



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Agency Coordinating Group Meeting

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### ICP Regional Briefs

Do you plan to collect ALL data for ICP 2017 in 2017?

No.

Do you plan to utilize data from the regional interim updates for ICP 2017?

Yes.

If yes, please explain which data you will be using and how you intend to extrapolate to 2017

Western Asia is conducting a full regional round for PPP production in 2016 where all the surveys are being conducted including household consumption and special surveys. Household consumption data collected in 2016 will be extrapolated to 2017 using CPI data at the most detailed level (basic heading level), while non-household consumption data will be collected in 2017 as well.

Do you intend to use reduced items lists for ICP 2017 (in relation to ICP 2011)? If yes, for which surveys?

For most of the non-household consumption surveys, we will use the updated global surveys, whereas for the construction survey, a few items have been added to be more representative of Western Asia region. As for the household consumption survey, the number of items on the regional product list has been reduced from 1031 items in 2011 to 632 items in 2016, more than 65% of which (428 items) are common with items in the global core list.

What regional workshops and capacity-building activities are you planning over the period 2016-2017?

Western Asia region is conducting a regional PPP production round in 2016; therefore, many sub-regional and regional workshops have taken place in 2016 for developing the household consumption regional product list and survey framework, training on data entry and validation using the ICP software, and additional workshops and capacity building activities will take place during 2016-2017. Moreover, projects are currently being implemented for the production of sub-national PPPs in three pilot countries and more countries might also undertake such projects, thus many workshops and capacity building activities including trainings will be conducted (and have been conducted in 2016 so far) for the production of sub-national PPPs at the basic heading level and up to the GDP level. Furthermore, Western Asia started a new initiative to produce a harmonized consumer price index (HCPI) starting with a sub-regional subset of non-GCC member countries and capacity building workshops and trainings took place and will take place to produce the HCPI. In summary, ESCWA will conduct many workshops and perform multiple capacity building activities over the period 2016-2017 in the area of price statistics, increasing the integration between the CPI and ICP.

What outreach and advocacy efforts are you planning over the period 2016-2017?

We are currently working on developing the ICP website to answer the needs of all its visitors. It will offer basic information about the project, the latest news on the project activities, operational material, and major findings. Moreover, we will also produce regular newsletters to cover the project updates, in addition to holding seminars and national projects in the purpose of promoting the ICP and the importance of PPPs.

Please fill below details on your tentative plans and timeline for interim activities and ICP 2017:

	<b>Interim Activities</b>	<b>ICP 2017</b>
List of <i>expected</i> participating countries	Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, UAE.	Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya*, Mauritania*, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria*, Tunisia, UAE, Yemen.
<i>Expected</i> survey coverage (capital, urban only, or national; by country, if necessary)	National coverage	National coverage

<i>Estimated</i> total number of survey items AND number of GCL items for:		
HHC	Total number of items: 632 GCL items: 428	Total number of items: 632 GCL items: 428
Housing	Total number of items: 13 GCL items: 13	Total number of items: 13 GCL items: 13
Government	Total number of items: 33 GCL items: 33	Total number of items: 33 GCL items: 33
Machinery and Equipment	Total number of items: 150 GCL items: 150	Total number of items: 150 GCL items: 150
Construction and Civil Engineering	Total number of items for countries participating exclusively in Western Asia: 54 GCL items for countries participating exclusively in Western Asia: 46  Total number of items for countries with dual participation in Western Asia and in Africa regions: 63 GCL items for countries with dual participation in Western Asia and in Africa regions: 55	Total number of items for countries participating exclusively in Western Asia: 54 GCL items for countries participating exclusively in Western Asia: 46  Total number of items for countries with dual participation in Western Asia and in Africa regions: 63 GCL items for countries with dual participation in Western Asia and in Africa regions: 55
<i>Expected</i> timing of data collection (quarters and years):		
HHC	Quarters 1, 2, 3, and 4 of 2016	Extrapolation of data from 2016 actual prices
Housing	June 2016 and December 2016	June 2017 and December 2017
Government	May 2016	May 2017
Machinery and Equipment	Quarter 2 2016	Quarter 2 2017
Construction and Civil Engineering	July-August 2016	July-August 2017
<i>Expected</i> date of data finalization (by data type, if	November 2017	November 2018

needed)		
<i>Expected</i> regional results release date	December 2017	December 2018
<i>Expected</i> outputs (report, database, etc.)	Final report (including final results and analysis)	Final report (including final results and analysis)

\*: pending confirmation