



Press Release

PSA and ESCWA Co-organize “National Workshop on Enhancing Integrated National Development Planning in Qatar”

26-27 October 2021

Within the context of the efforts made by the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA) to build national capacities in the field of result-based strategic planning, especially in preparation for the Third National Development Strategy 2023-2027, and out of its keenness to use the latest methods and approaches in the field of development planning, the PSA is organizing a national workshop, in cooperation with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), during the period 26-27 October 2021 at JW Marriott Marquis City Center Doha.

This workshop comes as part of the activities of the Development Account Project “Towards the Arab Horizon 2030: Enhancing Integrated National Development Planning in the Arab Region,” and also as part of the recommendations of the report entitled: "Arab Business Environment Legislative Framework" prepared by ESCWA in 2021.

This workshop aims to provide national capacity-building for staff in ministries, government agencies, the private sector, civil society organizations, universities and research centers, and introduce them to recent developments in the field of development planning, in order to reach better approaches that can be adopted to develop the integrated development planning process in the State of Qatar. It also aims at improving the business and investment environment in the Covid-19 recovery phase, since it has become necessary to restore business in a more dynamic way.



The workshop's themes will focus on the tools and materials related to integrated development planning prepared by ESCWA, and on the successes and challenges in national development planning in Qatar, as well as public policies and regulatory reforms related to foreign direct investment. Seeking best results from this workshop, specific topics were selected based on the importance and influence in the development planning process.

The workshop sessions will focus on national development planning, specifically on tools prepared by ESCWA in this field, and on Qatar experience in development planning, especially the Second National Development Strategy. The workshop will also address more detailed topics related to Qatar's strategic aspirations aimed at building a diversified economy, especially focusing on regulatory reforms related to the business environment and foreign direct investment, organizational reforms in public policies and methods to introduce them in the planning and implementation of stated goals.

The workshop will be attended by a number of development planning specialists in Qatar, from ministries and government agencies, the private sector, civil society organizations, and representatives from universities and research centers, as well as representatives of UN agencies operating in the State of Qatar. The workshop will be opened by HE Dr. Saleh bin Mohammed Al-Nabit, President of the Planning and Statistics Authority, and HE Dr. Rola Dashti, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA.

On this occasion, HE Dr. Saleh Mohammed Al-Nabit, President of the Planning and Statistics Authority, expressed his pleasure for working with ESCWA, the rest of the UN agencies operating in Qatar, ministries, government agencies, the private sector and civil society in preparations for developing the Third National Development Strategy 2023-



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2027, in order to express the ambition of all segments of the Qatari society, aiming to build a better life for all.