# Arab Forum for Sustainable Development 2016

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### 14:00 – 16:30  
**Session two**  
Moving from Commitment to Action at National Level

**Moderator:** Sima Bahous, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States

1. **National-Level Planning and Implementation**
   - Moving from MDGs to SDGs: Localization and Mainstreaming of the 2030 Agenda  
     - Nathalie Bouché, Team Leader, Inclusive Growth & Sustainable Development, UNDP-Regional Hub, Arab States
   - Achieving policy coherence and inclusiveness at the national level  
     - Adib Nehmeh, Regional Advisor on Agenda 2030, UN-ESCWA
   - Population-centered development planning at the national level  
     - Luay Shabaneh, Regional Director, UNFPA-ASRO

2. **Arab Countries’ Perspectives**
   - Jordan Roadmap for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda  
     - Ziad Obeidat, Director, Development Plans and Programs, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
   - Developing a Sustainable Development Strategy: Egypt Vision 2030  
     - Nihal El Megharbel, Vice Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform for Monitoring, Egypt
   - SDG Indicators: Responding to data challenges for effective follow-up and review  
     - Inaya Zidan, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, Palestine

**Discussion**

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### Day Two: 30 May 2016

### 9:30 – 12:00  
**Session Three**  
Achieving the SDGs through Addressing Regional Challenges and Priorities

**Moderator:** Abdallah Al Dardari, Deputy Executive Secretary for Programme, UN-ESCWA

1. **Key Regional Development Challenges**
   - Arab Sustainable Development Report – 2015 : Main Findings  
     - Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, UN-ESCWA
   - Role of Civil Society in Implementation and Follow-Up and Review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development  
     - Fateh Azzam, Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, American University of Beirut

Guided discussion with Member States on regional priorities and region-specific issues, their impact on the achievement of sustainable development in the Arab region, and the role of partnership and intra-regional collaboration
### 2. Selected Regional Activities

- Outcome of the Regional Ministerial-level Meeting on the Social Dimension of the SDGs  
  - H.E. Ghada Wali, Chair, Executive Bureau of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs

- Outcome of the Preparatory Meeting to AFSD-2016 and UNEA on the Environmental Dimension of Sustainable Development  
  - H.E. Adala Atira, Chairman, Environment Quality Authority, Representative of the Council Arab Ministerial Responsible for the Environment (CAMRE)

- Outcome of the Meeting of the Arab Technical Task force on SDGs Population-centered Indicators  
  - H.E. Limiaa Abdul Ghafar, Chair, Arab Regional Task Force on ICPD-based SDGs

- Outcome of the Arab civil society consultation process on the 2030 Agenda  
  - Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)

### 12:00 – 13:15
**Lunch break**

### 13:15 – 14:45
**Session four**  
**The Way Forward:** Working together to ensure no one is left behind

**Moderator:** (TBD)

- Perspective of the League of Arab States  
  - Nada El-Agizy, Director, Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, League of Arab States

- Role of the AFSD in the Implementation and Follow-up and Review of Agenda 2030 in the Arab region  
  - Karima El Korri, Head of the Unit on Agenda 2030, UN-ESCWA

**Discussion**

### 14:45 – 15:15
**Coffee break**

### 15:15 – 16:00
**Closing session**

- **Key messages from the 2016 Arab Forum for Sustainable Development**
  - Presentation of key messages that will form part of the report submitted to the 2016 High-Level Political Forum

**Closing Remarks**