Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Regional Preparatory Meeting Series for Rio+20:
Workshop on Institutional Framework
for Sustainable Development in the Arab Region
3-5 October 2011
Jeddah – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1: Monday, 3 October 2011

9:00 – 9:30  Registration at PME

9:30 – 10:30  Welcome and opening statements

- Statement of the United Nations Environment Program, Regional Office for West Asia (UNEP/ROWA)
- Statement of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization (UNESCO-Cairo Office)
- Statement of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- Statement of the League of Arab States (LAS)
- Statement of the Presidency of Meteorology and Environment (PME)

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- Review of the Agenda and Formation of the Drafting Committee

10:30 – 10:45  Coffee break

10:45 – 11:30  SESSION 1: ROAD MAP TO RIO+20

- Status of the Regional Preparations for Rio+20 - ESCWA
- State of Play in Institutional Framework in Sustainable Development Negotiations for Rio+20 – UNEP

Discussion
Monday, 3 October 2011 – continued

11:30 – 12:45 **SESSION 2: REGIONAL REVIEW OF INSTITUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

- Key Findings of the ESCWA Study on “Regional Review of Institutions for Sustainable Development in the Arab Region” – ESCWA
- Key Findings of the Institutional Set-Up for Sustainable Development in North African Sub-Region – ECA/NA
- Key Findings of UNESCO-MAB Programme for Sustainable Development-UNESCO-Cairo Office

Discussion

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch Break

14:15 – 15:30 **SESSION 3: INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE- CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- Nairobi-Helsinki Outcome and Options for the Broader Institutional Reform of International Environmental Governance – UNEP
- Outcomes of the High-Level Dialogue on the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development (Solo, 19 - 21 July 2011) and the High-level Symposium on the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (China, 8-9 September 2011) – PME

Discussion

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:45 **SESSION 4: PANEL DISCUSSION ON CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRENGTHENING THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARAB REGION**

End of Day 1

Day 2: Tuesday, 4 October 2011

09:00 – 10:30 **SESSION 5: NATIONAL EXPERIENCES**

- National Experiences
  *Arab Country Representatives*

Discussion

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:30 **SESSION 6: NATIONAL EXPERIENCES (CONTINUED)**

- National Experiences
  *Arab Country Representatives*
Tuesday, 4 October 2011 – continued

Discussion

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 17:00 SESSION 7: PANEL DISCUSSION
ARAB REGIONAL PREPARATORY PROCESS – OPTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR DEVELOPING AN ARAB POSITION FOR RIO+20 (to be presented in the ARAB REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING, CAIRO, 16-17 October 2011)

17:00 – 17:15 Coffee Break
17:15 – 20:00 Meeting for Members of the Drafting Committee

End of Day 2

Day 3: Wednesday, 5 October 2011

9:00 – 9:30 Coffee Break

9:30 – 12:30 SESSION 8: PANEL DISCUSSION
REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND THE WAY FORWARD
- Report of the Drafting Committee- Chair of the Drafting Committee
- Comments on the Report
- Discussion on the way forward – intervention from the panelists

Concluding Remarks and Way Forward

12:30 Closing statements by the organizers

End of meeting