

9–10.30 a.m.

PLENARY SESSION 5



Sustainable industrial development and rethinking supply chains (SDG 9)

This session will focus on sustainable industrial development in the Arab region and integration into value chains. It will shed light on successes from the region during and after the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of maintaining industrial production and recalibrating supply chains, not only at the global level but also those with neighboring countries. The session will also address industrial investment opportunities and options, and lessons learned from operating under crisis.

Moderator:

Ali Awdeh, Head of Economic Research, Union of Arab Banks, Lebanon

Panelists:

Nada Lachaal, General Manager, Industrial and Technology Infrastructure, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy, Tunisia

Neemat Frem, Chairman and CEO, INDEVCO Group, Lebanon

Reem Albaghdadi, President, Jordan Forum for Business and Professional Women, Jordan

Bernard Ghanem, Professor of ECE and CS, Deputy Director of AI Initiative, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia

Kaltham Al-Ghanim, Professor of Sociology, Director of the social and Economic survey, Research Institute, Qatar University, Qatar

Discussant:

Adel Darwish, Regional Director, ITU Arab Regional Office, Egypt

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Spotlight segment

Ahmed Zaazaa, Co-founder and Participatory Upgrade Coordinator, 10 Tooba, Egypt

Randa al Chidiac, Committee Member, IFLA MENA Regional Division

Loor Masri, Co-founder, LaCom Magazine for Youngpreneurs, Palestine

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10.45–11 a.m.

BREAK

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Special session 7:

Climate security in Arab States: lessons learned and scaling-up

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Special session 8:

Leaving no one behind: mainstreaming ageing in sustainable development

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Special session 9:

Sustainable reconstruction: a framework for accelerating an inclusive and sustainable recovery in the Arab region

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12.30–2 p.m.

LUNCH

2–3.30 p.m.



PLENARY SESSION 6

New inclusive and sustainable pathways for cities (SDG 11)

This session will assess the implementation status of SDG 11 in the Arab region, and the impact of COVID-19 and other crises on the efforts of Arab countries to make progress on this Goal. Panelists will discuss international commitments, national urban policies and smart digital solutions implemented by municipalities to move towards inclusive urban governance and resilient Arab cities that leave no one and no place behind.

Moderator:

Maysoun Ibrahim, President, Palestinian Syndicate for Information Sciences and Technology, Palestine

Panelists:

Yousef Al-Shawarba, Mayor of Greater Amman Municipality, Jordan

Fatima Amzil, Deputy Mayor of Agadir, Morocco

Mohammed Khashashneh, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Jordan
(*virtual*)

Moataz Yeken, Managing Director, Wabel Consulting, Egypt

Discussants:

Rania Hedeya, Regional Representative (a.i.), ROAS, UN-Habitat

Joseph Schechla, Coordinator, Habitat International Coalition

Abir Saksouk, Co-Director, Public Works Studio, Lebanon

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3.30–3.45 p.m.

BREAK

3.45–5.15 p.m.

Special session 10:

Addressing child food poverty in early childhood in the Arab region by mobilizing the food, health, and social protection systems

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Special session 11:

Enabling the circular carbon economy: accelerating sustainable industry (cement, steel and chemicals) in the Arab region through deployment, innovation and cooperation

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Special session 12:

Inclusive climate adaptation and mitigation of human settlements in the Arab region

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5.15–5.30 p.m.

BREAK

5.30–6 p.m.

CLOSING

Key messages: Waed Badhib, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Yemen (AFSD-2023 Chair)

Lachezara Stoeva, President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) –
recorded message

Closing remarks: Mounir Tabet, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCWA

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