

**Regional Workshop on
The Development of Transport Statistics and Transport Related Sustainable
Development Indicators in the Arab Countries
Beirut, Lebanon: 16-18 September 2019
Provisional Agenda**

Day 1: 16 September 2019

09:00-9:30	Registration
09:30-10:00	Opening session
5-7 min	- Welcoming speech Juraj Riecan, Director, Statistics Division (SD), ESCWA
5-7 min	- Opening speech of the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics Hedi Saidi, Director, AITRS
5-7 min	- Opening speech of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Rola Dashti, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, ESCWA
5-10 min	- Her excellency Ms. Raya El Hassan, Minister of Interior and Municipalities
10:00 -11:30	Session 1: Statistical Standards, methodologies, statistical classifications and legal frameworks governing the provision of transport statistics
5-7 min	- Objectives, agenda and organization of the meeting and introduction of participants Naela Haddad, statistician, Economic Statistics Section (ESS), SD-ESCWA
20 mins	- Transport Statistics in an Integrated Economic Statistics System Wafa Aboul Hosn, Chief, Economic Statistics Section (ESS), and Omar Hakouz, Regional Advisor on National Accounts SD- ESCWA
20 min	- UNECE data collection, coordination and data sources Alexander Blackburn, UNECE Expert
20 min	- Role and Scope of MEDSTAT Programmes in advocating Statistical Standards, Methodologies, Classifications and Legal Frameworks Governing the Collection and Provision of Transport Statistics in Mediterranean Countries Thierry Coulet, Medstat Expert
20 mins	- Discussion
11:30-12:00	Coffee break

12:00-14:00	Session 2: Transport-related sustainable development indicators
10-15 mins	- Development of methods and tools to report progress on SDG transport related indicators (11.2.1-11.2) and complementary indicators to ensure accessibility, affordability, convenience and inclusiveness
	Stefanie Holzwarth Urban Mobility Unit- Urban Basic Services Branch-United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat (TBC)
10-15 mins	- Transport-related SDG Indicators: indicators, data sources and usage
	Alexander Blackburn, UNECE Expert
10-15 mins	- Transport and Sustainable development in the Mediterranean Countries: challenges met in the production of transport related indicators and results reached.
	Thierry Coulet, Medstat Expert
10-15 mins	- Linkages between the SDGs and key transport indicators
	Yarob Badr, Regional Advisor on Transport, ESCWA
10 mins	- Importance of providing the necessary data which contribute to the implementation of the National Strategy on Road Safety in Qatar (TBC)
	- General Mohamad El Maleki Expert in the Office of the Minister of Interior and Secretary General National Road Safety Council-Qatar
10 mins	- Current Work on the Lebanese National Observatory for Road Safety
	Major Michel Moutran, International Auditor in ISO 390101, Vice Executive Secretary National Road Safety Council-Lebanon
10 min	- Identification and prioritization of hazardous road locations in Beirut city using GIS
	Zahira Abu Nawas, Researcher
30 min	- Discussion
14:00-15:00	Lunch
15:00-17:00	Session 3 : ESCWA questionnaire: Objectives, scope, responses and limitations;
30 min	- ESCWA questionnaire : Objectives, scope, responses and limitations ;
	- N. Haddad, ESCWA and Hani El Ahmad, AITRS Expert
90 min	- Discussion on challenges met by Member countries to compile, collect, validate and disseminate data: Country presentations interventions

Day 2: 17 September 2019	
09:00-11:00	Session 4: Availability, completeness, consistency, comparability and validation of data: Road transport
20 min	- Road transport presentation and questionnaire results related to mode of transport and insights
	- Hani El Ahmad, AITRS Expert
15 min	- Improving the status of land transport statistics in the Arab region
	H. E. Mahmoud H. Abdallatt, Secretary General, Arab Union of Land Transport
15 min	- Current state of road transport sector in Lebanon: challenges of obtaining accurate and relevant data
	Marc Haddad, School of Engineering, Lebanese American University
20 mins	- Road Safety presentation and questionnaire results related to mode of transport and insights
	Hani El Ahmad, AITRS Expert
15 mins	- Linking hospital data with internal security data to obtain abstracts and conclusions about road safety of children
	Samar Al-Hajj, Health Management and Policy Department, Faculty of Health Sciences - American University of Beirut
35 min	- Road Transport and Road Safety: Presentation of country experiences
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:30	Session 5: Availability, completeness, consistency, comparability and validation of data: Railway Transport & Maritime Transport
20 min	- Railway transport presentation and questionnaire results related to mode of transport and insights
	Hani El Ahmad, AITRS Expert
40 min	- Railway transport: Presentation of country experiences
20 min	Maritime transport presentation and questionnaire results related to mode of transport and insights
	Hani El Ahmad, AITRS Expert
40 min	- Maritime Transport: Presentation of country experiences
13:30- 14:30	- Lunch
14:30-17:00	Session 6: Application of alternative and complementary data sources in the field of transportation and specifically on road safety
10 mins	- Use of alternative and complementary data sources including big data other than official data: challenges and opportunities.
	Juraj Riecan, Director, Statistics Division, ESCWA
15 mins	- ESCWA pilot study on alternative and complementary data sources on road safety: Some lessons learnt
	Wafa Aboul Hosn, Naela Haddad &. Mohamad Hossary, ESS, SD - ESCWA

30 mins	- Application of alternative data sources in the field of transportation and specifically on road safety- An Overview
	Mohamed Abdel-Aty, P.E., Trustee Chair, Pegasus Professor and Chair -The University of Central Florida UCF
15 min	- Social media crowd-sourcing as a complementary data source on road safety in developing countries: Lebanese Road Accident Platform (LRAP) as an exemplary model.
	Ali J. Ghandour, National Council for Scientific Research, Beirut, Lebanon
30 min	- Big Data for Smarter Transportation
	Mohammed Urrahman, Sr. Certified SW Architect, Technology Officer-Commercial Accounts - G&L, IBM -Dubai, UAE
15 min	- Road Quality Monitoring and Prediction
	Alexander Gunkel – CEO, ROADEO
15 min	- Harnessing the Power of Alternative Transport Data: Data-Driven Case Studies in the MENA Region
	Hossam Abdelgawad, Director, Urban Transport Technologies and Data Services Unit / Associate Professor; SETS North Africa- MINDSETS / Cairo University
15 min	- Discussion
Day 3: 18 September 2019	
09:00-11:00	- Session 7: Availability, completeness, consistency, comparability and validation of data: Air Transport
20 min	- Air Transport presentation and questionnaire results related to this mode of transport and insights
	Hani El Ahmad, AITRS Expert
15 min	- Air transport: challenges of obtaining reliable data.
	Thierry Coulet, Medstat Expert
15 min	- Air Transport: Challenges in obtaining trusted and validated data
	Marc Haddad, School of Engineering, Lebanese American University
20 min	- Air Transport country experiences
20 min	- Multimodal transport presentation and questionnaire results related to mode of transport and insights
	Hani El Ahmad, AITRS Expert
10 min	- How Eurostat countries are proceeding with monitoring intermodal transport in Europe
	Alexander Blackburn, UNECE Expert
20 min	- Multimodal transport: Discussion and country experiences
11:00-11:30	- Coffee break

11:30-13:30	Session 8: Regional and global perspectives on transport indicators: partnerships, validation and harmonization;
15 - 20 min	- Importance of partnerships and harmonization in the field of transport statistics considering regional and country specificities Juraj Riecan, Director, Statistics Division (SD), ESCWA
15 - 20 min	- MEDSTAT lessons learnt and future perspectives for partnerships and harmonization Thierry Coulet, Medstat Expert
15 - 20 min	- Role of UN ECE in promoting transport indicators- development of transport indicators and assistance given to countries and possible partnerships with regional Arab organizations Alexander Blackburn, UNECE Expert
15 - 20 min	- Role of UN Habitat as custodian of SDG transport and urban related SDG indicators- development of indicators and assistance extended to countries and possible partnerships with regional organizations Stefanie Holzwarth Urban Mobility Unit- Urban Basic Services Branch-United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat (TBC)
15 - 20 min	- Determinants of setting up partnerships with funding agencies to promote the collection and dissemination of transport data and indicators in the Arab region - United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund as an example. Professor Ramzi Salame, Secretary of the National Road Safety Council, Government of Lebanon
30 min	- Discussion
13:30- 14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:45	Session 9: Panel Discussion: Moving forward in data collection and dissemination for the Arab region, and respective capacity building needs thereof- ESCWA as a regional center for the collection and dissemination of transport data for the Arab region.
	Discussion topics: 1. Advancing the collection and dissemination of data in the Arab region, 2. Assessment of capacity-building needs of Member States 3. ESCWA as a regional center for the collection of transport data for the Arab region. 4. Partnerships and possible cooperation aimed at enhancing the availability of transport data in the region, 5. Possible sources of funding for the promotion of normative and capacity-building activities and the exchange of successful experiences and lessons learned, 6. Alternative and complementary sources of data: prospects and possibilities of regional cooperation in these areas, 7. Technological Advancements: New scopes for transport data collection and data science in support of policy making
	AITRS, EDID, Alexander Blackburn and Mr. Coulet, Hani El Ahmad., Wafa Aboul Hosn, Yarob Badr, Fouad Mrad, Moderator: Juraj Riecan, Director of SD Open discussion with MS
16:45-17:00	Closing