TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day 1: Monday 21 December 2009

09:30 – 10:00  Registration
10:00 – 10:10  Welcome and opening statements
               • Ms. Anhar Hegazi, Officer in Charge of ESCWA and Chief, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division (SDPD).

10:10 – 10:15  Break

10:15 – 11:15  Session 1: Sustainable Livelihood Approach: A General Overview (Part 1)
               Chair: Mr. Adel Cortas, Ms. Anhar Hegazi
               • Introduction and Insights into Sustainable Livelihood Approaches, Mr. Adel Cortas, Former Minister of Agriculture, Lebanon.
               • Sustainable Livelihood Approaches: the framework, lessons learnt from practice and policy recommendations. Ms. Mona Haidar, Regional Advisor Livelihoods.
               • Experiences of Sustainable Livelihoods Approach in the ESCWA Region Ms. Alia Sabra, Productive Sectors Section (PSS), SDPD, ESCWA.

11:15 – 11:30  Coffee break
11:30 – 12:20  Session 1: Sustainable Livelihood Approach: A General Overview (Part 2)
               Chair: Mr. Adel Cortas, Ms. Anhar Hegazi
               • Indicators on Rural Development and Agriculture Household Income Ms. Wafa Aboul-Hosn; Mr. Wassim Hammoud, Economic Statistics Section (ESS), ESCWA
               • The Adoption and Implementation of SLA: Challenges, Constraints, and Best Practices – Mr. George J. Nasr, Productive Sectors Section (PSS), SDPD, ESCWA

Discussion

12:20 – 12:35  Coffee break

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12:35 – 14:05  
**Session 2: Policies and Programs in Sustainable Livelihood Implementation**  
Chair: Mr. Ibrahim El Sayed Rihan, Mr. Adel Cortas.

- The Sustainable Livelihoods Approach in MENA: A Bitter Sweet Experience  
  *Mr. Shadi Hamadeh, ESDU/FAFS, AUB*

- ICARDA’s experiences in improving the livelihoods of the resource-poor in dry areas and promoting policies for alternative livelihood programmes  
  *Mr. Aden Aw-Hassan, ICARDA.*

**Discussion**

- Improving Rural Livelihoods through Photovoltaic Electrification: the ESCWA pilot in Kaawa, Yemen  
  *Mr. Walid Deghaili, Energy Section (ES), SDPD, ESCWA.*

- Biofuels: Challenges and Opportunities for Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods in the Arab Region  
  *Mr. Ahmad Houri, LAU.*

**Discussion**

14:05 – 15:05  
Lunch break

15:05 – 17:30  
**Session 3: Sustainable Livelihood Approach: Private Sector Approaches**  
Chair: Mr. Adel Ismail Mohammad Basbous, Mr. Adel Cortas

- Cooperative des Coteaux d’Heliopolis: a real example of sustainable development  
  *Mr. Said R. Gedeon, Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Zahle and Bekaa*

- Wataneh Program  
  *Mr. Dany El-Obeid, Arc-en-Ciel.*

**Discussion**

- Cooperative Deir Kanoun  
  *Ms. Daad Ismail, Deir Kanoun*

- The Ardee Program  
  *Mr. Mohammad N. El-Hajj, Ardee.*

- The Experience of the Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation  
  *Ms. Maha Salamae Mohammad Arabyat, JEDCO.*

**Discussion**

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**Day 2: Tuesday 22 December 2008**

09:00 – 10:30  
**Session 4: Sustainable Livelihood in ESCWA Countries**  
Chair: Mr. Salim Bin Ali Al-Amrani, Mr. Adel Cortas

- Promoting rural Development through Sustainable Agricultural Projects in Northern Iraq  
  *Mr. Jihad Noun, Water Resources Section (WRS), SDPD, ESCWA.*
• Lessons Learned from Pilot Projects for Implementing Sustainable Livelihood Approaches in South Lebanon
  Ms. Carol Chouchani-Cherfane, Water Resources Section (WRS), SDPD, ESCWA

Discussion
• Local and Rural Development in Yemen
  Mr. Abdullah Ahmed Ali Al-Ghaithi, Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation, Yemen

• Sustainable Livelihood Approach in Rural Development
  Ms. Salam Saab, FAO.

• Knowledge Networks through ICT Access Points in Disadvantaged Areas
  Mr Mansour Farah, ICT Policies Section, Information and Communication Technology Division, ESCWA.

Discussion
  10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30 Session 5: Sustainable Livelihood: ESCWA Countries Perspective (Part 1)

Chair: Mr. Adel Cortas, Ms. Carol Chouchani-Cherfane

• The Egyptian experience in adopting sustainable livelihood to promote rural development
  Mr. Ibrahim El Sayed Rihan, Ministry of Local Development, Egypt.

• Jordan’s Enhanced Productivity Program (EPP)
  Mr. Adel Ismail Mohammad Basbous, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Jordan.

• Adopting the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach for Promoting Rural Development in Lebanon
  Ms. Mona Assaf, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon.

Discussion
• Approaches to sustainable livelihood in promoting rural development in the Sultanate of Oman–

• Experience of Palestine’s Department of Rural Development in the economic improvement of rural households
  Ms. Safaa Bsais, Ministry of Agriculture, Palestine.

Discussion
  12:30 – 12:45 Coffee break

12:45 – 13:45 Session 5: Sustainable Livelihood: ESCWA Countries Perspective (Part 2)

Chair: Mr. Adel Cortas, Ms. Carol Chouchani-Cherfane

• Sustainable Livelihood in Qatar
  Mr. Yousif Mubarak Al-Dosari, Qatar.

• Sudan’s Experience in Sustainable Rural Development
  Ms. Siham Mukhtar Al-Mardi, Sudan.
• Sustainable Rural Development Strategies in Syria.
  *Ms. Mayssaa M. Al-Midani, State Planning Commission, Syrian Arab Republic*

• Adoption of Sustainable Livelihood Approach for Promoting Rural Development in Yemen
  *Mr. Ali Gunaid Ali Abdullah, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Yemen.*

**Discussion**

14:00 – 15:00
Lunch Break

15:00 – 16:00 **Session 6: Conclusions and recommendations**
Chair: Mr. Adel Cortas, Ms. Anhar Hegazi.

• Capacity Building on SLA for the ESCWA Region
  *Mrs. J. El-Baba, Productive Sectors Section (PSS), SDPD, ESCWA*

• Review and Discussion of Recommendations

• Close of meeting