Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

UN-Wide Capacity Building Workshop on Technology for Development: Innovation Policies for SDGS in the Arab Region
Amman, 15-19 April 2018

AGENDA

Sunday, 15 April 2018

Session I Welcome and Course Introduction
9:30 – 09:30 Welcoming Statements

Theme I STI for SDGs: A Conceptual Framework
09:30 – 11:00 Introduction to Innovation: Role of STI for Growth and Sustainable Development
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

STI for SDGs: A Conceptual Framework - Continued
11:30 – 13:00 Creative Destruction, Disruption and Role of Change
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30 Innovation Theory and Concepts, National Systems of Innovation (NSI) and the SDGs
15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30 The Innovation Landscape in Arab Countries
End of Day 1

Monday, 16 April 2018

STI for SDGs: A Conceptual Framework - Continued
9:00 – 10:30 Science, Technology & Innovation in the 2030 Agenda
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30 - 1.6 (a) Role of R&D in innovation and economic growth;
 - 1.6 (b) Role and importance of public investment in STI;
 - 1.6 (c) Integrating R&D investments into development policy
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00 - 1.7 Tapping into Global Knowledge Flows
15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

**Theme II**  
**Design and Implementation of Innovation Policies**

15:30 – 17:00  
- 2.1 (a) The Policy Content and Process in an SDG Context: Objectives, Instruments, Capabilities and Stages;  
- 2.1 (b) Human Capacity Building: Education, Vocational and Skilled Labour Promoting Policies

End of Day 2

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**Tuesday, 17 April 2018**

**Design and Implementation of Innovation Policies – Continued**

09:00-10:30  
- 2.2 (a) Diversification into New Sectors: Approaches and Mechanisms  
- 2.2 (b) Entrepreneurship, Start-ups, SMEs and Innovation Experiences

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Role of Intellectual Property Rights in STI at Different Stages of Development

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00  
- 2.4 (a) Promoting Linkages and Networks: Universities, Value Chains, Domestic and Foreign Stakeholders;  
- 2.4 (b) Fostering Technology Transfer: Role, Absorption Capacity, Channels and Promotion Instruments

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00  
- 2.5 (a) Developing SMEs and Supporting Entrepreneurship for Innovation;  
- 2.5 (b) Stimulating Demand for Innovation, in particular through public procurement;  
- 2.5 (c) Financing Innovation: Access and Incentives

End of Day 3

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**Wednesday, 18 April 2018**

09:00 – 10:30  
- 2.6 (a) Sectoral Dynamics of STI Policies;  
- 2.6 (b) Emerging Issues in STI Policy for ISID

10:00 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 Spatial Dimensions of STI Policies
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00 Women in STI: Addressing the Gender Gap

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 Innovation Policy for Inclusive Sustainable Development in the Arab Region

End of Day 4

Thursday, 19 April 2018

**Theme III Monitoring and Evaluation of Innovation Policies**

09:00 – 10:30
- 3.1 (a) STI Indicators Frameworks; Methodologies, Collection Approaches, Standards, R&D and Other STI Indicators and Temporal Series;
- 3.1 (b) Measuring and Analysing STI Policies: R&D and other STI Indicators and UNESCO’s GO-SPIN

10:00 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Monitoring STI Indicators’ Progress, Temporal Series and Policy Instruments in the Context of SDGs

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00
- 3.3 (a) Innovation Surveys: Design & Implementation Standards;
- 3.3 (b) Innovation Evaluation Approaches in the Context of SDGs;
- 3.3 (c) Innovation Impact: Evaluation in the Context of SDGs

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

**Workshop Closing**

15:30 – 17:00 General Policy Lessons for the Arab Region on STI for Agenda 2030 and the SDGs

17:00 Closing Statements

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Close of Meeting