

**Civil Society Organizations' (CSO) Regional Forum on Sustainable
Development in the Arab Region
22-23 April 2018
Comodor Hotel, Beirut – Lebanon**

Agenda



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Day 1 – 22 April 2018

<p>9:00-10:00</p>	<p>Opening Session : Welcome Note – Presentation of the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr.Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) • Dr. Khawla Mattar, Deputy Executive Secretary for Program Support of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) 	
<p>10 :00-11:00</p>	<p>Session 1 : Setting the scene</p> <p><i>Objective of the session: Determining the structural challenges that hinder the implementation of the Agenda2030 in the Arab Region based on past efforts, and defining where we stand in the path of sustainable development.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Amneh Al Zoubi , Jordanian Women’s Union – Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of a report summarizing the outcome documents of previous workshops and the challenges and realities of the region (15 mins) <p>Mr.Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there alternatives to austerity policies in the light of the regional context and the spread of crises? (7 mins) Dr. Mohammad Al Saadi , Economic Expert and Professor, Morocco • Is it possible to achieve development in light of the reality of governance in the region, and what are the most important changes proposed at the policy level?(7 mins) Ms.Kinda Hattar, MENA Regional Advisor , Transparency International • Is the proposed resilience approach in the Agenda 2030 considered a regression from the comprehensive human rights approach? (7 mins) Dr. Kanj Hamade, Researcher and Professor, Lebanon • How can womens’ rights be integrated in the structural revision of the developmental model in the region? (7 mins) Ms.Itidal Majbari, Association Al Kawtar , Tunisia 	
<p>11 :00-11 :30</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>	
<p>11 :30-12 :30</p>	<p>Two Working Groups to deepen the discussion and add to the main report</p>	
<p><u>Group1</u> : Crises, Wars and Occupation</p>	<p><u>Group 2</u>: Good Governance</p>	
<p>Moderator : Mr.Rabie Nasr , Syrian Center for</p>	<p>Moderator : Ms.Kinda Hattar , Transparency</p>	

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12 :30-13 :30	Two Working Groups to deepen the discussion and add to the main report
<u>Group1</u> : Natural Ressources and Future Generations	<u>Group 2</u> : Inclusive Development
Moderator :Mr. Ahmad Mansour, Habitat International Alliance	Moderator : Ms. Sylvana Lakkis, Regional Representative of Disabled Peoples International (DPI)
13 :30-14 :30	Lunch Break
14 :30-16 :00	Two Working Groups to deepen the discussion and add to the main report
<u>Group1</u> : Economic , Social and Cultural Challenges Moderator: Mr.Adib Nehme , Arab NGO Network for Development	<u>Group 2</u> : Gender Justice- Moderator : Itidal Majbari, Association Al Kawtar
Day 2 : 23 April 2018	
9 :00-10 :30	<p>Session 1 : Role of the Civil society in the monitoring of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Objective of the Session: Determining the efforts of the development partners , and highlighting the challenges that hinder their work and abilities of influencing policy making and tailoring specific policy recommendations.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms.Nazha Hafzi, Espace Associatif, Morocco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of paper on the role of the civil society in the monitoring of the Agenda 2030 progress : efforts, challenges and opportunities of influence and networking (15 mins) <p>Dr. Mohammed Said el Saadi , Economic Expert and Professor , Morocco</p> <p><u>Main Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The status of Trade Unions(7 mins) Mr. Mustapha Tlili , Arab Trade Union Confederation The status of Political Parties (7 mins) Ms. Sawsan Zakzak, Syria

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The status of Social Movements (7 mins) Ms. Jihad Fatnachi , FMAS Morocco • The status of Feminist Organizations (7 mins) Dr. Ahmad AbdelNazer , Development Expert, Association Al Kawtar
10 :30-11 :00	Coffee Break
11 :00-12 :30	Two Working Groups to deepen the discussion and add to the main report
<p><u>Group 1</u> :Challenges and Opportunities</p> <p><i>Objective of the Session : Enriching the discussion of the general session</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr.Emad Adly, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)</p>	<p><u>Group 2</u> : Mechanisms and Tools for Advocacy</p> <p><i>Objective of the session: Enriching the discussion of the general session</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Zahra Bazzi, Arab NGO Network for Development</p>
12 :30-14 :00	<p>Presentation of the Working Groups Results</p> <p>Discussion</p>
14 :00-15 :00	Lunch Break
15 :00-16 :30	<p>Working Session on the Civil Society Follow-up and Accountability Framework for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Moderator: Mr.Adib Nehme, Development Expert, Arab NGO Network for Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the roles and objectives of this framework? • What is the best working mechanism? How to manage it? • What are the proposed actions concluded? • Discussion of a proposal for work priorities based on previous meetings
16 :30	Conclusions and Recommendations