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Registration: 8:30 hrs. – 9:00 hrs

Morning sessions: 9:00 hrs. – 14:00 hrs.

9:00 – 10:00	- Opening Speech - Mr. Juraj Riecan , ESCWA
	- Introduction: Objectives of the EGM, the Agenda
	- Overview of Labour Force Surveys and challenges in collection of labour statistics in ESCWA region – Mr. Marwan Khawaja , ESCWA
10:00 – 10:30	- Break

First Session: Moderator: Mr. Ragui Assaad

Measuring informal employment, underemployment and decent work

10:30 – 12:45	- Decent work measurement framework and indicators - Ms. Monica Castillo , ILO, Geneva
	- Measuring informal employment in ESCWA region - Mr. Giovanni Savio , ESCWA
	- Measuring of informal sector in adverse condition: Relevance of Methods, Lessons learned from ESCWA region - Mr. Luay Shebaneh , UNFPA, Iraq
	- Measurement of employment in the informal economy and labour underutilization - Mr. Igor Chernyshev , ILO, Geneva
	- <i>Discussion</i>
12:45 – 14:00	- <i>Lunch</i>

Afternoon session: 14:00 hrs. – 16:00 hrs

Second Session: Moderator: Mr. Ray Langusten

Measuring employment dynamics

14:00 – 16:00	- Improving the measurement of women's labour force participation, informality and job quality: the experience of Egypt and Jordan, labor market panel surveys." Mr. Ragui Assaad , University of Minnesota, USA
	- Measuring Transition from School to Work: Current Practice in the EU and the ESCWA regions, Mr. Bahjat Achikbache , MEDSTAT
	- School to Work Transition Monitoring: the Case of Syria, Ms. Noura Kamel , ILO, Beirut
	- <i>Discussion</i>

30 June, 2011

Morning session: 9:00 hrs. – 14:00 hrs.

Third Session: Moderator: Ms. Simel Esim
Challenges in measuring women's participation in the labour force

9:00 – 10:30	- Two approaches to measuring women's work in developing countries: A comparison of survey data from Egypt - Mr. Ray Langsten , American University, Cairo
	- Challenges in measuring women's participation in the labour force: Experiences from the Gulf - Mr. Ahmed Hussien , Statistics Authority, Qatar
	- <i>Discussion</i>
10:30 – 11:00	- Break

Fourth Session: Moderator: Mr. Bahjat Achikbache
Data harmonization and capacity building in labour statistics

11:00 – 12:45	- Labor force data harmonization issues - Ms. Nadia Belhaj , Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt
	- Draft project proposal for improving labour statistics in the ESCWA region – Mr. Ismail Lubbad , ESCWA
	- <i>Discussion</i>
12:45 – 14:00	- <i>Lunch (rich coffee break)</i>

Afternoon session: 14:00 hrs. – 15:30 hrs.

14:00 – 15:30	- Conclusion and recommendations- ESCWA
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