

TSG1-WA Objectives

- Give visibility to the work on displacement and statelessness statistics by country, regional, international and other data actors in the region.
- Promote the mainstreaming of displacement and statelessness statistics through continental/regional engagement, including through migration and population statistics platforms.
- Promote capacity development activities to implement the IRRS, IRIS and IROSS recommendations at regional and country level, informed by the methodologies and tools provided by EGRISS.
- Reinforce a collaborative approach to improving displacement and statelessness statistics.

Geographic Scope: UNESCWA Countries

The regional task teams of EGRISS' Technical Subgroup 1 (Regional Engagement & Capacity Development) follow the UN Economic Commissions' designations: Africa; Asia and Pacific; Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; Western Asia. The focus of this TSG1 regional task team is Western Asia.

UNESCWA Countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Oman, State of Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

TSG1-WA Leadership & Membership

TSG1-WA consists of a regional task team lead, task team members and a global focal point from among the EGRISS membership. The global focal point has the primary role of supporting the task team, and its leadership, in successfully delivering the workplan.

Global Support Focal Point

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TSG1-WA membership:

TSG1-WA Team membership list available upon request.

- UNHCR Regional Bureaux and Headquarters.
- IOM regional
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)
- League of Arab States (LAS)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
- Joint Internal Displacement Profiling Service (JIPS)
- Morocco
- Other national level partnership still to be confirmed

Deliverables

TSG1–AFRICA Work Area	Deliverable	Focal points	Dates
Arab Forum on Sustainable Development	Concept note submission and presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM • UNHCR • ESCWA 	15 th –17 th April
Joint Regional Workshop on Use of Census Data	EGRISS/UNHCR to organise session and/or share about use of census data for the analysis of displaced persons	Ismail Lubbad (ESCWA)	19 th –21 st May
Briefing to the Technical Advisory Group on Social and Demographic Statistics, including outcomes of Cairo workshop	Briefing session organised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGRISS Secretariat • ESCWA 	Q2
Regional adaptation/guidance developed related to statistical categories/definitions, for example Palestinian refugees	TBC	Sebastian Steinmueller, UNRWA	Q3/Q4
Regional training on SDG 16 for MENA (online)	Regional training on SDG 16 indicators, with a session on SDG 10.7.4 on the refugee population and the disaggregation of SDG 16 indicators by displacement and statelessness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana Neves (UNDP) • Mustafa Khawaja (ESCWA) • Grace Sanico Steffan (UNHCR) • Aina Helen Saetre (UNHCR) 	Q4
Technical Advisory Group Meeting	Session to be organised by EGRISS on statistical inclusion of refugees, IDPs and stateless people (in person or online)	Ismail Lubbad (ESCWA)	Mid–October (exact dates TBD)