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Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Land Management
as a Best Practice to Enhance Rural Development
in the ESCWA Region
Beirut, 25-27 March 2009

TENTATIVE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2009

09:00 – 10:00 - Registration

OPENING SESSION

10:00 – 10:30 - Introductory and opening speeches by:
• Ms. A. Hegazi, Chief, SDPD
• Mr. Mohamed Abdulrazzak, Acting Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCWA

10:30 – 10:45 - Coffee Break

SESSION I: NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES*

Chair: Ms. Hegazi

Speaker

10:45 – 11:15 - Meeting the Challenges of Sustainable Land Management in the ESCWA Region	M.E. Osman, ESCWA
11:15 – 11:45 - Sustainable Land Management in the ESCWA Region	R. Zurayk, ESCWA Consultant
11:45 – 12:15 - Sustainable Agriculture; No-Till Farming	I. Bashour, AUB
12:15 – 12:35 - Lessons Learned from Pilot Projects for Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods through Sustainable Land Use Management in South Lebanon	C. Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA
12:35 – 13:00 - Sustainable land management practices to reverse land degradation in Lebanon	T. Darwish, Center of Remote Sensing/ CNRS/Lebanon
13:00 – 14:00 - Lunch break	

* 20 minutes will be devoted for each presentation and 10 minutes for the discussion respectively.

SESSION I: NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES (CT'D)*

Chair: Mr. Osman

Speaker

14:00 – 14:30	- The role of the UNU-INWEH in Sustainable Dry Land Management, an overview	Mr. W. Saleh, UNU/INWEH
14:30 – 15:00	- Integrated Drylands Development Programme A Comprehensive UNDP Initiative for Sustainable Land Management	E. Kodsi, UNDP
15:00 – 15:30	- Designing Integrated Financing Strategies for Combating Desertification (DIFS)	C. Rizk, IFAD & GM
15:30 – 16:00	- ACSAD experiences in sustainable land management	A. Loulou, ACSAD
16:00 – 16:15	- Coffee Break	
16:15 – 16:30	- Innovative Opportunities in Support of Sustainable Land Management	F. Byiringiro, ESCWA

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2009

SESSION II: COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES **

Chair: Mr. Saleh

Co-Chair: Mr. Darwich

Speaker

09:00 – 09:15	- Country paper-Bahrain	H. Al-Khalifa, Bahrain
09:15– 09:30	- Country paper-Iraq	K. Al-Qaisi, Iraq
09:30– 09:45	- Country paper-Jordan	K. Dakhqan, Jordan
09:45 – 10:00	- Country paper-Kuwait	G. Sanad, Kuwait
10:00 – 10:15	- Country paper-Lebanon	A. Youssef & F. Adada, Lebanon
10:15 – 10:45	- Coffee Break	
10:45– 11:00	- Country paper-Oman	S. Al-Habsi, Oman
11:00– 11:15	- Country paper-Palestine	Q. Abdou, Palestine

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SESSION II: COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES (CT'D)

Chair: Mr. Darwich

Co-Chair: Mr. Saleh

Speaker

11:15 – 11:30	- Country paper-Qatar	A. AlMazrooei, Qatar
11:30 – 11:45	- Country paper-Saudi-Arabia	M. AlHaidary, Saudi Arabia
11:45 – 12:00	- Country paper-Syria	A. AlKadri, Syria
	- Country paper-Sudan	A. Hamed, Sudan
12:00 – 12:15	- Country paper-Yemen	E. Al-Gunaid, Yemen

SESSION III: WORKING GROUPS

12:15 – 13:00	- Working Groups:
	- Programme for Capacity Building on Sustainable Land Management
	- Blueprint of National and Regional Initiative on Sustainable Land Management
	- Different Modalities of Encouraging Cooperation Among Member States to Share Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Implementing Sustainable Land Management
	- Feedback on the “Statement on Proposed Policies and Measures for the Arab Region on the Thematic Areas of CSD-17” and the “draft Chair’s Negotiating Text (CSD-17)”
13:00 – 14:00	- Lunch break
14:00 – 16:00	- Working Groups (Cont’d)
16:00 – 16:15	- Coffee Break
16:15 – 17:00	- Presentation by Working Groups

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2009

SESSION IV: CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair: Mr. Osman

09:00 – 10:30	- General Discussion and the Way Forward	
10:30 – 10:45	- Presentation on Technical Cooperation Activities	TCD/PPTCD, ESCWA
10:45 – 11:00	- Evaluation	
11:00 – 11:15	- Coffee Break	
11:15 – 12:00	- Closing and Feedback	