

Fifth Forum on Statistical Capacity Building for Arab Countries

"Statistics, Media and Policy Making"

To be held in Jordan on July 04-05, 2011

Agenda

Day1: Monday 4/7/2011

Time	Session
9:30- 10:00	Registration
10:00-11:00	Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Haider Freihat, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan - H.E. Prime Minister, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan - Mr. Mohammed EL-Heyba Lemrabott BERROU, Manager, PARIS21 Secretariat, (Arab Statistical Forums and beyond their current horizons) - Ms. Ola Awad, Palestine, the head of the preparatory committee of the Forum, (Outcomes of the previous forums and introduction to the Fifth Forum)
11:00– 11:20	Break
Session 2: Statistics and media Chair person: Dr. Maral Tutelian-Lebanon	
11:20 – 11:35	Cooperation of the media and its contribution to the dissemination of statistical data: (Mr. Johny Mounayer - Lebanon)
11:35 – 11:50	Relationship between statistical institutes and media and the importance of the interaction between them (Mr. Abd Al Zahra Mohammad Waheed-Iraq).
11:50 – 12:05	Statistics and media (Mrs Rosemary Montgomery- Eurostat)
12:05 – 12:50	Discussion
Session 3: Reliance on statistical data for policy and decision-making Chair person: (Mr. Muhanna Abdul Karim Al-Muhanna)	
12:50 – 13 :05	Importance of using statistical data in planning and decision-making by policy makers (Eng. Alan Aoun-Lebanon)
13:05 –13:20	Using statistical data by policy and decision makers (economic and social benefit): Jordan, a case study (Minister of Planning - Jordan)
13:20 – 13:35	Promote the use of statistics for policy decisions (Mr. Jan Erik Kristiansen- Statistics Norway)
13:35-13:50	Official statistics informing public debates and policy decision making: issues for cooperation in the context of a growing multiplicity of data producers (Mr. Jan Robert Suesser – ADETEF, France)
13:50 – 14:20	Discussion
14:20 – 15:20	Lunch
Session 4: Statistical indicators required for policy and decision makers Chair person: Dr. Mahdi El-Allaq – Iraq	
15:20– 15:40	Contribution of statistics in developing transparency and objectivity in policy-making- Europe, a case study: (Dr. H. r. stol (Hans) – IT and Policy Making Expert -Netherlands)
15:40 – 16:00	Contribution of statistics in developing of transparency and objectivity in policy and decision making from a regional perspective: (Dr. Hussein Sayed – Information & Decision Making Center)
16:00 –16: 20	Statistical indicators for European policy-making: (Mr. Aurel Schubert – Director General Statistics, European Central Bank)
16:20 – 16:50	Discussion

Day2: Tuesday 5/7/2011

Time	Session
Session 5: Political support and government's role in building the national statistical system Chair person: Dr. Juraj Riecan - ESCWA	
9:00 – 9:15	Government's role in supporting and building the national statistical system, (Dr. Hassan Abu Libdeh - Minister of National Economy – Palestine)
09:15-09:30	Importance of political support for national statistical institutes, (Mr. Saber Al harbi, Sultanate of Oman)
9:30 – 9:45	Importance of regional initiatives for supporting national statistical systems (Ms. Munevver Nilgun EGEMEN, SESRIC)
09:45 – 10:20	Discussion
Session 6: Statistical Data Dissemination Chair person: Dr. Mohamed TAAMOUTI - Morocco	
10:20 – 11:20	Unveiling the beauty of statistics (Dr. Hans Rosling, Gapminder Foundation)
11:20 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 12:15	Break
Session 7: Role of Arab, regional and international organizations in the capacity building and building of the national statistical systems Chair person: (Dr. Nabeel Shams-Bahrain)	
12:15 – 12:30	Importance of activating and exchanging experience between the Arab statistical institutes in building the national statistical systems - (Major General Abu Bakr Eljundi)
12:30-12:45	Role of projects and plans of the Arab League in supporting and funding capacity building programs pertaining the use of statistical data: (Ms. Huda Abu leil - Arab League)
12:45 – 13:00	Converging with international practices: the support to user-producer relationship in the MEDSTAT programmes, (Mr. José CERVERA, MEDSTAT)
13:00 – 13:30	Discussion
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
Closing Session: Roundtable - Review of discussions and recommendations Chair person: Dr. Haidar Freihat - Jordan)	
14:30 – 16:00	Briefing on the most important discussed issues and themes: (Ms. Ola Awad-Palestine)
	Importance of statistical data for policy and decision makers: (Dr. Hussein Sayed)
	Contribution of media in data dissemination: (Mr. Johnny Mounayer- Lebanon)
	Role of regional and international organizations in supporting the Arab statistical institutes to provide the statistical indicators necessary for policy makers (Mr. Mohammed EL-Heyba Lemrabott BERROU, Manager, PARIS21 Secretariat)
	Statistics & Media and promoting the statistical system (Mr. Hans Kristian Ostereng - Statistics Norway)
	Political support for the statistical institutes: (Dr. Maral Tutelian)
16:00 –16:15	Final report and recommendations (Dr. Haider Freihat)

Side Meetings

Day1 Monday, 4/07/2011

Organizer	European Commission
Subject	Med-HIMS project on surveys on migration Presentation of the project and preliminary discussion with potential donors to finance Med-HIMS project, in order to complement the contributions already committed by the European Commission (EuropeAid, Eurostat and MEDSTAT III), the World Bank, UNHCR and UNFPA for the development of methodological tools
Meeting venue	Azour hall – Le Royal Hotel
Time	17:00 - 19:00
Potential donors	Eurostat, world bank, UNCHR ,UNFPA
Attendances	Head of Arab statistical offices, eurostat, world bank, UNCHR, UNFPA and all interested participants (especially representatives of international and donor organizations)

Day2 Tuesday, 5/07/2011

Organizer	FAO
Subject	Agriculture strategy The Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics, provides a framework to improve agricultural and rural statistics
Meeting venue	Gracie hall – Le Royal Hotel
Time	13:30 – 14:00
Attendances	All forum participants