

Preface

The Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the Arab Region is an annual flagship publication of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA). The publication is mandated by paragraph 173 of General Assembly resolution 35/56; paragraphs 2 to 4 of ESCWA resolution 270 (XXIV); and paragraphs 1 and 2 of ESCWA resolution 303 (XXVII). It seeks to contribute to efforts by member States to reform economic institutions and develop and implement policies based on principles of good governance in order to enable economic planning and policymaking in support of inclusive and sustainable development. The present 2022–2023 edition focuses on analysing the most recent socioeconomic developments from January 2022 to June 2023. The publication has two key objectives: to analyse routinely monitored economic and social variables in the Arab region in a global context (chapters 1 to 3), and to focus on inflation and exchange rate regimes in the Arab region (chapter 4).