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

**AGENDA**

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*Sunday, 15 April 2018*

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**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

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*Monday, 16 April 2018*

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**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*

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**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*

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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

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*Thursday, 19 April 2018*

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**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