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World Health Organization

Towards integrated urban policies in the Arab region

A dive into the Arab Sustainable Development Report (ASDR 2024)

A networking event at the twelfth edition of the World Urban Forum (WUF12)

◆◆◆ **Date and time:** Wednesday 6 November 2024, 3–4.30 p.m. (Cairo time).

◆◆◆ **Venue:** Multipurpose room 19.

● Summary

The World Urban Forum (WUF12) networking event is organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), the UN-Habitat Regional Office for Arab States, and the East Mediterranean Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO-EMRO) to explore the recently issued Arab Sustainable Development Report (ASDR 2024). This event will engage national policymakers, mayors of Arab cities, United Nations partners and other regional, national and local stakeholders to delve into key policy directions and regional dimensions in support of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 implementation and SDG integration into plans and policies.

● About

ASDR is a flagship publication produced every four years by ESCWA and United Nations agencies working in the Arab region to support the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs. Building on ASDR 2020, which analysed structural barriers and solutions to overcome them, ASDR 2024 highlights policy directions in priority areas for achieving the 17 SDGs in the 22 Arab countries, using national policy examples.

The report also:

- ◆ identifies policy gaps and opportunities for further progress
- ◆ highlights regional action in support of achieving the SDGs
- ◆ profiles the financing landscape of each SDG
- ◆ showcases national policies aiming to leave no one behind.

● Programme

Moderator:

Maisaa Youssef, Cluster Leader, 2030 Agenda and SDG Coordination, ESCWA.

Speakers:

- ◆ Rania Al-Mashat, Minister of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation, Egypt
- ◆ Fatna Chihab, Secretary General of the National Council of Housing, Ministry of National Planning, Urban Development, Housing and Urban Policy, Morocco
- ◆ Erfan Ali, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive Director, UN-Habitat
- ◆ Issa Kassis, Mayor, Ramallah Municipality, State of Palestine
- ◆ Ahmad Malkawi, City Director, Greater Amman Municipality, Jordan
- ◆ Samar El Feky, Regional Adviser, Health Promotion and Social Determinants of Health, WHO-EMRO
- ◆ Mohammed Khashoggi, Director General, Healthy Cities Programme, Ministry of Health, Saudi Arabia

Discussion

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The side event will be held in English and Arabic with simultaneous interpretation.

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