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Innovation Policies for SDGs in the Arab Region
Amman, 15-19 April 2018
At Kempinski Hotel

Draft AGENDA

Sunday, 15 April 2018

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

Session I Welcome and Course Introduction

9:00 – 09:30 *Moderator: Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of Innovation Section, UN-ESCWA*

Speech of Hosting Country

- *Mr. Fawaz El Karmi, Secretary General Assistant for Scientific and Technological Affairs, The Higher Council for Science and Technology, Jordan*

Speech of the UN Interagency Task Team on STI for the SDGs -Work Stream 6

- *Mr. Dimo Calovski, Senior Expert on Innovation Policy, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*

ESCWA Speech

- *Mr. Haidar Fraihat, Director, Technology for Development Division, UN-ESCWA*

Theme I STI for SDGs: A Conceptual Framework

09:30 – 11:00 Introduction to Innovation: Role of STI for Growth and Sustainable Development (1.01)
- *Mr. Dimo Calovski, Senior Expert on Innovation Policy, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

STI for SDGs: A Conceptual Framework - Continued

11:30 – 13:00 Creative Destruction, Disruption and Role of Change (1.2)
- *Mr. Dimo Calovski, UNCTAD*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30 Innovation Theory and Concepts, National Systems of Innovation (NSI) and the SDGs (1.3)
- *Mr. Dimo Calovski, UNCTAD*

- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00 – 17:30 The Innovation Landscape in Arab Countries (1.4)
- *Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of Innovation Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)*
- End of Day 1**

Monday, 16 April 2018

STI for SDGs: A Conceptual Framework - Continued

- 9:00 – 10:30 Science, Technology & Innovation in the 2030 Development Agenda (1.5)
- *Ms. Shyama Ramani, Professional Fellow, UNU-Merit*
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:30 R&D, Innovation & Economic Growth (1.6)
- *Mr. Ludovico Alcorta, Research Fellow, UNU-Merit*
- Role of R&D in innovation and economic growth (1.6a);
 - Role and importance of public investment in STI (1.6b);
 - Integrating R&D investments into development policy (1.6c)
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 – 15:00 Tapping into Global Knowledge Flows (1.7)
- *Ms. Shyama Ramani, UNU-Merit*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

Theme II Design and Implementation of Innovation Policies

- 15:30 – 17:00 The Policy Content and Process in an SDG Context: Objectives, Instruments, Capabilities and Stages (2.1a)
- *Mr. Ludovico Alcorta, UNU-Merit*
- Human Capacity Building: Education, Vocational and Skilled Labor Promoting Policies (2.1b)
- *Ms. Nibal Idlebi, ESCWA*
- End of Day 2**

Tuesday, 17 April 2018

Design and Implementation of Innovation Policies – Continued

- 09:00-10:30 Moderator: - *Mr. Ludovico Alcorta, Research Fellow, UNU-Merit*
- Diversification into New Sectors: Approaches and Mechanisms (2.2a)
- *Mr. Clovis Freire, Economic Affairs Officer, Policy Analysis, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)*
- Entrepreneurship Ecosystem in the Arab region (2.2b)
- *Ms. Nibal Idlebi, ESCWA*

- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:30 Role of Intellectual Property Rights in STI at Different Stages of Development (2.3)
- *Ms. Tamara Nanayakkara, Counsellor, SMEs and Entrepreneurship Support Division, Department for Transition and Developed Countries, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)*
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 – 15:00 Fostering Technology Transfer: Role, Absorption Capacity, Channels and Promotion Instruments (2.4a)
- *Mr. Dimo Calovski, UNCTAD*
- The Establishment of Technology Transfer Offices in selected Arab Countries (2.4b)
- *Ms. Nibal Idlebi, ESCWA*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 – 16:30 STI Policy Instruments: Procurement and Finance (2.5)
- *Mr. Ludovico Alcorta, UNU-Merit*
- Stimulating Demand for Innovation, through public procurement (2.5a)
 - Financing Innovation: Access and Incentives (2.5b)
- End of Day 3**

Wednesday, 18 April 2018

Design and Implementation of Innovation Policies – Continued

- 09:00 – 10:30 Sectoral Dynamics of STI Policies (2.6a)
- *Mr. Fernando Santiago Rodriguez, Research and Industrial Policy Officer, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)*
- *Mr. Ritin Korla, Associate Expert, Innovation, UNIDO*
- Emerging Issues in STI Policy for ISID (2.6b)
- *Mr. Fernando Santiago Rodriguez, UNIDO*
- *Mr. Ritin Korla, UNIDO*
- 10:00 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 12:30 Spatial Dimensions of STI Policies (2.7)
- *Mr. Fernando Santiago Rodriguez, UNIDO*
- *Mr. Ritin Korla, UNIDO*
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 – 15:00 Women in STI: Addressing the Gender Gap (2.8)
- *Mr. Alessandro Bello, Project Officer, STEM and Gender Advancement (SAGA), Division of Science Policy and Capacity-Building, UNESCO*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 – 17:00 Innovation Policy for Inclusive Sustainable Development in the Arab Region (2.9)
- *Ms. Nibal Idlebi, ESCWA*
- End of Day 4**

Thursday, 19 April 2018

Theme III Monitoring and Evaluation of Innovation Policies

- 09:00 – 10:30 STI Indicators Frameworks; Methodologies, Collection Approaches, Standards, R&D and Other STI Indicators and Temporal Series (3.1)
- *Ms. Kornelia Tzinova, Assistant Programme Specialist, Division of Science Policy and Capacity Building, UNESCO,*
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:30 Monitoring STI Policies and their contexts through GO SPIN: ecosystems, legal frameworks and operational policy instruments (3.2)
- *Mr. Guillermo Lemarchand, Consultant & Principal Investigator, Global Observatory of STI Policy Instruments (GO-SPIN), Division of Science Policy & Capacity Building, UNESCO*
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 – 15:00 Innovation Surveys: Design & Implementation Standards (3.3a)
- *Mr. Anthony Arundel, Professional Fellow, UNU-Merit*
- Innovation, SDGs and evaluation
- *Anthony Arundel, UNU-Merit*
- Innovation Evaluation Approaches in the Context of SDGs (3.3b)
 - Innovation Impact: Evaluation in the Context of SDGs (3.3c)
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

Workshop Closing

- 15:30 – 17:00 General Policy Lessons for the Arab Region on STI for Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
- 17:00 Measurement Issues in the Arab Region
- *Ms. Nibal Idlebi, ESCWA*
- Open Discussion
- Follow-up and Close of the Meeting
UNU-Merit representing the *UN Interagency Task Team (IATT) on STI for the SDGs - Work Stream (WS6)*

End of the Workshop