2020 turned out to be the year of lockdown instead of action, and slowdown rather than acceleration for many countries in the world, as well as those in the Arab region despite being labelled as Decade of Action. The Arab Sustainable Development Report issued by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) indicates that the region will not achieve the SDGs by 2030 and recalls the urgent need for transform and to dismantle the structural barriers to achieving the 2030 Agenda.

The side event organized by ANND will present a regional outlook on Agenda 2030 implementation, shedding light on main development challenges of the Arab region, the role of different stakeholders for achieving it. The speakers will elaborate:

- What are the key structural development challenges in the region? What does the coronavirus pandemic reveal in terms of these challenges?
- How will the globalized economy’s crash facing the pandemic affect the region’s economic outlook? Has there been any trade-offs for the long-term development needs and responses to coronavirus?
- What are civil society observations on the effects of the pandemic on the economic and social wellbeing of peoples of the region?
- How to ensure transformative pathways?

Moderator:
- Ziad Abdel Samad (ANND, Executive Director)

Keynote speaker
- Ms. Karima El-Korri, Chief, 2030 Agenda Unit, ESCWA

On the Arab Sustainable Development Report 2020 which charts the regional trajectory for achieving the 2030 Agenda, and analyses where the region stands on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Regional outlook presented by:
- Rabie Nasser- Syrian Center for Policy Research (SCPR) on conflict and inequality
- Salma Hussein-Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR) on inequality, hunger and health
- Ahmad Awad- Phenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies on Lockdown’s economic impacts and sustainable development
- Q&As

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