



**The second meeting of the Arab Working Group on Environment and  
Sustainable Development indicators  
11 – 13 November 2012, Cairo, Egypt  
Agenda**

**Sunday 11 November, 2012**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>Opening remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LAS</li> <li>- UNEP, Adel Abdel-Kader, Regional Coordinator, Early Warning and Assessment</li> <li>- ESCWA, Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief</li> <li>- AGEDI</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adoption of the Agenda</li> <li>- Introduction of participants</li> </ul>
<b>Session I: Progress made and future work plans by the Technical Secretariat, Chair LAS and UNEP</b>	
<b>09:30 – 11:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LAS CAMREE and JCEDARE Meetings Outcome on Sustainable Development Indicators</li> <li>- UNEP, Guidelines of Sustainable development Indicators, UNEP-Live and SoE Live, Adel Abdel Kader</li> <li>- ESCWA: Methodologies on Social and Economic Indicators for Sustainable Development for the Arab Region, Wafa Aboul Hosn,</li> <li>- CEDARE: Current indicators work and the questionnaire on sustainable development indicators</li> <li>- AGEDI: SoE live for West Asia and Abu Dhabi</li> </ul>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session II: Progress made by Arab Countries, Chair ESCWA and CEDARE</b>	
<b>11:30 – 13:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Country presentations on progress and experience in developing sustainable development indicators, and the use of indicators in reporting on state of environment and Outlooks</li> </ul>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	Country presentations Continued
<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>15:45 – 17:00</b>	Country presentations Continued

**Monday 12 November, 2012**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remaining country presentations</li> <li>- Discussion on the problems and obstacles facing countries in the application of sustainable development indicators and possible solutions</li> <li>- Wrapping up session II</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session III: GEO-5 Outcomes, Rio+20 and Policy Implication, and Eye On Earth, Chair ESCWA and UNEP</b>	
<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GEO-5 outcomes, policy analysis and implementation in the Arab region. Dr. Amer El Samak, Arabian Gulf University, and Adel Abdel-Kader, UNEP</li> <li>- Use of indicators in Integrated Environmental Assessment, the case of GEO 5. Dr. Asma Abahussain, Arabian Gulf University</li> <li>- "Follow up on Rio+20 outcomes on the development of the Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators in the Arab Region", Dr Tarek Sadek, ESCWA</li> <li>- Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The experience of SEIS and environment indicators. Sabah Nait, the Austrian Ministry of Environment and Coordinator of the Shared Environmental Information System for the Mediterranean (SEIS).</li> <li>- Presentation on Eye on Earth Initiatives</li> </ul>
<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>15:45– 17:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion on the implementation of Eye on Earth Initiatives in the Arab Region</li> <li>- Discussion on integration of Arab region initiatives on data and indicators (e.g., regional sustainable development indicators, Arab Regional Environmental Information Network, AGEDI and Eye on Earth, SEIS)</li> </ul>

**Tuesday 13 November, 2012**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>Session IV: Selection of Smaller Core Set of Sustainable Development Indicators. Chair UNEP and ESCWA</b>	
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation on why we need a smaller set of indicators, and criteria for selection. Adel Abdel-Kader, UNEP</li> <li>- Plenary guidance for breakout groups and discussions on an ideal overall number of indicators and number per thematic area.</li> <li>- Breakout groups on thematic areas and narrowing the core set of indicators</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	Breakout groups continued
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Session V: Way forward, Panel: UNEP, AGEDI, LAS, ESCWA, CEDARE</b>	
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Future work plan for data collection and issuing of a periodic national report (possibility of Peer Review). Selection of a set of minimum requirements from the list of indicators.</li> <li>- Identification of national and regional efforts and plans for the use of indicators in the preparation of national and regional reports on the environmental outlook.</li> <li>- Discussion the outputs and results of the Global environmental Outlook 5 (GEO 5) regarding the Arab region and how to benefit and apply these results in the region.</li> <li>- Discussion on the participation and the possibility of benefiting from the initiatives of “eye on earth summit” led by AGEDI and UNEP.</li> <li>- Recommendations</li> </ul>
<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break and Closing</b>