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Expert Group Meeting on “Promoting Best Practices
On Sustainable Rural Livelihoods
in the ESCWA Region”
Beirut, 24-25 November 2010

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2010

08:45 – 09:15 Registration @ UN House, MZ level

09:15 – 09:30 Opening Session

- Welcome and Opening Remarks (R. Majdalani, ESCWA)
- Overview of Agenda (F. Byiringiro, ESCWA)
- Tour de Table

Moderator Session I: Mr. A. Al Samawi

SESSION I: OVERVIEW OF THE GUIDE ON THE APPLICATION OF SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS APPROACH IN THE ESCWA REGION

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| 09:30 – 09:45 | - Overview, Historic and Conceptual Framework of the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA) | J. Noun, ESCWA |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | - Rural Development Policies and Programmes in the Arab Region: Evaluation of Successes and Failures | J. El-Baba, ESCWA |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | - Guide on the Application of the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach in the ESCWA Region: Overview | F. Byiringiro, ESCWA |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | - Discussions | |
| 10:45 – 11:00 - Coffee Break | | |

Moderator Session II: Mr. A. Cortas

SESSION II: SLA AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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| 11:00 – 11:15 | - Livelihoods Approach and Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development: A Perspective from Lebanon | S. Zoghaib, Consultant |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | - Sharing of Related Experiences and Lessons Learned
<i>Brief Sharing of Experiences and Lessons Learned
Related to Session II, particularly from Egypt, Jordan, Palestine,
Sudan and Yemen.</i> | |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | - General Discussions | |

Moderator Session III: Ms. H. Nassar

SESSION III: SLA AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (LAND, WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT)

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| 12:00 – 12:15 | - Sustainable Livelihoods Approach and Natural Resources Management: A Case Study from Kurdistan Regional Governorate in Iraq | F. Asmar, Consultant |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | - Sharing of Related Experiences and Lessons Learned
<i>Brief Sharing of Experiences and Lessons Learned
Related to Session III, particularly from Oman, Iraq, Saudi Arabia
and FAO.</i> | |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | - General Discussions | |
| 13:00 – 14:00 - Lunch break | | |

Moderator Session IV: Ms. T. Abu Daqqa

SESSION IV: SLA AND EMERGING ISSUES (CLIMATE CHANGE/GREEN ECONOMY / DESERTIFICATION / DEGRADATION)

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| 14:00 – 14:10 | - SLA and Climate Change | T. Sadek, ESCWA |
| 14:10 – 14:20 | - Sustainable Livelihoods and Food Security Under Changing Climate in Dry Areas | A. Aw Hassan, ICARDA |
| 14:20 – 14:30 | - SLA and Green Economy | G. Nasr, ESCWA |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | - Sharing of Related Experiences and Lessons Learned
<i>Brief Sharing of Experiences and Lessons Learned Related to Session IV, particularly from Palestine.</i> | |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | - General Discussions | |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | - Wrap-up & Matters Arising, End of Day | |

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2010

SESSION V: IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS

Moderator: Ms. R. Majdalani

Rapporteur: Mr. S. Zoghaib

09:00 – 10:00 - Discussion: Contextualising SLA within Sustainable Development

The discussion would build upon the presentations of the previous day and the sharing of experiences and lessons learned. The discussion should address the importance of SLA as a tool for sustainable development and its pros and cons (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) and identify where is ESCWA's niche and value added in developing/ promoting a region-specific SLA.

- 10:00 – 10:15 - Wrap up and Recommendations

Moderator: Mr. R. Klingbeil

Rapporteur: Mr. J. Noun

10:15 – 11:15 - Discussion: Revisiting the Guide on Applying SLA

The discussion would build upon the previous presentations and discussions. The aim would be to revisit the structure of the guide in light of the previous discussions (strengths and weaknesses) and propose changes, additions, restructuring, etc. to enhance its quality as a resource material that a range of stakeholders could own and utilize it in analyzing, designing and implementing programmes for sustainable development.

11:15 – 11:30 - Coffee Break

- 11:30 – 11:45 - Wrap up and Recommendations

SESSION V: IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS (CONT'D)

Moderator: Mr. I. Awad

Rapporteur: Mr. F. Asmar

11:45 – 12:45 - **Discussion: Operationalising SLA in the ESCWA Region**

The discussion would build upon the discussions held so far. The aim would be to assess what could be the next step in adopting and applying SLA in policy formulation, programme design and implementation in the region and identify the type of programmes, the targeted beneficiaries, their scope and means and resources required for operationalising them.

12:45 – 13:00 - Wrap up and Recommendations

13:00 – 14:00 - Lunch break

Moderator session VI: Ms. R. Majdalani

Rapporteur: Mr. F. Byiringiro

Session VI: Conclusions, Recommendations and the Way Forward

14:00 – 15:00 - General Discussion on Recommendations Emanating from Session V
- Suggestions on the Way Forward

15:00 – 15:30 **Closing Remarks**
Ms. R. Majdalani