Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

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*

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<td>Meeting the Challenges of Sustainable Land Management in the ESCWA Region</td>
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13:00 – 14:00 - Lunch break

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Chair: Mr. Osman

14:00 – 14:30 - The role of the UNU-INWEH in Sustainable Dry Land Management, an overview
   Speaker: Mr. W. Saleh, UNU/INWEH

14:30 – 15:00 - Integrated Drylands Development Programme
   A Comprehensive UNDP Initiative for Sustainable Land Management
   Speaker: E. Kodsi, UNDP

15:00 – 15:30 - Designing Integrated Financing Strategies for Combating Desertification (DIFS)
   Speaker: C. Rizk, IFAD & GM

15:30 – 16:00 - ACSAD experiences in sustainable land management
   Speaker: A. Loulou, ACSAD

16:00 – 16:15 - Coffee Break

16:15 – 16:30 - Innovative Opportunities in Support of Sustainable Land Management
   Speaker: F. Byiringiro, ESCWA

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2009

SESSION II: COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES **

Chair: Mr. Saleh
Co-Chair: Mr. Darwich

09:00 – 09:15 - Country paper-Bahrain
   Speaker: H. Al-Khalifa, Bahrain

09:15– 09:30 - Country paper-Iraq
   Speaker: K. Al-Qaisi, Iraq

09:30– 09:45 - Country paper-Jordan
   Speaker: K. Dakhqan, Jordan

09:45 – 10:00 - Country paper-Kuwait
   Speaker: G. Sanad, Kuwait

10:00 – 10:15 - Country paper-Lebanon
   Speaker: A. Youssef & F. Adada, Lebanon

10:15 – 10:45 - Coffee Break

10:45– 11:00 - Country paper-Oman
   Speaker: S. Al-Habsi, Oman

11:00– 11:15 - Country paper-Palestine
   Speaker: Q. Abdou, Palestine

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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