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UNDA project, on “Up-scaling Energy Efficiency in the residential and services sectors in the Arab Region”

National Seminar on: “Launching of the baseline mapping study of the energy use situation in the buildings sector in Tunisia”, 5 February 2019 –Tunis - Tunisia

INFORMATION NOTE

The economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) is organizing, in collaboration with the Tunisian Agency for Energy Conservation (ANME), a national seminar focusing on the methodologies for developing the baseline mapping study of the energy use situation in the buildings sector in Tunisia. The seminar will be held in Tunis, Tunisia, on the 5th of February 2019, to launch the baseline mapping study for Tunisia.

1. Background information

This national seminar is an activity scheduled in the UN Development Account (UNDA) project on “*Up-scaling Energy Efficiency in the residential and services sectors in the Arab Region*”. The objective of this project is to substantially enhance the capacity of ESCWA Member States in improving and optimizing energy efficiency in the building sector and up-scaling energy efficiency programs in the existing residential and non-residential building stock.

The project will build on existing work that has been undertaken or is currently being implemented in the region, and elsewhere, to help the relevant institutions in three pilot countries, including Tunisia, develop the needed instruments and tools to set up effective large-scale implementation schemes for improving the existing buildings thermal quality and for dissemination of higher EE appliances and products.

2. Objectives and topics of the Seminar

The objective of this national seminar is to launch the baseline mapping study in Tunisia which would include the identification of stakeholders, current status of residential and services sectors energy consumption, existing programmes, policies and strategies etc. The study will be conducted by a team of one (01) international consultant (IC) and one (01) national consultant (NC), in collaboration with the Tunisian Agency for Energy Conservation (ANME) and will consist of a comprehensive baseline mapping including the following:

- ✓ Identification of key stakeholders in the residential and services sectors
- ✓ A preliminary assessment of the residential and services sectors share of the overall national energy

consumption

- ✓ Socio-economic and energy characterization of the existing building stock, by branch of activities. This characterization would cover present and future possible evolutions and would include a gender assessment identifying key gender issues associated with each branch of activities.
- ✓ Assessment of existing EE programmes, knowhow and capacities in the country, as well as potential local financing tools.
- ✓ Identification of possible institutional options to insure the implementation of the project within each member country, including the development of Super ESCO structures
- ✓ Assessment of the energy pricing tariffs that are in place, and their eventual deviation from “real” energy prices (existing of subsidies, special pricing schedules, etc.)
- ✓ Comparative review of existing energy policies and strategies best practices in selected countries in order to identify key policy gaps and/or barriers.

The outputs of this mapping exercise will constitute the basis for the remaining activities and will help in defining the main axis and players for conducting the EE actions in the building sector.

The seminar will discuss the importance of this mapping exercise and present the methodologies that were retained to complete the various tasks, and the role that various stakeholders can play to contribute to the success of this exercise.

3. Participants

ESCWA and ANME will seek the participation in the seminar of representatives of the main stakeholders that will be solicited during the development of the baseline mapping study in Tunisia, and engage in a discussion with them to kick off this activity.

4. Date and Venue

The seminar will be held in Tunis, Tunisia on the 5th of February 2019 at Hotel Paris Concorde, Berges du Lac, Tunis - Tunisia.

Registration is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on the day of the seminar, and the opening session shall be at 09:00 a.m.

5. Language of the Seminar

Seminar materials will be presented in either Arabic or French.

6. Correspondence

All correspondence related to the seminar is to be sent to either of the two addresses:

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