Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Workshop on Fostering Open Government in the Arab Region
Beirut, Lebanon, 25-27 September 2018

Agenda

Day One - 25 September 2018

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:30 **Opening Session**

Welcoming notes, *Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of Innovation Section, ESCWA*

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

ESCWA Speech, *Mr. Mounir Tabet, Deputy Executive Secretary for program, ESCWA*

09:30–11:00 **Session I- Regional Perspectives on Open Government**

Fostering Open Government in the Arab Region: Status of the Arab region & ESCWA framework.
Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of Innovation Section, ESCWA

Opportunities and Challenges for Open Government in the Arab Region: OECD analysis.
Ms. Karine Badr, Policy Analyst/Project Co-ordinator, OECD

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Session II – Impact of Open Government & Country Experiences**

Economic Dimensions of Open Data
Mr. Nawar Al Awa, Regional Advisor on Technology for Development, ESCWA

Open Government in Morocco
Mr. Ismail Amartini, Head of Service of Bilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Administrative Reform and Civil Service, Morocco

An Ambitious Nation: Effectively Governed Responsibly Enabled
Mr. Majid Aldraehim, Research and Innovation Manager, Saudi e-Government Program (Yesser)

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00   **Lunch break & Networking**

14:00 - 15:30   **Session III- Participation, Collaboration and Engagement in Open Government (1)**

The Four Phased ESCWA Framework on Open Government (1)
Ms. Louise Thomasen, Director/Independent Consultant, coThomasen

Practical Exercise
Mr. Morten Meyerhoff, Academic Fellow, UNU-Operating Unit for Policy Driven Electronic Governance

Discussion

15:30 – 16:00   **Coffee break**

16:00 - 17:00   **Session IV- Open Government for Achieving SDGs**

Open Government Data as Enabler of SGD 16 Implementation (remotely)
Ms. Arpine Korekyan, Governance and Public Administration Officer, UNDESA
Discussion

A New Way of Thinking: Open Government, Innovation and Achieving the SDGs
Ms. Lize Denner, Associate Program Management Officer, Innovation Section, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA

Discussion

Day Two - 26 September 2018

09:00–10:30   **Session V – Open Data 1: Concepts and Benefits**

Open Government Data: Concepts and National Strategy
Mr. Khaled Sellami, Director General, e-Government Unit, Presidency of the Government, Tunisia
Practical Exercises
Discussion

10:30 – 11:00   **Coffee break**

11:00 – 13:00   **Session VI – Open Data 2: Technical Aspects, Technologies and Platforms**

Open Data: Technical Aspects, Technologies and Platforms
Mr. Kamel Malleh, Expert in open data platforms, ONSHOR Program, Tunisia
Practical Exercises

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00   **Lunch break & Networking**

14:00 – 16:30   **Session VII – Participation, Collaboration and Engagement in Open Government (2)**

Open, Accessible and User-Centric Public Service Delivery
Mr. Morten Meyerhoff, Academic Fellow, UNU-Operating Unit for Policy Driven e-Governance

15:00 – 15:15   **Coffee break**

The Four Phased ESCWA Framework on Open Government (2)
Ms. Louise Thomasen, Independent expert, coThomasen
Discussion

	Day Three - 27 September 2018
09:00 – 10:30	**Session VIII – Legal Aspects of Open Government: Access to Information law**

Access to Information Laws: Importance, Requirements, and Impact
Mr. Wassim Hajjar, Supervisor of the ICT Center, Ministry of Justice, Lebanon

Authority for Access to Information in Tunisia (creation, general framework, stages and tasks)
Mr. Adnene Lassoued, Deputy President, Authority for Access to Information, Tunisia

Promoting Access to Information in South Africa
Ms. Lize Denner, Associate Program Management Officer, ESCWA

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:00 **Session IX – Country Experiences in Open Data**

Open Data Strategy in Jordan
Ms. Nada Khater, Head of e-Government Strategies, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Jordan

Open Data in Oman
Mr. Ahmed Al Balushi, Team Leader of International Relations, Information Technology Authority, Oman

Discussion

12:00-13:00 **Closing Session**

Implementation of ESCWA Project on Open Government in The Arab Region and Future Stages.
Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Chief of Innovation Section, ESCWA

Group Discussion

Concluding Remarks