Expert Group Meeting on Open Government: Emerging technologies for greater government transparency and accountability in the Arab Region

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Under the Patronage of Her Excellency the Minister of State for Administrative Reform in Lebanon

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 26 April 2017	
09:00 – 09:30	**Registration**
09:30–11:00	**Session I - Concepts and Models of Open Government** **Dr. Haidar Fraihat, Director, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA**
9:30-9:50	**ESCWA project : Fostering Institutional Development for Participatory Approaches towards the Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Western Asia** Dr. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of the Innovation Section, ESCWA
9:50-10:10	**Open Government: Concepts and Models** Ms. Lize Denner, Associate IT Officer, Innovation Section, ESCWA
10:10-10:30	**Open Government Success Stories from the World** Ms. Hania Sabbidin Dimassi, Innovation Section, ESCWA
	Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	*Coffee break*
11:30–13:00	**Session II - Status of Open Government in the Arab region** **Chairperson: Mr. Qusai Al-Shatti, Acting Director General, Central Agency of Information Technology, Kuwait**
11:30-12:00	**Status of Open Government in the Arab Region** Dr. Bachir Munajed, President SoftCad, Syria, Consultant in Information Society
12:00-12:15	**Tunisian Experience in Open Government Partnership and the second national plan** Dr. Khaled Sellami, Director of the E-Government Unit, Presidency of the Government, Tunisia
15:15-12:30	**Jordanian Case Study on Open Government** Mr. Marwan Al-Refai, Advisor/EU Programmes Administration Office, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Jordan
	Discussion
13:00 – 14:00	*Rich Coffee Break*

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14:00–15:30	**Session III– Advanced government services**
	Chairperson: Mr. Ahmad Kamal Shabaan, Director of e-service Development and e-Government, Ministry of State for Administrative Development, Egypt
14:00-14:30	**Integration of Service Delivery in the Arab Region: role of standards and interoperability** Mr. Jeremy Millard, Senior Consultant - Policies & Business Analysis, Danish Technological Institute, Denmark
14:30-14:45	**The development of e-Government in Turkey** Ms. Hayriye Görkem Guner, Project Associate, UNDP Turkey Country Office
14:45-15:00	**Lebanese Government Interoperability Framework** Ms. Tania Zaroubi, Head of Interoperability Team, OMSAR, Lebanon
	Discussion

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09:00 – 11:00	**Main Session**
	ESCWA Statement, Dr. Khawla Mattar, Acting Executive Secretary of ESCWA
	The statement of the Minister Dr. Enaya Ezzeddine, Her Excellency the Minister of State for Administrative Reform in Lebanon
9:30-10:00	**The ESCWA Open Government Framework for the Arab Countries** Dr Bachir Munajed, President SoftCad, Syria, Consultant in Information Society Dr. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of the Innovation Section, ESCWA
10:00-10:20	**Open Governance and Open Data: global perspectives and lessons** Mr. Jeremy Millard, Senior Consultant - Policies & Business Analysis, Danish Technological Institute, Denmark
	Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	*Coffee break*
11:30–13:00	**Session IV – Open Data for Greater Transparency and Accountability** **Chairperson: Dr. Safa Nassereldin, Vice President for Jerusalem Affairs and Former Minister, Alquds University, Palestine**
11:30-12:00	**Implications of Open Government Data (OGD) for Arab Countries** Dr. Saleem Zoughbi, Expert on e-Government and the Information Society, Palestine
12:00-12:15	**Open Data: Moroccan Experience** Ms. Samia Chakri, Director of Digital Economy, Ministry of Trade, Industry, Investment and Digital Economy, Morocco
12:15-12:30	**Open Data in Oman** Mr. Bader Al Abdali, Statistician, National Centre for Statistics and Information, Oman Ms. Hasanat Al Ajmi, Programmer, National Centre for Statistics and Information, Oman
	Discussion
13:00 – 14:00	*Rich Coffee Break*

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14:00–15:30	Session V – Participation and Engagement of Citizens in Decision Making
14:00-14:15	**ESCWA Participatory Development Approach**
	Ms. Nadine Daou, Researcher in Social Justice, Social Development Division, ESCWA
14:15-14:30	**The role of Open Government in Supporting Citizen Participation in Decision Making**
	Dr. Karim Hamza, Senior Associate Researcher, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
14:30-15:00	**The Services' Ambassadors: crowd sourcing business process reengineering**
	Mr. Malek Al Haddad, General Manager, Digital Science and Technology International, UAE
15:00-15:15	**The role of NGO in Open Government**
	Mr. Saleh Hussain, Chairman, Saleh Hussein Consultancy, Bahrain
	Discussion
15:30 – 16:00	*Coffee break*
16:00–17:00	**The way forward** **Chairperson: Dr. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of Innovation Section, ESCWA**
	ESCWA Team **Group Discussions**

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