



- ▶ **Agenda:** Launch of the Arab Watch on Economic and Social Rights in Arab Countries 2025 Right to Water and Climate Change
- ▶ **Date:** 5–6 July 2026
- ▶ **Location:** Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

## Day 1: July 5th, 2026 Regional and National Findings and Recommendations

Time

### Opening Session – Regional Transformations and Challenges of Development and Social Justice in the Arab Region

Moderator: Amina Al-Zoubi, Jordanian Women's Union

- Civil society and development amid regional transformations: Ziad Abdul Samad, Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)
  - Political economy of development in the Arab region: Ahmad Awad, Phenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies
  - Development and social justice: Dr. Howaida Adly
- Open discussion

9:15 - 10:15

### Session 1 – The Right to Water in the Arab Region: Reality, Challenges, and Links to Sustainable Development

Moderator: Hadeel Abdul Aziz, Justice Center for Legal Aid (JCLA)

- Representative of the Ministry of Environment or Ministry of Water (TBC)
  - Presentation of the regional report on the right to water: Dr. Roland Riachi (online)
  - The right to water and international development agendas: Adib Nehme, ANND
  - The right to water from a feminist perspective: Gihan Abu Zaid, ANND
- Open discussion

10:15 - 11:30

### Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:00

### Session 2 – Governance Frameworks and Economic Policies Affecting Water Resource Management

Moderator: Abeer Madanat, Rasheed Transparency International Jordan

- Jordan: Dr. Ali Al-Hammouri
- Egypt: Amena Sharaf (online)
- Lebanon: Rami Abi Ammar
- Iraq: Nusayr Baqer

Open discussion

12:00 - 13:00

<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>13:00 - 14:00</b>
<p><b>Session 3 – The Right to Water, Drought, and Climate Change Adaptation</b></p> <p>Moderator: Hala Murad, Dibeem Association for Environmental Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tunisia: Abou El Ala Marzougui</li> <li>- Qatar: Mohammed Abu Hawash</li> <li>- Regional perspective: Dr. Dina Zayed (Online)</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>	<b>14:00 - 15:00</b>
<p><b>Session 4 – The Right to Water, Hydro-hegemony, and Weaponization</b></p> <p>Moderator: Viviane Akiki</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Palestine: Dr. Ayman Rabi</li> <li>- Yemen: Dr. Musaed Aklan</li> <li>- Syria: Safwan Dawood (online)</li> <li>- Regional perspective: Dr. Nada Al-Zawahri (online)</li> </ul> <p>Open discussion</p>	<b>15:00 - 16:00</b>
<b>Day 2: July 6th, 2026 - Beyond the Report: Towards Advocacy and Action</b>	<b>Time</b>
<p><b>Session 5 – Environmental Advocacy Pathways for Civil Society in the Arab Region</b></p> <p>Moderator: Sarine Karajerjian, Arab Reform Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civil society and the right to water: advocacy roles and challenges – Habib Maalouf, ANND</li> <li>- Lessons learned from advocacy campaigns in the Arab region: Dr. Saker Al-Nour</li> <li>- Youth engagement in advocacy: Arab Youth Network</li> </ul>	<b>9:30 - 10:30</b>
<p><b>Session 6 – Advocacy Strategies: From National to Regional Level</b></p> <p>Interactive session facilitated by: Anas Elhasnaoui, Civil SpacePalestine: Dr. Ayman Rabi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifying strategic advocacy priorities for water rights and climate justice</li> <li>- Translating report recommendations into actionable policy messages</li> <li>- Identifying target decision-makers and regional/international institutions</li> <li>- Building cooperation and coordination pathways among civil society actors in the Arab region</li> </ul>	<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>

<b>Coffee Break</b>	<b>12:00 - 12:15</b>
<b>Session 7 – Climate Justice Working Group Meeting</b>  Moderator: Habib Maalouf  - Future action plan	<b>12:15 - 13:30</b>
<b>Closing Session</b>	<b>13:30 - 13:45</b>
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>13:45 - 14:45</b>