

**Regional workshop on international migration statistics
June 30th - July 3rd 2009, Cairo - Egypt**

Information Note

During the past and recent years, and due to political, economical and social reasons, there has been an increase in the flow of migrants, thus, making the availability of accurate, comprehensive and timely international migration statistics essential to meet the demands of the political system and to satisfy the information needs of planners and policy makers.

However, despite international and regional efforts for enhancing and improving international migration statistics, there is still a need to develop a comparable framework for the compilation of those statistics.

ESCWA member countries are facing difficulties in collecting data and calculating international migration statistics that accurately reflect the state of migration in the region. In line with meeting the challenges, knowledge about concepts and definitions concerning the compilation of international migration statistics in accordance with international standards need to be upgraded in the ESCWA member countries.

In this context, ESCWA is planning to organize a training workshop on international migration statistics in close coordination with United Nations Population Division (UNPD), the Arab Labor Organization (ALO) and the second Euro-Mediterranean Statistical Cooperation (MEDSTAT II) program during the period of 30 June – 3 July 2009 in Cairo, Egypt.

A. Main Objectives

- (a) To enhance and upgrade the Arab countries knowledge on international recommendations, concepts and definitions on international migration statistics;
- (b) To discuss on the different sources of data;
- (c) To present and discuss various methods of compilation, production of indicators and dissemination methods;
- (d) To discuss the international migration and the economical and social development in the ESCWA Region;
- (d) To exchange expertise among the participants and discuss good practices.

B. Participants

- Experts from national statistical offices, ministries of interior affairs in the ESCWA member countries as well as from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia;
- Experts from regional and international organizations;
- International expert in the area of international migration statistics.

C. Papers

- a) Papers from ESCWA;
- b) Papers from UNPD;
- c) Papers from MEDSTATII ;
- d) Papers from the international consultant in the area of international migration statistics;
- e) Papers from other regional and international organizations;
- f) Papers from ESCWA member states.

D. Language

The languages of the workshop will be in Arabic and English.
Simultaneous interpretation to the two languages will be made available.

E. Venue and time of the workshop

The workshop will be held during the period 30/6/2009 – 3/7/2009, in Cairo – Egypt at SEMIRAMIS Hotel.

F. Administrative arrangements

- 1- All participants are required to fill the registration form (see annex 1).
- 2- All participants are requested to make their own arrangements for a visa entry to Egypt.
- 3- For logistics purposes, all participants are asked to stay in the hotel SEMIRAMIS where the workshop will be held.
- 4- ESCWA Travel Unit will make the flight reservation for participants attending the workshop at ESCWA expenses. The respective e-ticket will be sent through e-mail addresses.
- 5- Participants at ESCWA expenses should be informed of the following:
 - A-. A copy of the passport should be sent to Ms. Zeina Sinno at the following fax number +00961-1-981510 or the following e-mail address: sinnoz@un.org
 - B- The following documents: (a) boarding pass (b) passports (c) ticket, should be brought with them, during the first day of the workshop.

G. Hotel Accommodation

The workshop will be held at SEMIRAMIS Hotel in Cairo noting that special rates have been given for ESCCWA workshop as follows:

Single bedroom + breakfast = 150 USD + 25.44% Tax

Double bedroom + breakfast = 170 USD + 25.44% Tax

All participants are asked to inform us about type of room requested at SEMIRAMIS, in order to arrange accordingly with the hotel for the reservation.

H. For further information, contact:

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