

**Proposed CWS Special Topics Session (STS)**  
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Title: Youth in Arab Countries, Facts and Challenges

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A proposal of the International Statistical Institute Committee for Women in Statistics

Description: During this session many Arab countries that represent (Mediterranean, Maghreb, and African) will present papers that will discuss the youth situation in their countries from statistical views. The papers will cover the social economic and all other sectors where the youth in Arabic counties are involved and what is the main challenges that effect their productivity and what they are looking for. The papers will discuss the Arab Spring and the role of youth in the political changes in their countries also it will present the youth future involvement in the political development in their countries. During this session there will be a focus on the main future perspective and some recommendation on how to increase and enhance youth involvement and productivity.

Justification: This subject is of high importance to our countries and to the whole world especially it discuss the situation of Youth and represent the youth in a gender wise to see the involvement of female in the Arab countries in different sectors especially labour force, education, and health.

The session will talk about Youth in Arab Countries and will represent the youth situation in various fields and the youth expectations and future involvement.

Speakers:

Dr. Mohamed Taamouti, Head, Maghreb Statistical Office

Mr. Ahmad AlQubelat. Director of Human Resources, Department of Statistics in Jordan

Ms. Rawia Batrawi, Head of Population and Census Division, Campus Egyptian Statistical Office

Mr. Mohammed Duridi, Director of Population and demographics Statistics, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

Dr. Mahdi Ismail Alallak, Head, Statistical Office of Iraq

Discussant:

Ms. Penelope Bidgood, Head of ISI Committee of Woman in Statistics. (CWS)