Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

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**Under the Patronage of Her Excellency
The Minister of State for Administrative Reform,
Dr. May Chediac**

Agenda

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Day One – 2 July 2019

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:30	**Opening Speeches** H.E. Dr. May Chediac, The Minister of State for Administrative Reform Mr. Mounir Tabet, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCWA **Panel Discussion – Emerging Technologies for improving public institutions in the Arab region** <u>Moderator:</u> *Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Officer in Charge of Technology for Development Division, Chief of Innovation Section, UN-ESCWA* *Panel Members:* *Mr. Vincenzo Aquaro, Chief of Digital Government Branch at the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN-DESA* *Mr. Mohamed Ben Amor, Secretary General, Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organization (AICTO)* *Mr. Haidar Fraihat, Senior Advisor to the Executive Secretary, UN-ESCWA* *Mr. Jeremy Millard, Senior Consultant, Policies & Business Analysis, Danish Technological Institute (DNI), Denmark* Q&A
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 –13:15	**Session I – Open Government for transparent, accountable and participatory government.** <u>Moderator:</u> *Mr. Mohamed Ben Amor, Secretary General, AICTO* ESCWA project on Institutional Development / Fostering Open Government in the Arab Region *Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Officer in Charge of Technology for Development Division, Chief of Innovation Section, UN-ESCWA*

ESCWA Project on Institutional Development / Participatory Approach
Ms. Rania Jazairi, First Social Affair Officer, Social Development Division, UN-ESCWA

UN-DESA e-Government Survey: Status of Open Government in the Arab region
Mr. Vincenzo Aquaro, Chief of Digital Government Branch at the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN-DESA

Discussion

13:15 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	**Session II – Open Data (1)**

<u>Moderator:</u> *Mr. Mohamad Nawar Al-Awa, Regional Advisor on technology for development, UN-ESCWA*
Launch of ESCWA Publication: Capacity Development Material on Open Data

Open Data: Concept, Strategy and Planning
Mr. Khaled Sellami, e-Gov Unit Director, Prime Ministry, Tunisia, ESCWA Expert

Discussion

16:00 – 16:15	Coffee Break
16:15 – 17:30	**Session III – Open Data (2)**

Open Data Inventory and Catalogues
Mr. Ibrahim Elbadawi, CEO Extanium, Open Data Institute Dubai, ESCWA Expert

Discussion

Day Two – 3 July 2019

09:00–10:30	**Session IV – Participation, Collaboration and Engagement (1)**

Participation: strategy and concept
Mr. Jeremy Millard, Senior Consultant, Policies & Business Analysis, Danish Technological Institute (DNI), Denmark, ESCWA Expert
&
Ms. Lize Denner, Information Technology officer, Innovation Section, ESCWA

Participatory approach for the formulation of innovation Strategy in Oman
Ms. Sharifa Al Harthy, Senior Planning and Study Specialist, The Research Council (TRC), Oman

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	**Session V – Participation, Collaboration and Engagement (2)**

Collaboration and engagement
Mr. Jeremy Millard, Senior Consultant, Policies & Business Analysis, Danish Technological Institute (DNI), Denmark, ESCWA Expert
&
Ms. Lize Denner, Information Technology officer, Innovation Section, ESCWA

Practical platform for fostering participation, collaboration and engagement
Mr. Bernardo Branco Gonçalves, MyPolis, Portugal (Remote presentation)

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	**Session VI – Innovation in the Public Sector**
	Mr. Dimitrios Gkouskos, Assistant Professor in Design, Development and Management of Digital Communication, Greece, ESCWA Expert
	Discussion
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:00	**Session VII – Legal Aspects of Open Government and Open Data**
	ESCWA Paper on Legal Aspects of Open Government and Open Data
	Mr. Khaled Sellami, e-Gov Unit Director, Prime Ministry, Tunisia, ESCWA Expert
	Discussion

Day Three – 4 July 2019	
09:00–10:30	**Session VIII – Open Data (3)**
	Open data: Technologies and Platforms
	Mr. Ibrahim Elbadawi, CEO Extanium, Open Data Institute Dubai, ESCWA Expert
	Open Government in Morocco
	Ms. Samia Chakri, Director of Information Systems and Digital Transformation, Ministry of Reform of Administration and Civil Service, Morocco
	Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	**Session IX – Open Data (4)**
	Evaluation of Open Data Programs
	Mr. Khaled Sellami, e-Gov Unit Director, Prime Ministry, Tunisia, ESCWA Expert
	Discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:00	**Session X – Participation, Collaboration and Engagement (3)**
	Best practices and case studies on participation and citizen engagement
	Ms. Lize Denner, Information Technology officer, Innovation Section, ESCWA
	Discussion
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:00	**Conclusions and way forward.**
	Ms. Nibal Idlebi, Officer in Charge of Technology for Development Division, Chief of Innovation Section, UN-ESCWA
	Ms. Lize Denner, Information Technology officer, Innovation Section, ESCWA