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Special Topic Session Proposal

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2. Date of Submission 25 May 2010

3. Title of proposed Session “Women in the Labor Market of the Arab

Region: Facts and Challenges”

4. Brief description of session (less than 40 words)

This session mainly sheds light on women’s rights in the labor market of some Arab countries. Representatives of many Arab Statistical Institutions will present papers on the aforementioned issue.

The proposed papers will mainly focus on women status in the labour market in the Arab countries such as (the Mediterranean , Gulf, and Al Maghrieb countries), and call for the international community attention to assist the Arab countries to empower participation of women in labour market to increase women contribution in the development process.

5. Describe why this session would be of interest to ISI attendees (include key relevant references) [No more than half a page + references].

“All peoples have the right of self-determination and to control over their natural wealth and resources, and the right to freely choose their political system and to freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development” (Arab Charter on Human Rights, article 2-a). The said article obviously stresses the necessity of having equality between all citizens in the Arab region regardless of their sex. In other words, women shall not be downgraded in society, especially in the labor market of the Arab region, but enjoy their rights abreast with men with no discrimination under any circumstances.

In principle, the said article is in line with the objectives of the Committee on Women in Statistics which aims at promoting and strengthening the role of women. Hence, it shall be an excellent opportunity for the committee members to coordinate and cooperate in order to explore the possibility of having joint efforts to provide equal opportunities to women and far from any form of discrimination.

As a matter of fact, there is an urgent necessity to provide women in the Arab labour market with such equal opportunities as their role is marginalized due to cultural, economical and social constraints. Women participation in the Arab labour market is affected by different determinants such as: education, reproductive health, marital status, country economic performance, economic growth...etc

The aforementioned claim will be supported by situational analysis supported by actual data derived from official primary and secondary data sources; in addition to other resources which deal with issues related to women's participation in the Arab labour market.

By the end of the session, the attendance shall have a clear picture on the status of Arabic women in the labour market which will increase the international community attention to assist the Arab countries to empower effective participation of women in labour market.

References:

This session will be based on the statistical data derived from different statistical reports published by different Arab statistical institutes, in addition to studies and research papers related to Arab countries economy and labor market.

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Indicative	Women in the Lebanese Labor market

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Indicative Title	Women Work in the Informal Sector in Amman
Name	Ms. Bushra Buziani
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Indicative Title	Women and Labour Market in Morocco
Name	Ms. Ola Awad
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Indicative Title	The Development of Women Participation in the Palestinian Labour Market
Name	Ms. Sawsan Al-Luwateyya
Nationality	Oman
Affiliation	Supervisor, Technical Office of the National Committee of Population
Indicative Title	Omani Woman in the Labour Market: Facts and challenges”

8. ISI Section or Committee: Committee on Women in Statistics
9. Possible collaborating Societies, Sections or Committees Possibly the International Association of Survey Statisticians and the International Association of Official Statistics (contacts have not been made but can easily be made)
10. Other Information

