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EGM on Environmental Economic Accounting for the ESCWA Region
Beirut, October 14-16, 2009

DRAFT AGENDA (8 October, 2009)

Day 1

9:00-9:30 Registration of participants

9:30-10:00 Opening and objectives of the EGM
Juraj Riecan, Statistics Division, UNESCWA
Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD

Session 1: Framework for Integrated environmental-economic accounting (SEEA)
Moderator

10:00-10:30 SEEA for ESCWA-Progress on activities, Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA
10:30-11:00 Break
11:00-11:30 The General SEEA Framework, Ali Chalak, American University of Beirut
11:30-11:45 SEEA revision, Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD
11:45-12:00 SEEA for ESCWA, Priority issues, Ali Chalak, American University of Beirut
12:00-12:30 Discussion
12:30-1:30 Lunch Break

Session 2: SEEA for ESCWA: Sub-accounts of priority
Moderator

1:30-2:00 SEEA and Sustainable Development, Carol Chouchani Cherfane, ESCWA
2:00-2:15 Water Accounts: SEEAW and IRWS, Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD,
2:15-2:30 Water Accounts in the Mediterranean Region, Cécile Roddier-Quefelec, Plan Bleu
2:30-3:00 Discussion
3:00-3:30 Break
3:30-3:45 Energy Accounts for ESCWA, Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA
3:45-4:00 Land and Soil Accounts, Ali Chalak, American University of Beirut
4:00-4:30 Discussion and wrap-up of day 1

Day2

Session 3: Environmental Protection Expenditures
Moderator

9:00-9:30 Environmental Protection Expenditures and SEEA: Introduction and Case Studies, Slovenia and Syria, Danica Bizjak, Expert, Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia
9:30-10:00 Environmental Protection Expenditures-Case Study, Mr. Khaled AlShatarat, DOS, Jordan

10:00-10:30 Discussion
 10:30-11:00 Break
 11:00-11:15 Environmental Protection Expenditures, MEDSTAT Results, Cécile Roddier-Quefelec , Plan Bleu
 11:15-11:45 Cost of Environmental Degradation, Fadi Doumani, World Bank
 11:45-12:00 Cost of Environmental Degradation, Case Study, Ali Chalak, American University of Beirut
 12:00-12:30 Discussion
 12:30-1:30 Lunch Break

Session 4: Regional and Country Experience Moderator

1:30-1:45 Environment Data in Africa, Negussie Gorfe, African Centre for Statistics
 1:45-2:00 The experience of Chile, Dharmos Rojas, INE
 2:00-2:15 UNEP work on environmental information and Green Economy Initiative, Yasmina Adra,
 2:15-3:00 Country Papers
 Economy and the Environment in Egypt, Ms. Magda Shouieb, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency and ElSayed Mostafa, University of Alexandria, Egypt
 Environmental Accounts in Lebanon, Ghalia Hammami, CAS, Samar Khalil and Ramzi Fanous, Ministry of Environment
 3:00-3:30 Break
 3:30-4:00 Country Papers
 Wahid Ben Mohamad AlChouaili, Oman
 Nouri Daoud , Amin Alhamadi, Yemen,
 Meshal Ebrahim Jaber Al Khalifa, Bahrain
 4:00-4:30 Discussion and wrap-up of day 2

Day3

Session 5: Regional Agenda and Recommendations

9:00-9:30 A regional agenda: Ali Chalak, American University of Beirut
 Way Forward, Wafa Aboul Hosn, ESCWA and Alessandra Alfieri, UNSD
 9:30-10:30 Group discussion
 2 groups: Group 1 on Environmental Protection expenditures and Group 2 on Water accounts and Energy and Land Accounts
 (to be presented to the ESCWA Statistical Committee and to the Council of Arab Ministers of Environment and the regional training course planned for January 2009)
 10:30-11:00 Presentation of summary of discussions
 Recommendations

Session 6. Closing

11:00-12:00 Tour de table
 Evaluation
 Closing