

# Progress on the Update of Economic Statistics and National Accounts in the Arab Region

تحديث الإحصاءات الاقتصادية والحسابات القومية في المنطقة العربية

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# I- ESCWA's Work on the UPDATE of the SNA 2025

## Technical research

GUIDANCE NOTE ON  
ISLAMIC FINANCE

- [Sub/Joint] **T**ask **T**eams
- Specific timeline and outputs
- Draft **guidance notes**: clarification, interpretation or change;

With GCC-Stat UNSD: 4  
Countries Pilot Testing

**implementation tested through experimentation and testing**

## Broad consultation

Regional Workshop on SNA  
Update

- **Involve broad set of users** in the discussion, including policymakers, academia and private sector representatives
- **Regular regional and global consultancies**;
- Global user conferences on economic statistics

## Ensuring overall consistency

BOP and SNA Co-Chairs

- Collaborate with experts in: classifications, BPM, GFSM, MFSM, SEEA, labor, prices, agriculture, and business and trade statistics, etc.

# UN-Network of Economic Statisticians

## United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians UN-NES

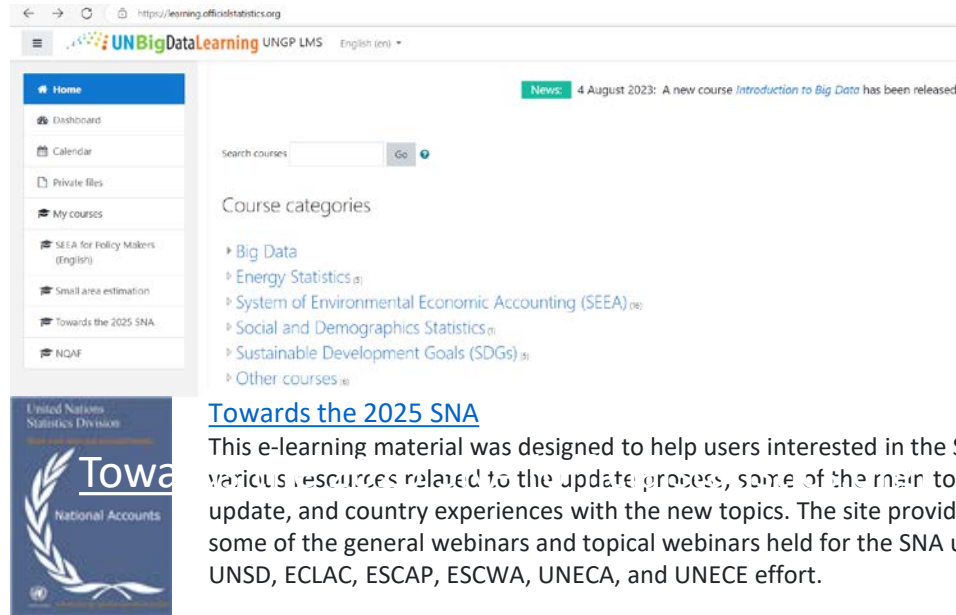
- ESCWA reached out to Economists and Social Scientists within the organization and a wide network from countries and organizations (Morocco, Tunisia, Palestine, Oman)
- Encouraged Arab Countries to establish their national networks of Economic Statisticians
- Engaged in regional consultations and communication

## Sprints on Economic Statistics

- Classifications,
- Measurement of Inflation of Owner-occupied Housing Sprint,
- Beyond GDP

# E-learning for Capacity Building

[learning.officialstatistics.org/](https://learning.officialstatistics.org/)



United Nations  
Statistics Division  
Towards the 2025 SNA  
National Accounts

## [Towards the 2025 SNA](#)

This e-learning material was designed to help users interested in the SNA update to access various resources related to the update process, some of the main topics included in the update, and country experiences with the new topics. The site provides material and links to some of the general webinars and topical webinars held for the SNA update. This is a joint UNSD, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA, UNECA, and UNECE effort.

[Towards the 2025 SNA \(officialstatistics.org\)](https://learning.officialstatistics.org/)

# II-International Trade in Goods (New Dashboard) and Study on Measuring Digital Trade, Statistical Business Registers

Measuring Digital Trade قياس التجارة الرقمية AMF-WTO-ESCWA 20-23-11-2023 Abu Dhabi

Statistical Business Registers with UNSD and AITRS in January 2024

Energy data workshop – MENA region 12 Oct 2023 Workshop — Paris, France

الدليل الخاص بقياس حجم التجارة الرقمية

Study on measuring international digital trade in the Arab region

E/ESCWA/CL4.SIT/2022/TP.1 March 2022



Study on measuring international digital trade  
in the Arab region



# Trade in Goods: ESCWA External Trade Data Platform for the Arab Region (ETDP)

<https://etdp.unescwa.org/dashboard/platform.html#>

English

ETDP  
منصة بيانات التجارة الخارجية للمنطقة العربية

منصة بيانات التجارة الخارجية للمنطقة العربية

البيانات السنوية

معلومات عن المنصة

البيانات الشهرية

تقدم هذه المنصة التفاعلية قاعدة بيانات لإحصاءات التجارة الخارجية للدول العربية. تعرض المنصة البيانات التجارية الشهرية والسنوية بشكل تفصيلي حتى 6 أرقام حسب النظام المنسق لتوصيف السلع وترميزها. وهي تتضمن أداة بحث تتيح متابعة بيانات صادرات البلدان العربية و وارداتها ابتداءً من عام 2012، مع إمكانية عرضها حسب التجمعات الاقتصادية والمجموعات السلعية، ومن سمات قاعدة البيانات الأشكال البيانية المختلفة المصممة لتبيان اتجاهات التجارة الثنائية مع بلدان العالم، والتجارة العربية البينية، والأداء التجاري للمنطقة العربية مع باقي بلدان العالم.

البلد المصرح: المنطقة العربية (كافة البلدان)

الشريك التجاري: العالم (كل الشركاء)

نوع البيانات: الكل

إتجاه التجارة: صادرات وطنية، إعادة تصدير

السنة: 2021

الشريك - مجموعة إقتصادية: الجنوب العالمي

البدء من جديد

تحميل

البحث عبر رمز النظام المنسق أو وصف السلعة

ايبحث

كافة السلع

5 - منتجات معدنية

16 - آلات وأجهزة آليه؛ معدات كهربائية؛ أجزاءها؛ أجهزة تسجيل وإذاعة الصوت، أجهزة تسجيل وإذاعة الصوت والصورة في الإذاعة المرئية (تلفزيون) وأجزاء ولوازم

6 - منتجات الصناعة الكيماوية أو الصناعات المرتبطة بها

14 - لؤلؤ طبيعي أو مستنبت، وأحجار كريمة أو شبه كريمة، معادن ثمينة ومعادن عادية، مكسوة بقشرة من معادن ثمينة، ومصنوعات هذه المواد؛ حلى الغواية "

7 - لدائن ومصنوعاتها؛ مطاط ومصنوعاته

15 - معادن عادية ومصنوعاتها

17 - معدات نقل

4 - منتجات صناعة الأغذية؛ مشروبات، سوائيل كحولية وحل؛ تبغ وأبدان تبغ مصحلة

2 - منتجات نباتية

21 - سلع غب مذكرة، سابقا

أعلى 10 سلع

أعلى 10 فصول

أعلى 10 أقسام

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6	\$43.4 Bn
14	\$38.9 Bn
7	\$30.6 Bn
15	\$28.2 Bn
17	\$20.8 Bn
4	\$15.0 Bn
2	\$8.5 Bn
21	\$7.6 Bn

Chapter	Value (Bn)
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71	\$38.9 Bn
85	\$32.5 Bn
39	\$28.8 Bn
84	\$18.4 Bn
87	\$14.2 Bn
29	\$14.1 Bn
31	\$10.8 Bn
72	\$8.2 Bn
76	\$7.6 Bn

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71012	\$47.7 Bn
71112	\$45.8 Bn
71019	\$24.0 Bn
10812	\$21.1 Bn
51712	\$18.2 Bn
10231	\$9.8 Bn
71113	\$8.1 Bn
99999	\$7.6 Bn
11319	\$6.2 Bn

Reporter: Arab Region (All Reporters)

Partner-Country: World (All Partners)

Data Type: All

Flow: Exports, Re-Exports

Year: 2021

Economic Grouping: Global South

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20 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles 3.71Bn

13 - Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware 3.12Bn

18 - Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches 2.58Bn

3 - Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes 2.39Bn

12 - Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; b 1.22Bn

9 - Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; b 511.34M

8 - Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; article 502.3M

19 - Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof 12.72M

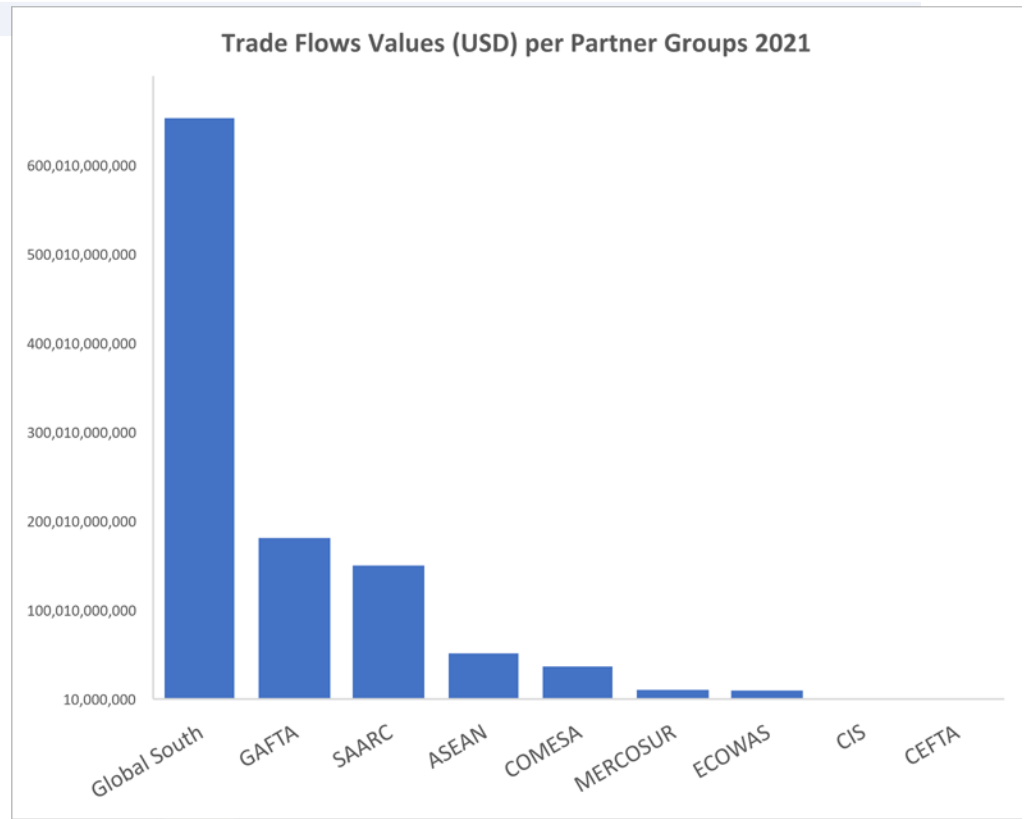
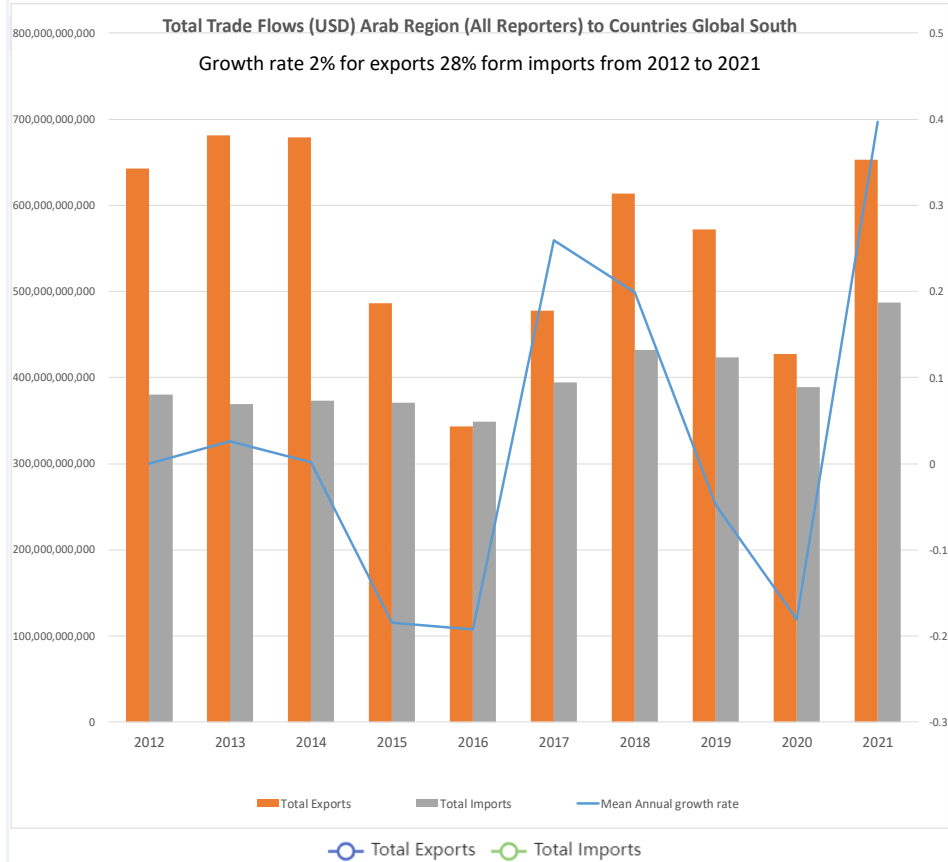


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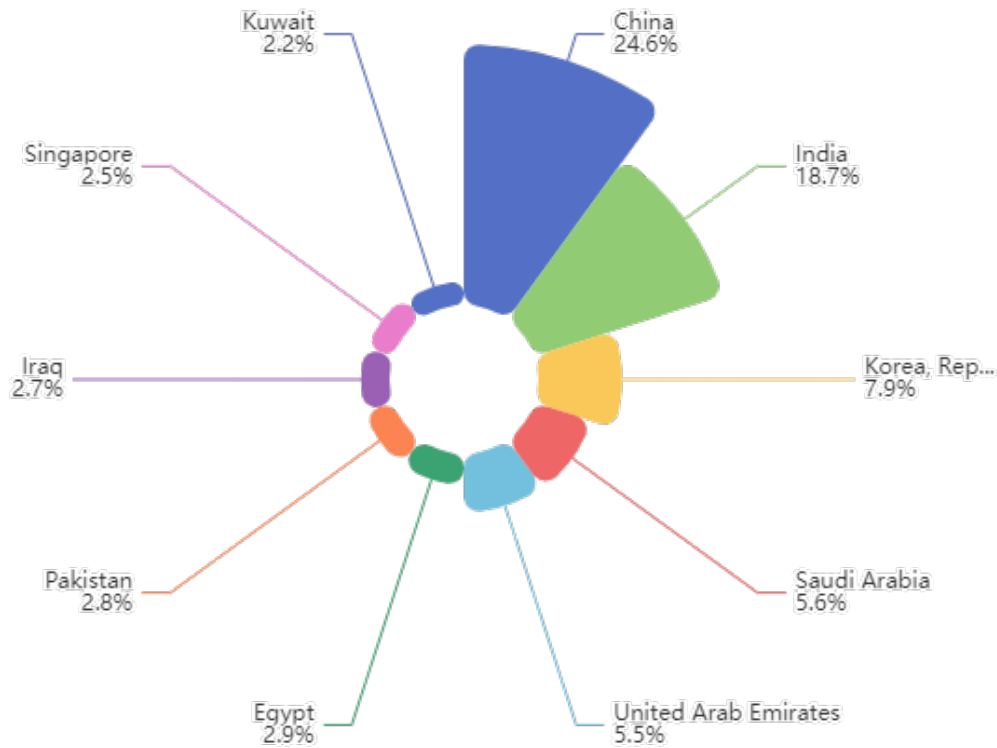
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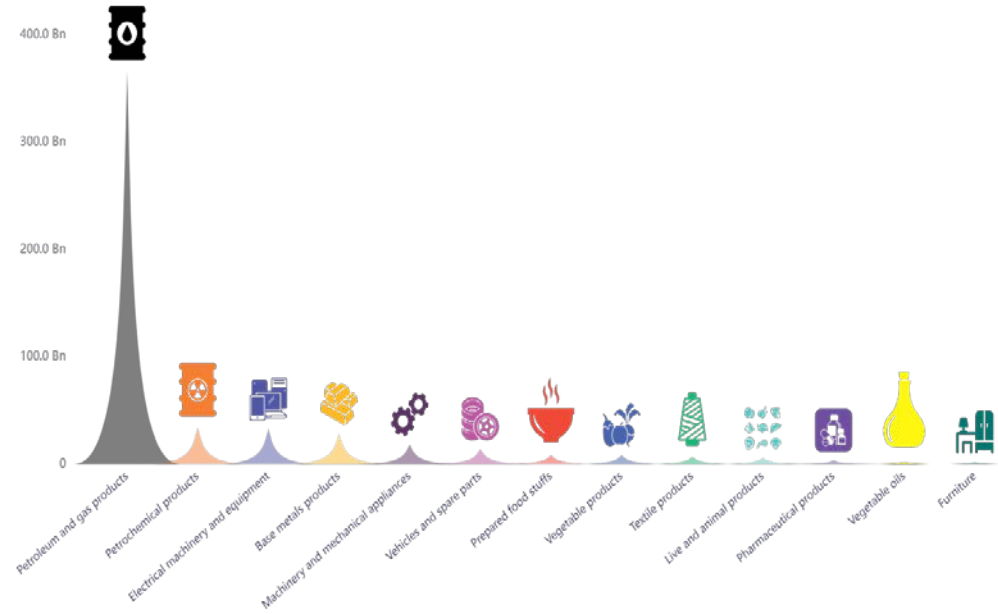


# Trade Flows by Reporter and (USD) and Top 10 Trade Flows Partners for 2021

## Top 10 Trade Flows Partners

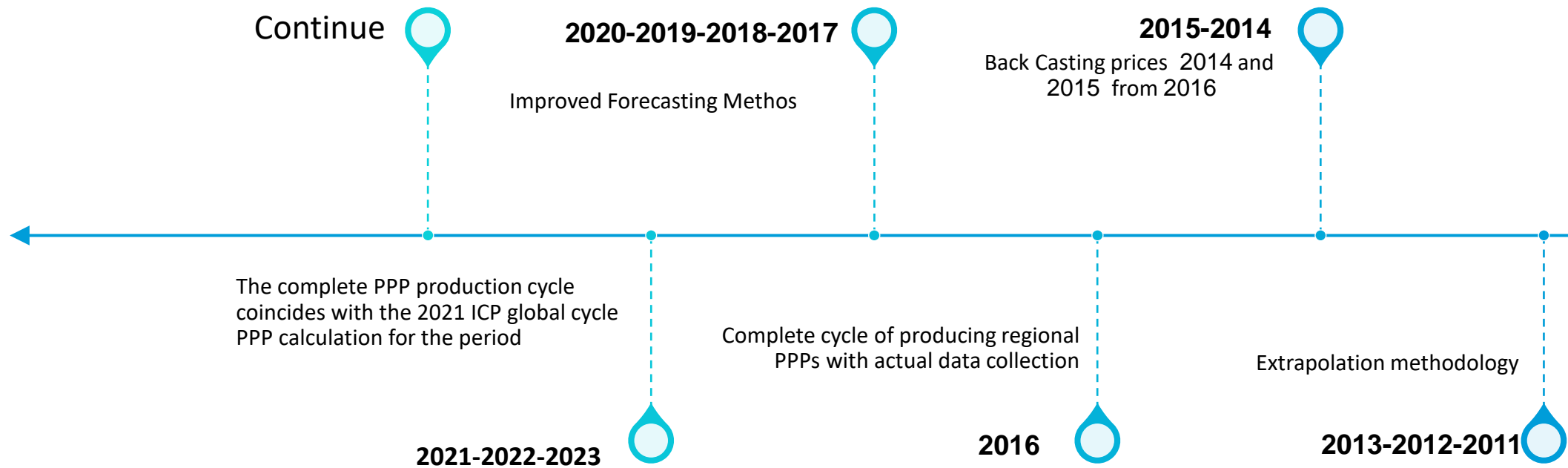


## Trade of Commodity Groups



# III- Work on Price Statistics

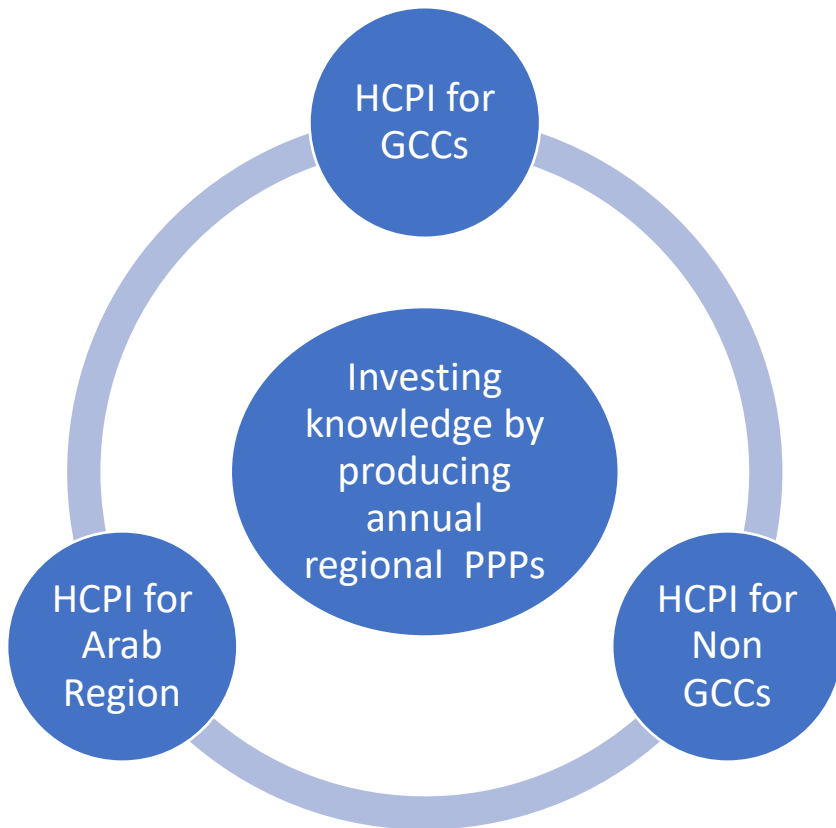
Purchasing power parity estimates PPPs  
Constructing an annual long time series



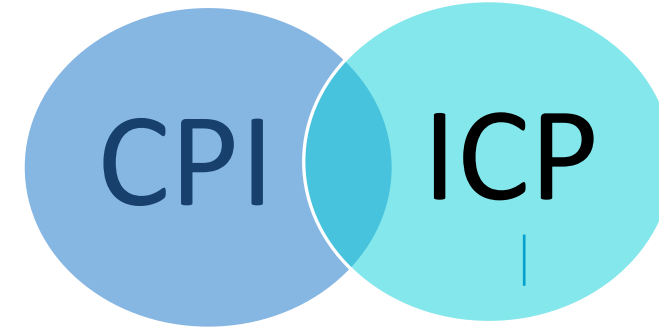
Regional Price Statistics Meeting: Impact of price changes on social and economic indicators. (November postponed till 6-7December 2023)

# New Regional Products on Price Statistics

## HARMONIZED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (HCPI)



## Improving the consumer price index



Double integration process to increase the overlap between the regional list of household consumption items and the national CPI item lists.

Improving the national CPI, increasing the description of items by adding items extracted from the regional ICP list

Strengthening the national data refinement process by adopting ICP data processing methods and tools

Regional ICP list becomes more representative of the Arab region by including items extracted from the national CPI regulations.

# Big Data Task Teams in Economic Statistics

<https://unstats.un.org/bigdata/task-teams/index.cshtml>

ESCWA member of Task teams and use cases in the following:

AIS data: analyses the usage of data coming from the Automatic Identification System (AIS) : Use Case on Marine Shipping Dynamics in Mediterranean Sea after Ukraine War

Mobile Phone Data: Mobile Records for Refugees Mobility in Lebanon and Jordan

Scanner Data: for Prices

Earth Observation: SDGs, Disasters Monitoring, and Damage Assessment

# South-South Cooperation for Knowledge Sharing Background

Measuring South-South cooperation in the context of SDG indicator 17.3.1



South-South  
Cooperation



UNSD ECA ECLAC ESCAP ESCWA



## Project components



Team: UNCTAD  
UNSD, ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA



Support 8 developing countries from Asia, Africa and Latin America to measure SSC



To inform and target policy action to manage and mobilize resources for efforts to achieve the SDGs



<https://unctad.org/project/quantifying-south-south-cooperation-mobilize-funds-sustainable-development-goals>

# DA Project 2023-2025 in the Arab region

<https://unctad.org/project/quantifying-south-south-cooperation-mobilize-funds-sustainable-development-goals>

Engagement from our Region to refine and Validate the Conceptual framework to measure and report South-South cooperation

Data collection, compilation and reporting tools developed based on discussions in an **expert meeting** (with experts nominated by governments)

**Organize one regional event**, to disseminate the conceptual framework and the goals/objectives of measuring South-South cooperation and identify interested countries.

**National workshops in beneficiary countries** to test and adapt the validated framework, tools and resources to the national context

**Inter-regional capacity building workshop**

Sharing the SSC framework, tools and resources in **national and international events of statisticians**

An **e-learning course (We can translate into Arabic)** to support measurement and reporting of South-South Cooperation.

A **report summarizing** the methodology and the findings, including early estimates of South-South Cooperation

National On-line platform for data collection



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