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**Workshop for the Arab Countries on Tourism Statistics and Tourism Satellite Account (TSA)
12 – 15 October, 2009, Damascus-Syria**

DAY 1: Monday 12 October 2009	
9:00 - 10:00	Opening Workshop
10:00 – 10:30	Session I - International Tourism in Arab Countries: Prospects and Challenges Mr. Khalid Al-Mudhafar
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	Session II - Review of International Recommendations for Tourism Statistics (IRTS 2008) Mr. Khalid Al-Mudhafar
12:00 – 1:00	Session III - Border Statistics Ms. Arzu Semati <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Purpose- Concepts and definitions- Coverage- Data collection- Data consistency- Discussion
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch break
2:00 - 3:00	Session IV - Country Experiences in Border Statistics and the IRTS 2008
3:00 - 4:00	Session V - Evaluation and recommendations

DAY 2 Tuesday: 13 October 2009	
9:00 – 10:00	Session I - Tourism Expenditure associated to Inbound, Outbound and Domestic Tourism (what do we need?) Ms. Arzu Semati
10:00 – 11:00	Session II - Inbound and Outbound Tourism Expenditure surveys: the UNWTO questionnaire Mr. Khalid Al-Mudhafar
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 1:00	Session III - The Inbound and Outbound Tourism Expenditure Surveys Ms. Arzu Semati <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Purpose- Concepts and definitions- Coverage- Sample design of departing visitors survey- Data collection- Data consistency- Discussion
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch break



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2:00 - 3:00	Session IV - Country Experiences
3:00 - 4:00	Session V - Evaluation and recommendations

DAY 3 Wednesday:14 October 2009	
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Session I - Domestic Tourism Expenditure Survey Mr. Khalid Al-Mudhafar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose ,Concepts and definitions - Coverage - Sample design of domestic tourism survey - Data collection - Data consistency - Discussion
10:30 –11:00	Session II - Country Experiences
11:00 – 11:30	Cofee break
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Session III - Supply side statistics on tourism: presentation of main statistical needs Mr. Khalid Al-Mudhafar</p>
12:30 – 2:00	<p>Session IV - Statistics on Accommodation Mr. Khalid Al-Mudhafar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose - Concepts and definitions - Coverage - Data collection - Data consistency - Discussion
2:00 – 3:00	Lunch break
3:00 –3:30	<p>Session V - The UNWTO Accommodation Kit Mr. Juan Falconi</p>
3:30 – 4:00	<p>Session VI - A UNWTO questionnaire concerning methodological aspects on tourism statistics and TSA applications Mr. Juan Falconi</p>
4.00-4.30	<p>Session VII - The UNWTO questionnaire: the case of Arab Countries Mr. Juan Falconi</p>
DAY 4 Thursday:15 October 2009	
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Session I - Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) Mr. Juan Falconi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The TSA Recommended Methodological Framework 2008 - First steps towards the implementation of a TSA: the UNWTO recommendations - TSA: A procedure based on the Supply-Use Tables of the National Accounts (a UNWTO proposal)



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11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	Session II - TSA in Arab Countries: Country experiences
12.30 – 1.30	Session III - A TSA regional project for Arab Countries: discussion and recommendations
1:30 – 2:30	Lunch break
2:30– 3:30	Session IV - Workshop conclusions
3.30–	Session V - Closing Workshop