



2013 ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review

Regional preparatory meeting for Western Asia

“Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development”

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

26 November 2012, 1:30 – 5:15 p.m.
Hashemite Auditorium in the Royal Scientific Society

ESCWA Technology Centre
El Hassan Science City
Amman, Jordan

26 November 2012

1:00 p.m. Registration

Session 1: Opening session and keynote

1:30 p.m.– 2:10 p.m. **Chair and welcome remarks:** H.E. Mr. Jaafar Hassan, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of Jordan

Speakers:

Ms. Rima Khalaf, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Ms. Gretchen Kalonji, Assitant Director General for Science, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, Office for Support and Coordination of the Economic and Social Council, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) [delivering remarks on the behalf of H.E. Ambassador Desra Percaya, Vice-President, UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)]

Session II: Enabling productive capacities in science, technology and innovation (STI) in Western Asia

Chair: H.E. Dr Lahcen Daoudi, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Morocco

Keynote address:

2:10 p.m.– 2:30 p.m. Ms. Gretchen Kalonji, Assitant Director General for Science, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Roundtable discussions:

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Moderator:** Mr. Fouad Mrad, Executive Director of ESCWA Technology Centre

HRH	Sumaya Bint El Hassan	President	Royal Scientific Society	Jordan
Dr.	Abdulaziz Bin Mohamad Al Swailem	Vice President for Scientific Affairs	King Abdulaziz City for Science and	Saudi Arabia

			Technology (KACST)	
Dr.	Moeen Hamzeh	Secretary General	National Council for scientific research	Lebanon
Dr.	Hilal Ali Al Hinai/ Saif Abdullah Al Haddabi	Secretary General	The research Council	Oman

3:15 p.m. –
3:30 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

Session III: Harnessing global knowledge and technologies for regional sustainable development initiatives

3:30 p.m. –
4:30 p.m.

Presentation:

Mr. Cormac O'Reilly, Strategic Planning Officer, UNIDO
Ms Dong Wu, Chief of Science and Technology Section, UNCTAD

Roundtable discussions:

Moderator: Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, Office for Support and Coordination of the Economic and Social Council, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Dr.	Mohammed Ahmed Al Amer	President	Central Informatics Organization	Bahrain
Dr.	Salim Alruzaigi	Chief Executive Officer	Information Technology Authority (ITA)	Oman
Mr.	Matt Rainey	Director of Innovation Division	World Intellectual Property Organization	Geneva
Mr	Talal Makdessi	CEO	Talal El- Makdessi Foundation	Lebanon

Closing session

Interactive discussions

4:30 p.m.–
4:45 p.m.

Speakers:

Mr. Haidar Fraihat, Director of Information and Communication Technologies Division, ESCWA

4:45 p.m.–
5:15 p.m.

Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UN DESA