ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA-ARAB INDISTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND MINING ORGANIZATION

Regional Preparatory Meeting Series for Rio+20:
Conference on: «The Role of Green Industries in Promoting Socio-Economic Development in the Arab Countries»
28-29 September 2011, Beirut-Lebanon

AGENDA

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2011

08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION AT UNITED NATIONS HOUSE, B1-LEVEL MAIN HALL

09:00 – 09:30 WELCOME AND OPENING STATEMENTS (AIDMO, ESCWA, and the Lebanese Minister of Industry)

09:30 - 09:45 Green Industries Conference in the Regional Preparatory Meeting Series for Rio+20 ESCWA

09:45 – 10:15 Coffee Break

10:15 – 12:00 SESSION 1: CONCEPT OF GREEN INDUSTRIES AND THEIR ROLE IN JOB CREATION AND COMBATING POVERTY IN THE ARAB REGION-REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

Moderator: Mr. Ibrahim Mohammad Ahmad, Director General of Industrial Research and Consulting Center, Sudan

Green Industries and the Programme for Development of the Role of Small and Medium Industries in Socio-Economic Development in Arab Countries
Mr. Mohammad Al-Haouari, AIDMO

UNIDO’s Green Industry Initiative and its Contribution to Sustaining Green Economy and Creating Green Jobs
Mr. Smail Alhilali, Environmental Management Branch, UNIDO

The Role of Green Industries in Enhancing Patterns of Sustainable Production and Consumption, and Conversion to Green Economy
Mr. Fareed Buchehri, UNEP
Green Opportunities for SMEs in the Environmental Goods and Services in the Arab Region
Mr. Riccardo Mesiano, ESCWA

Green Jobs in Green Industries in Lebanon
Ms. Shaza Jondi, ILO Regional Office

Q & A and Discussion

12:00 – 13:30  SESSION 2: PANEL ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INVESTMENT ROLE IN GREEN INDUSTRIES IN ARAB COUNTRIES

Moderator: Ms. Majida Suleiman, Director of Biodiversity Program for Terrestrial Ecosystems, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait

Green Financing and Investment
Mr. Mohammed Taha Rafi, Sustainable Energy Finance, Middle East and North Africa, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Pakistan

Incentive Tariff for Connection to the Grid for an Increase in the Use of Renewable Energy in Palestine
Ms Tahani Abu Dakka, Palestinian Society for Solar Energy

Environmental Loans-Circular # 236 issued by the Banque du Liban
Mr. Mazen Halawi, Central Bank of Lebanon

Panel Discussion

13:30 – 14:30  Lunch break

14:30 – 16:30  SESSION 3: INDUSTRIAL UPGRADING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

Moderator: Mr. Mohammad Ben Youssef, Director General of AIDMO

Knowledge Exchange and Technology Transfer and Adaptation to Local Conditions in the Establishment of Green Industry Using Renewable Energy
Mr. Moustafa Taoumi, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

The Alliance for Water Stewardship: An International Standard Addressing Local Water Impacts
Mr. Adrian Sym, Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS)

Adaptation of Renewable Energy Industry and of Energy Efficiency Equipment to Local Conditions in Arab Countries
Ms. Amal Bida, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE)

How to ensure Green Industries and Job Creation through the Industrial Upgrading Approach?
Mr. Rafik Feki, Business, Investment and Technology Services Branch, UNIDO

Development of Renewable Energy Technologies for Achieving Green Industry in the Arab World
Mr. Rashid Ben Sharifa, National Center for Scientific Research, Morocco
Role of Universities and Research Centers in Technology Transfer and Enhancing the Shift to Green Economy
Mr. Afif Akel Hasan, Birzeit University, Palestine

Environmental Technology Partnership between North and South in Industrial Production Processes and Enhancement of Environmental Standards-An Opportunity for the Creation of a Sustainable Green Industry
Ms. Chaden Diab, Industrial Environment and Sustainability (IES-EMEA)

Q & A and Discussion

16:30 – 16:50 Coffee Break

16:50 - 18:00 ROUND TABLE: Technology Transfer for Green Industries and Adaptation to Local Conditions in the Arab Region
Moderator: Mr. Fouad Mrad, ESCWA
Panelists: Mr. Mohammad Al-Haouari, AIDMO
          Mr. Walid Al-Deghaili, ESCWA
          Mr. Smail Alhilali, UNIDO
          Mr. Nazar Hassan, UNESCO

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2011

09:15 – 10:45 SESSION 4: GREEN INDUSTRIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION
Moderator: Ms. Iman Ben Sweih, Acting Advisor in the Directorate of Institutions Support, International Center for Environmental Technologies, Tunisia

Climate Change and Industry in Arab Countries: Opportunities and Challenges
Mr. Hassan Charif

Local Manufacturing of Renewable Electricity Equipment, Potentials and Prospects in the Arab Region
Ms. Bothayna Rashed, ESCWA

Introduction and Adoption of Low-Carbon Technologies through the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol
Ms. Mehrunnissa De La Cruz, Montreal Protocol Branch, UNIDO

Role of Green Industry in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
Mr. Amir Al-Rifai, AIDMO

Q & A and Discussion

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee Break
11:15 – 13:00  SESSION 5: GREEN INDUSTRIES AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Moderator: Mr. Abdel Halim Kassem, Assistant to the Minister of Electricity, Syrian Arab Republic

Sustainable Production in Practice: the UNIDO-UNEP Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Programme
Mr. Smail Alhilali, Environmental Management Branch, UNIDO

Economic and Social Benefit of Solid Waste Recycling into Biogas and Bio-fertilizers
Mr. Mohammad Ali Badawi, Emirates Bio-fertilizers Plant

Water in Green Industry in the Arab Countries
Mr. Hamed Assaf, ESCWA

Role of Sustainability Standards in Promoting Green Economy and Sustainable Packaging for a Green Industry
Ms. Muge Dolun Bora and Ms. Soha Atallah, Trade Capacity Building Branch, UNIDO

Q & A and Discussion

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00  SESSION 6: COUNTRY PAPERS

Moderator: Mr. Ali Yacoub, Director of the Cleaner Production Center, Lebanon

National Paper from Jordan
Mr. Yanal Abda, Ministry of Environment, Jordan

Green Industry in the Area of Tanneries: the Sudanese experience
Mr. Ibrahim Mohammad Ahmad, Industrial Research and Consulting Center, Sudan

National Paper from Iraq
Mr. Abdulaziz Al-Saoudi, Ministry of Planning, Iraq

Green Industries: Towards an Environment Friendly Industry, and Future Hopes
Mr. Youssef Ibrahim, Palestinian Environmental Quality Authority

Use of Demolition Waste for the Protection of Water and Soil
Ms. Majida Khalil Mohammad Suleiman, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research

Cleaner Production Activities in Lebanon
Mr. Ali Yacoub, Lebanon Cleaner Production Centre/UNIDO-Lebanese Ministry of Industry

Efforts of the Republic of Yemen in Adopting the Tools of Environmental Management and Green Industries
Mr. Mohammad Al-Hammadi, Yemeni Ministry of Water and Environment

The Tunisian Experience in Setting the Eco-Label
Ms. Imen Ben Soyah, Tunisian International Center for Environmental Technology

Q & A and Discussion
16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00 ROUND TABLE: Arab Action Plan for the Development of Green Industries

Moderator: ESCWA

Presentation of Action Plan: Mr. Amir Al-Rifai, ADIMO

Panelists: Mr. Hassan Charif
Mr. Mohammad Al-Haouari, AIDMO
Ms. Nada Sabra, UNIDO
Mr. Abdallah Al-Dardari, ESCWA
Mr. Fouad Mrad, ESCWA
Mr. Jamaledine Jaballah, LAS
Mr. Nazar Hassan, UNESCO

Recommendations