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Information Note

Regional Workshop on Time Use Statistics: Methods and Uses

Tunis, Tunisia, 10-12 October 2023

BACKGROUND

Time-use surveys and statistics have become an essential component of international statistics since their introduction more than a century ago. Time-use surveys provide a detailed time accounting of activities people engage in through their day-to-day lives providing thus crucial insights into the formulation and monitoring of gender-responsive public policies and development strategies in a diverse range of areas with implications for the lives of women, men, girls, and boys.

The international scope of time-use surveys has obviously raised the need for the exchange of good practice and for coordination in defining the concepts, methodology, and ways of aggregation of the results. This is necessary for obtaining reliable time-use statistics that can answer pertinent policy questions and be comparable across countries.

Recognizing the need to support countries in strengthening their capacity to collect and use time-use data for better policies and approaches to implement the 2030 Development Agenda at local, national, and regional levels, the United Nations Statistics Division and the Expert Group on Innovative and Effective Ways to Collect Time-Use Statistics have been working towards the implementation of the [International Classification of Time Use Statistics 2016 \(ICATUS 2016\)](#). The modernization of time-use surveys, in the context of updating the Guide to Producing Statistics on Time Use: Measuring Paid and Unpaid Work (referred to here as the United Nations guidelines) has been at the core of their work.

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) resolution 286 (XXV) on Gender Statistics for Equality and Empowerment of Women, supports the enhancement of the statistical capacities of the national statistical offices (NSOs) to produce time-use statistics. ESCWA implements this resolution through the organization of workshops covering the production of time-use statistics where countries have highlighted the urgent need to promote the development of guidelines and methods to produce harmonized and comparable data and requested the development of a unified toolkit for time-use statistics based on international standards and adapted to the regional context. Up-to date, eight countries in the region have carried out at least one measurement of time use, while only Morocco and Egypt have calculated the economic value of unpaid work in households and Morocco has calculated the satellite account of unpaid work in households.

Despite the efforts made, the Arab countries face challenges to move towards harmonization and greater comparability of measurements of time-use and unpaid work. NSOs are also facing challenges with current financial and human resources to conduct time-use surveys. To advance towards the implementation of quality time-use measurements and their harmonization in the Arab region, ESCWA has revised the Arabic translation of the ICATUS 2016 in 2022.

Under the umbrella of the Development Account 12th tranche project on *Time-use data for Better Policies in Africa, Western Asia and Latin America* led by UNSD in collaboration with ECWA and other UN Regional Commissions, a three-day regional workshop in Tunis in October 2023 is being organized.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the workshop is to develop national capacities on the methodology to collect and regularly produce comparable high-quality time-use data in cost-effective ways by adopting innovative and digitalization data collection methods; to analyze data to inform and answer policy questions; and to better understand progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

OUTCOME

The workshop will enhance the knowledge of the countries in the guideline and methods to produce harmonized and comparable data and draw from national experiences in implementing the time use survey.

DATE AND VENUE

The meeting will be held at the **Golden Tulip Hotel** from 10 to 12 October 2023, the meeting starts every day at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Polyvalent Room.

LOCATION

HOTEL GOLDEN TULIP EL MECHEL

AVENUE OULED HAFFOUZ EL OMRANE

1005 TUNIS, Tunisia

1 km from city center

Call the hotel: +216 71 783200

Email: info@goldentulipelmechtel.com

Location : <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Uv2jpBcZcmdaNVo16>

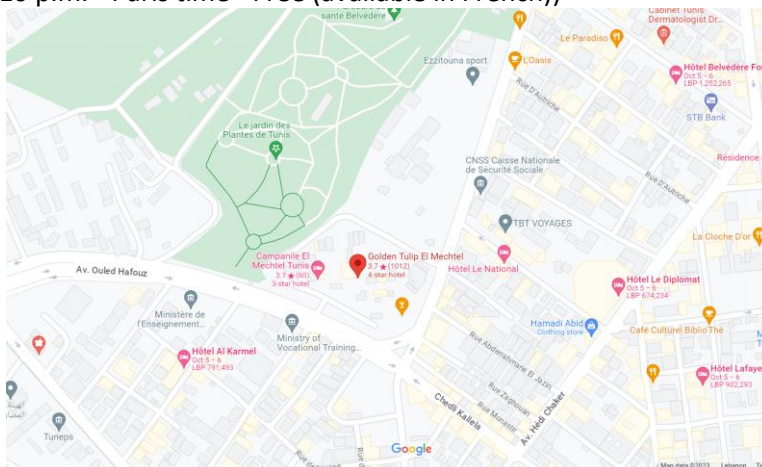
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(7/7 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. - Paris time - Free (available in French))



LANGUAGE AND DOCUMENTATION OF WORK

The working languages of the meeting are Arabic and English. Meeting presentations and documents including the information note and the organization of work will be made available on the ESCWA and UNSD websites.

PARTICIPATION

The workshop will bring together 2 statisticians from the national statistical offices in the Arab region. The workshop will provide the opportunity to share the updates to the UN Guidelines on time-use statistics and to provide hands-on training on the adaptation at the national level of proposed methods to collect, analyze, disseminate, and communicate time-use data, including time spent on unpaid care and domestic work. It is expected that the newly developed tools will lessen the burden on respondents and the high cost associated with paper diaries and improve data quality. The participants will share their national experiences in implementing time use surveys and discuss the future plans for the survey.

All participants should register for the meeting by completing the attached registration form and sending it to the ESCWA secretariat (email: maha.elayoubi@un.org or fax: +961 1 978 735) by 20 September 2023.

All participants attending the meeting are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible at the Embassy of Tunisia in the country in which the participants reside, with reference to the meeting of the ESCWA. If necessary, the ESCWA secretariat can provide a letter to facilitate obtaining a visa (email: maha.elayoubi@un.org or fax: +961 1 978 735). Participants can also check the website of the Tunisian General Security for further information.

TRAVEL, DSA, AND ACCOMMODATION

All participants' travel and accommodation will be covered by the ESCWA secretariat. To facilitate ticket purchase and other administrative clearances participants are requested to send a scanned colored copy of their passport to Ms. Maha El Ayoubi (maha.elayoubi@un.org) by 20 September 2023. Please note that the system will be locked thereafter, and we will not be able to process delayed registrations.

Roundtrip tickets will be issued in economy class in accordance with United Nations rules and regulations, whereby the most direct and economical route will be chosen, and an electronic ticket will be sent to you. Participants are not to buy their own tickets as they will not be refunded. ESCWA will provide sponsored participants with a lumpsum terminal allowance of US\$ 252 to cover airport terminal expenses in their home country. No receipt is required to receive this allowance.

Participants traveling at the UN expense will also receive a daily per Diem (DSA) at the applicable UN rate for Amman (US\$149) to cover accommodation, food as well as terminal expenses including transport costs to and from the airport. Lunch and coffee will be provided for three days.

Sponsored participants are reminded to bring a copy of their passports with **entry stamps**, a **copy of the ticket**, and a **boarding pass**, to the Venue on the first day of the meeting to process daily subsistence allowance (DSA) payment promptly.

Participants are requested to make their own accommodation arrangements. The ESCWA is not in a position to provide such services to participants. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the workshop.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

Tunisia Tunis–Carthage International Airport (TUN) in Tunisia is approximately 12-18 minutes from to Golden Tulip El Mechtel, Tunis. Participants should make their own arrangements from and to the airport through airport taxis (costs \$3 - \$4) or hotel taxis.

GENERAL AND TOURIST INFORMATION

- Time Zone: Tunis (GMT+1)
- Electricity: Electricity Voltage is 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.
- Currency: 1 Tunisian Dinar equals= 0.32 United States Dollar.
- Weather: Average temperatures in October is 21 degrees Celsius with a range from 16 degrees and a high of up to 26 degrees.
- Tourism: The following websites provide information on tourist attractions in Tunis, Tunisia:
<https://www.tourismtunisia.com/> .

CONTACT

Participants may contact Ms. Maha El Ayoubi (email: maha.elayoubi@un.org or phone: +961 1 978 735) for any questions regarding their participation in the meeting.

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