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Green Technology & Sustainable Financing

ESCWA, the [Climate Technology Centre & Network](#) (CTCN) and [Lebanon's National Council for Scientific Research](#) (CNRS) organized a regional meeting on green technology investments and access to sustainable financing. Participants discussed green and climate technology deployment and access to finance as key means of implementation to accelerate achievement of the Sustainable development Goals (SDGs), as well as the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

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Women's Day: "The time is now"

ESCWA in partnership with the Lebanese Academy of Fine Arts (Alba) - University of Balamand celebrated International Women's Day with a sense of urgency in achieving gender equality, under the theme "The time is now". Alba students presented art installations that drew attention to the worst forms of discrimination facing women and highlighted the positive role women and girls play in their communities. Actresses and advocates Nidal Achkar and Natasha Choufani joined ESCWA Executive Secretary Rola Dashti, a long-time women's rights activist, and addressed the audience of government officials, civil society representatives, members of academia and the media.

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Renewable Energy

ESCWA and the Jordanian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) launched the first baseline mapping of energy use in existing buildings as part of the project "Up-scaling Energy Efficiency in the residential and services sectors in the Arab Region", and conducted a national consultation. Within a Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency funded project, the national consultation had key stakeholders assess socio-economic and politics dynamics, energy access and gender disparity in rural areas. Participants commended ESCWA's support in promoting sustainable energy as an enabling factor for economic development.

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Kids Day at ESCWA

For the first time, children of ESCWA staff members were invited to visit the UN House in Beirut on 6 March. 60 children took part in activities sensitizing them to women's rights and gender equality. Younger children participated in a miming activity challenging gender stereotypes, while the older group wrote letters to the UN Secretary General sharing their ideas on how to achieve gender equality. Children were also offered a tour of the UN House, during which staff interacted with the children, explaining their work on the empowerment of women, girls and youth in a fun and interactive manner.



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Children and adolescents with disabilities



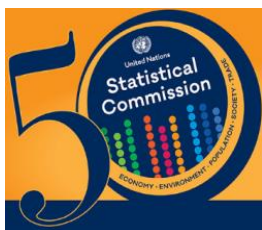
ESCWA partnered with UNICEF and OHCHR to host the regional launch of the global campaign on “The Good Treatment of Girls, Boys and Adolescents with Disabilities”. Master of Ceremony Michael Haddad, a prominent advocate for people with disabilities and UNDP Climate Change Champion, introduced the Lebanese Minister for Social Affairs, ESCWA Executive Secretary Rola Dashti, the Chilean Ambassador to Lebanon, and keynote speaker Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disability and Accessibility. Policymakers, diplomats, advocates and persons with disabilities, including children, attended the introduction of the [10 principles](#) for protection, well-being and development for children and adolescents with disabilities. Speakers stressed the importance of urgent action and regional cooperation to uphold the rights of children and youth with disabilities, leaving no one behind.

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NEW YORK, UNITED STATES

UN Statistical Committee



At the [50th session](#) of the UN Statistical Commission, ESCWA, the Washington Group on Disability Statistics, the UN Statistics Division (DESA), the International Disability Alliance, and the UK Department for International Development (DFID) emphasized the importance of evidence-based policymaking for inclusive societies that leave no one behind. ESCWA presented an integrated monitoring framework of 101 disability indicators that strengthen partnership and ownership for all stakeholders, highlighting linkages with the SDGs, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and relevant human rights instruments. ESCWA called on participants to go beyond data disaggregation, encouraging meaningful reflection on the underlying concerns and needs of persons with disabilities.

DID YOU KNOW?

In his message on International Woman’s Day, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres stressed that women’s rights are fundamental to global progress. [Click here](#)



For the first time, all 5 heads of Regional Commissions are female: Rola Dashti (ESCWA), Alicia Barcena (ECLAC), Armida Alisjahbana (ESCAP), Olga Algayerova (UNECE) and Vera Songwe (ECA).

They are pictured here with Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed during a recent visit to headquarters.



70% of victims of human trafficking are women

37 % of Arab Women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence

Where female genital mutilation is encountered in the Arab region, it ranges from 23% to 98%

