



Agenda

Beirut time
(GMT +2)

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 14 MARCH 2023

9.30–11 a.m.

OPENING SESSION

1. Artistic segment
2. Scene setting video
3. Welcoming remarks:
Rola Dashti, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA
Ahmad Aboul Gheit, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States
Waed Badhib, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Yemen (AFSD-2023 Chair)
Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
4. Spotlight segment
Rania Ayman, Founder and CEO, Entreprenelle, Egypt
Mohammed Zaid, Founder and Director, LYBOTICS, Libya
Marianne Itani, Sustainability Manager, Beesline Apitherapy, Lebanon

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11–11.30 a.m.

BREAK

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE

Delivering the SDGs in partnership with the private sector

The contribution of the diverse private sector to the SDGs in the Arab region is not easily captured or obvious. This high-level dialogue looks beyond challenges hampering this contribution to ask: What are the opportunities for stronger engagement? How to ensure the social value of private sector contributions to the SDGs in the region? How is private finance helping to accelerate progress on the SDGs?

Special guest:

Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Moderator:

Maisaa Youssef, Cluster Leader, 2030 Agenda & SDG Coordination, ESCWA

Panelists:

Noha El-Mikawy, Dean of the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, American University of Cairo, Egypt

Helmy Abouleish, CEO, Sekem, Egypt (*virtual*)

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HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE - continued

Khaled Mahdi, Secretary-General, Supreme Council for Planning and Development, Kuwait

Kinda Mohamadieh, Senior Researcher and Legal Adviser, Third World Network

Laila Al Hadhrami, Smart Cities Advisor, RMA Advisory, Oman

Aya Hrouit, Programme Director, Jordan Youth Innovation Forum, Jordan

1–2.30 p.m.

LUNCH

2.30–4 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION 1

Data innovation for leaving no one behind

This session will showcase success stories and innovative solutions, both institutional and technical, for overcoming obstacles to SDG data collection, including those resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises. The session will also highlight the roles of various stakeholders working together to improve SDG monitoring in support of evidence-based policymaking in the Arab region.

Moderator:

Khalid Abu Khalid, Director General, Registers and Statistical Monitoring Directorate, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, Palestine

Panelists:

Dorra Dhraief, Head, Department of Demographic and Social Statistics, National Statistical Office, Tunisia

Muhammad Imran, Senior Scientist, Lead of Crisis Computing at Qatar Computing Research Institute, Qatar (*virtual*)

Husameldeen Faroug, Head of Strategy and Planning, Sudatel Telecom Group, Sudan

Hassan Al Lawati, National Program Head, Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Technologies, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, Oman

Discussant:

Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

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4–4.15 p.m.

BREAK

4.15–5.45 p.m.

Special session 1:

Achieving food security through food systems transformation: priorities and actions

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Special session 2:

Moving forward on the learning-to-earning agenda in the Arab region

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Special session 3:

The inter-generational effects of violence: the intersection of violence against women and violence against children in the Arab region

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