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Consultations on Developing Social Expenditure Monitor (SEM) for Yemen

Location: Coral Hotel, Aden, Yemen

Date and time: September 5-6, 2023

Draft Agenda

Day 1: 9:00 – 15 :30	
9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 09:45	Welcoming and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoF, Yemen (TBC) • Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Cluster Leader, Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, ESCWA)
09:45 - 11:00	Session 1: Overview of the SEM Project tools and its usefulness for budgeting and policy decisions in Yemen Moderator: Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Cluster Leader, Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, ESCWA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SEM project tools: Optimizing social expenditures toward improving SDGs and macro-fiscal sustainability (<i>Niranjan Sarangi, SEO & Coordinator of SEM, ESCWA</i>) ➤ SEM and financial statistics reporting: Methodology of SEM, Bridging with GFS and National Accounts , Success Story of Jordan SEM (Omar Hakouz, Senior Statistician, ESCWA) ➤ Video on the SEM online tool: An example and lessons learned (Dana Hamdan, Research Assistant, ESCWA) Q & A [Expectations from the consultation]
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 -12:45	Session 2: Assessing data for Yemen's SEM and challenges in data gathering process Moderator: Omar Hakouz, Senior Statistician, ESCWA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoF Budget Authority: Summary of the existing data infrastructure, highlighting what is available and its limitations. • Authorities from sectoral ministries: Budget process, estimates and data availability by social purpose and by populations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Education ➤ Health ➤ Social affairs ➤ Housing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Labour ➤ Environment ➤ Arts and sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Organizations supporting aid through extra-budgetary resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ United Nations Organizations (TBC) ➤ Other international Organizations (TBC) <p>Q and A</p>
12:45-13:00	Coffee Break
13:00 – 14:30	<p>Session 3: Methodology of data gathering and consultation discussions Moderator: Niranjana Sarangi, SEAO, ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data template and missing information as per SEM template [Application of SEM template to 2014, 2020, 2021] • Advance template to gather missing information for SEM dimensions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Breakout working group discussions format to discuss the templates of data gathering process, tools and the associated logistics (TBC) ➤ Each group will provide suggestions on improving data • Way forward for data gathering process, collaboration across ministries, and technical assistance
14:30 –15:30	Lunch
Day 2: 9:00 – 15 :30	
9:30 – 11:00	<p>Session 4 : SEM dimensions and indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to Education Dimension including the advanced template: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education dimension and indicators data (methodology and availability of data) - Review and feedback on data from education authorities and other authorities contributing to education programs and services. • Application to Health and Nutrition Dimension including the advanced template: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Nutrition dimension and indicators data (methodology and availability of data) - Review and feedback on data from health authorities and other authorities contributing to health programs and services
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 -12:45	<p>Session 5 : SEM dimensions and indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to Social Protection, subsidies and support to farms Dimension including the advanced template: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Protection, subsidies and support to farms dimension and indicators data (methodology and availability of data) Review and feedback on data from social affairs authorities and other authorities contributing to social protection programs and services. • Application to Labour market interventions dimension including the advanced template <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labour market interventions dimension and indicators data (methodology and availability of data) - Review and feedback on data from employment and labour authorities and other authorities contributing to the Labour market interventions programs and services
12:45-13:00	Coffee Break

13:00 – 14:30	<p>Session 6: SEM dimensions and indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to Environmental Protection Dimension including the advanced template: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Protection Dimension and indicators data (methodology and availability of data) - Review and feedback on data from Environmental Protection authorities and other authorities contributing to Environmental Protection programs and services • Application to Housing, connectivity, and community amenities dimension including the advanced template: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing, connectivity, and community amenities dimension and indicators data (methodology and availability of data) - Review and feedback on data from housing and transport authorities and other authorities contributing to housing and transport programs and services • Application to Arts, culture and sports Dimension including the advanced template: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arts, culture and sports dimension and indicators data (methodology and availability of data) - Review and feedback on data from Arts, culture and sports authorities and other authorities contributing to Arts, culture and sports programs and services
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Summary of discussions (<i>Niranjan Sarangi, SEAO & Coordinator of SEM, ESCWA</i>) Close of meeting (<i>Mohammed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Cluster Leader, Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, ESCWA</i>)</p>
15:00-15:30	Lunch