Forum on Ethnic Groups from the Middle East and North Africa  
May 29, 2015  
Census Bureau Conference Center  
4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746  
Conference Rooms 1 and 2

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| 9:00 AM – 9:10 AM | Welcome and Introductions  
Roberto Ramirez, Assistant Division Chief, Special Population Statistics |
| 9:10 AM – 9:20 AM | Opening Remarks  
Karen Humes, Division Chief, Population Division                                            |
| 9:20 AM – 9:30 AM | Brief History of the Support for the Middle Eastern or North African Category  
Helen Hatab Samhan, Arab American Institute and MENA Advocacy Network                       |
| 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM | Session A: Testing a Middle Eastern or North African Category on the 2015 National Content Test  
Nicholas Jones, Director of Race and Ethnic Research and Outreach, Population Division  
A brief overview of plans for the upcoming 2015 National Content Test followed by a question and answer session. |
| 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM | Session B: The Term “Middle Eastern or North African”  
Roberto Ramirez, Assistant Division Chief, Special Population Statistics, Population Division  
Presentation on the terms “Middle Eastern or North African” and “MENA” followed by expert discussion. |
| 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM | Break                                                                                     |
| 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM | Session C: Census Bureau’s Working Classification of Middle Eastern or North African for the 2015 National Content Test  
Roberto Ramirez, Assistant Division Chief, Special Population Statistics  
Presentation of the development of the Census Bureau’s Working Classification of MENA followed by expert discussion. |
| 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM | Lunch on Your Own                                                                         |
| 1:15 PM – 2:35 PM | Session C, continued: Discussion: Feedback on The Census Bureau’s Working Classification of Middle Eastern or North African for the 2015 National Content Test  
Roberto Ramirez, Assistant Division Chief, Special Population Statistics, Population Division  
Continuation of expert discussion. |
2:35 PM – 2:45 PM  Break

2:45 PM – 3:30 PM  Session D: Potential Data Products Featuring Middle Eastern and North African Data  
Merarys Rios, Chief, Ethnicity and Ancestry Branch, Population Division  
Potential approaches to tabulating Middle Eastern and North African data in the 2020 Census followed by expert discussion.

3:30 PM – 3:40 PM  Census Bureau Director’s Remarks  
John H. Thompson, Director

3:40 PM – 4:00 pm  Session E: Wrap-Up and Next Steps  
Roberto Ramirez, Assistant Division Chief, Special Population Statistics, Population Division

4:00 PM  Adjourn

4:15PM  Bus from the Census Bureau to Airport and Hotel