

IEA-UNESCWA Energy Statistics Training

17-21 February, 2013

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. MEETING, LANGUAGE AND WORKSHOP VENUE

The above meeting, taking place from 17-21 February, 2013 Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

- There will be simultaneous interpretation in both English and Arabic languages.

II. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Energy data represents a basic input to all sectoral and national development plans, particularly in ESCWA member countries where energy sector has a vital role in the economic and social development. However, the quality of energy statistics in most of ESCWA countries still needs capacity building to meet the appropriate statistical requirements for formulating national development plans and international reporting. ESCWA member countries face several problems concerning the availability and overall quality of data on energy. Therefore, ESCWA is implementing a project to strengthen national capacity in developing energy statistics and balance in ESCWA member countries to upgrade the capacity of national officials on compiling statistics on supply and use by all sectors on all energy sources as well as for harmonizing the definitions and classification and to produce yearly energy balance. There were several missions to countries, to assess needs and an expert group

The objective of this meeting organized by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in collaboration with IEA and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), is to provide extensive training on energy statistics including oil, natural gas, electricity and renewable energies using the training material (presentations and exercises) prepared by the IEA and UNSD and translated into Arabic by ESCWA for ease of reference and training.

For more information please contact Ms. Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief of the Economic Statistics Section at the Statistics Division at aboulhosn@un.org.

III. TRANSPORTATION

- Delegates are kindly requested to book their transportation from Abu Dhabi Airport to respective Hotels. Participants can either book their transportation through the hotel they are staying at or by using Taxi services at the airport.

IV. ACCOMMODATION

- It is the responsibility of delegates to make their own accommodation arrangements. Given the wide variety of hotels around the city, no reservations or recommendations have been made. A list of hotels is attached with preferential rate for participants in United Nations meetings.
- It is imperative that hotel reservations are made as early as possible in Abu Dhabi

VI. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

- The exchange rate is 1 United Arab Emirates Dirham = 0.27 US\$

VII. VISA

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- All delegates attending the meeting are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas must be made as soon as possible to the UAE Embassy in the country in which the delegates reside, with a reference to the Workshop.
- NBS can facilitate issuance of visa by sending a personalized letter of invitation upon request.

VIII. Information Guides and Maps

General Information

Climate

Sunshine and blue skies can be expected almost every day in Abu Dhabi. The city experiences a really hot and humid climate in the months of April to September when the maximum temperatures average above 40 °C (104 °F). During this period, unpredictable sandstorms also occur in the city and sometimes visibility gets down to a few meters. Normally, air-conditioning systems can be found in all buildings in the city. The period of October to March is comparatively cool. Dense fog can be also seen on some days. January and February are the coolest months of the year.

Time zone: GMT/UTC +4

Population: Around 1.45 million (2008)

Density 293.94/km² (761.3/sq mi)

Language: Arabic is the official language though– English, Hindi and Urdu are widely spoken

Religion: Islam is the UAE's official religion though other religious worship is permitted

Currency: UAE Dirham (UAE Dh) = 100 Fils - USD1 = approx Dhs 3.675

For more information on Abu Dhabi, visit <http://www.visitabudhabi.ae/>

Overview & Venue

Title: IEA-UNESCWA Energy Statistics Training

Date: 17-21 Feb 2013

Venue: Abu Dhabi, Mohammed bin Zayed, Alain Abu Dhabi road

Hosted by: National Bureau of Statistics.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

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