copy of their airline ticket and original boarding pass. Participants from Palestine are also requested to bring their bridge crossing fee receipt.

E. Accommodation

The meeting will be held in Kempinski hotel Amman. Preferential rates for participants accommodation at Kempinski (Single Room–70 JOD, Double Room-75 JOD, Res: Hasan.Alrantisi@kempinski.com, rates are

subject to 10% Service Charge and 16% Sales tax). Participants are requested to arrange their own accommodation-

F. Entry Visas

Participants are requested to secure their own visas for travel to Jordan, as may be necessary. ESCWA can coordinate with the Government of Jordan to assist in obtaining entry visas only for those participants who are unable to secure visas in their home countries. Those who need assistance in this matter should send ETC a request with a color scanned copy of their national passport containing all the required information no later than 28th June 2019.

G. Correspondence

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