



Webinar on “Measurement Methods for SDG 11 and the New Urban Agenda in the OIC Countries”



31 May 2021

Time: 11:00 - 13:30 (UTC +3)

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/webinar20210531>

Background and Objectives

Sustainable development cannot be attained without significantly transforming the way the growing cities and other urban areas are built and managed. Rapid urbanization results into unplanned urban sprawl and increasing number of slum dwellers who face challenges of inadequate and overburdened infrastructure and services such as waste collection, water and sanitation systems, roads and transport, and worsening air pollution. From this perspective, SDG 11 urges to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. To make cities sustainable means, among other things, improving urban planning and management systems, creating safe and affordable housing, investing in public transport, creating green public spaces, developing strategies and programmes that promote urban equity, and building resilient societies and economies in an inclusive way. On the other hand, the New Urban Agenda (NUA, <https://unhabitat.org/the-new-urban-agenda-illustrated>), adopted at Habitat III in Quito- Ecuador on 20







October 2016, highlights linkages between sustainable urbanization and job creation, livelihood opportunities and improved quality of life, and it insists on incorporation of all these sectors in every urban development or renewal policy and strategy. The NUA also works as an accelerator of the SDGs, particularly SDG 11, to provide a comprehensive framework to guide and track urbanization around the globe.

Currently, only 4 out of 14 indicators under SDG 11 are in Tier I while the rest are in Tier II, signifying that data are not regularly produced by countries despite the internationally established methodology.

Against this background, the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) will organise in collaboration with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) a webinar providing a general overview of the measurement methods for SDG 11 and the NUA on 31 May 2021 with the participation of official statisticians working at National Statistical Offices of the OIC countries.

The main objective of the webinar is to introduce to the participants the SDG 11 and NUA monitoring frameworks, their measurement approaches as well as tools to aid in the computation of the relevant indicators. The webinar is also in line with UN-HABITAT’s efforts to ensure effective monitoring of urban conditions and trends and reporting on global agendas (e.g. SDGs, NUA) through improving the capacity of countries and cities to access relevant information, setting global standards in the design, analysis and collection of urban data, and supporting the translation of data/information into policy formulation tools.

EVENT DETAILS

	STARTS AT	31 May 2021 11:00 (UTC +3)
	ENDS AT	31 May 2021 13:30 (UTC +3)
	PLATFORM	ZOOM
	ORGANISER	SESRIC
	PRESENTERS	SESRIC, UN-HABITAT, UN-ESCWA, OIC Countries
	LANGUAGE	ENGLISH, ARABIC, FRENCH



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Specifically, the webinar aims to achieve the following:

- Introduce the SDG 11 and the NUA targets, indicators and monitoring framework;
- Share experiences in urban reporting and dissemination of urban indicators;
- Introduce the Global Urban Monitoring framework, the urban observatory model and the National Sample of Cities concept as useful tools for the urban agenda monitoring; and
- Discuss challenges on urban monitoring at national and local levels in the OIC countries.

Format

- Around 2.5 hours of webinar via Zoom with presentations.
- The webinar will be conducted in English with simultaneous translation in Arabic and French.
- Q&A session at the end of presentations.
- The webinar will be open to all NSOs of OIC member countries interested in the subject.

Work Programme

11:00 – 11.15	Introduction and Agenda Setting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Atilla KARAMAN (5 Mins): Director, Statistics and Information Department, SESRIC • Dr. Ismael LUBBAD (5 Mins): Statistician, Programme Coordinator, Statistics Division, UN-ESCWA • Dr. Robert P. NDUGWA (5 Mins): Head, Data and Analytics Section, Knowledge & Innovations Branch, UN-HABITAT
11.15 – 11.45	Overview of Global Urban Monitoring Frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the SDG 11 and NUA Monitoring Frameworks and Overview of Measurement Methods for Select Indicators: <i>Daniel GATHIRA, Geospatial Specialist, Data and Analytics Section, UN-HABITAT</i> • Introduction to the Global Urban Monitoring Framework: <i>Robert NDUGWA, Head, Data and Analytics Section, UN-HABITAT</i>
11.45 – 12.15	Tools for Urban SDGs and NUA Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Geospatial Data Integration in Urban Monitoring: <i>Dennis MWANIKI, Geospatial Specialist, Data and Analytics Section, UN-HABITAT</i> • Introduction to the National Sample of Cities and Urban Observatories Models: <i>Donatien BEGUY, Demographer, Data and Analytics Section UN-HABITAT</i>
12.15 – 13.15	Urban Monitoring in the OIC Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Urban Monitoring Trends from the Country Survey: <i>Dr. Atilla KARAMAN, Director, Statistics and Information Department, SESRIC</i> • Experiences of Participating OIC Countries and International Organisations on SDG 11 Indicators and NUA: <i>UNESCWA, Malaysia, Tunisia</i>
13.15 – 13.30	Closing Session

* All times are indicated in Ankara, Turkey time (UTC +3). Please refer to:

https://time.is/compare/1100_31_May_2021_in_Ankara for time difference information.