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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 – Facts and Challenges in the Arab Region”
4. Brief description of session (less than 40 words)

This session mainly sheds light on women gender issues 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].

One of the objectives of the Committee on Women in Statistics is to provide statistics on women’s issues. This is an excellent opportunity to explore issues relevant to women in the Arab region. As a matter of fact, leaders of the National Statistical Offices in this region are enthusiastic to organize the said session.

The importance of such session stems from addressing an important developmental, social, economic and legal issues. Investigating this issue will be based on situation 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.

Generally speaking, the role of women is marginalized in the Arabic region, especially in the labour market due to cultural, economical and social constraints. Women participation in the labour market is

affected by different determinants ;education, reproductive health, marital status, country economic performance, economic growth...etc..

By the end of this session, the attendance will have a clear picture about 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.

6. Proposed Organizer(s)

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7. Possible speakers or participants in STS (repeat table for each possible participant)

Name	Representative of Mediterranean Countries
Nationality	Either Lebanon, Jordan or Iraq
Affiliation	
Indicative Title	

Name	Representative from Gulf Countries
Nationality	Oman or Kuwait or Qatar
Affiliation	
Indicative Title	

Name	Representative from Al Maghrieb Countries
Nationality	Maghreb or Tunisia or Algeria
Affiliation	
Indicative Title	

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Affiliation	
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8. ISI Section or 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