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AMMAN, JORDAN

National Agriculture Research Strategy

In Amman, ESCWA supported Jordan's National Agriculture Research Centre (NARC) in aligning its 2019-2023 strategy with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), promoting research and development, modern technologies, and best practices. ESCWA organized an Expert Group Meeting to discuss critical research areas with key stakeholders, agree on priorities to improve food security, achieve the SDGs and mainstream these goals into Jordan's national agricultural research strategy.

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BEIRUT, LEBANON

A Moment of Silence

Executive Secretary Rola Dashti led ESCWA staff in observing a moment of silence for our United Nations colleagues who were among the 157 passengers onboard flight ET 302, which crashed shortly after take-off on 10 March. In their remarks, Ms. Dashti and the ESCWA Staff Council expressed their heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the victims' families and loved ones.



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NEW YORK, USA

63rd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

The 63rd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women ([CSW](#)), the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, takes place at UN Headquarters from 11 to 22 March. ESCWA is organizing nine side events during the session in partnership with its member States, the League of Arab States and sister UN entities. Jordan and Tunisia shared their experiences and stressed the importance of gender equality in achieving sustainable development. ESCWA and its partners highlighted key challenges facing women in the Arab region such as gender-based violence, access to justice, conflict and displacement. The side events showcased innovative approaches to tackle these challenges, including the first-ever Arab guidelines on costing violence against women and adapting the SDGs to the local context.