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# The Arab Sustainable Development Report 2024:

## The evolution of policymaking for the SDGs in the Arab region

### A side event on the margins of 5th Arab Sustainable Development Week

◆◆◆ **Date and time:** Monday 25 November 2024, 11:30-13:00 (Cairo time)

◆◆◆ **Venue:** Triumph Luxury Hotel, Monaco D Hall - Cairo, Egypt

#### About

The Arab Sustainable Development Report (ASDR) is a quadrennial flagship publication produced by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in collaboration with other United Nations entities working in the Arab region. The ASDR 2024 maps policy directions for achieving the SDGs in the 22 Arab countries and highlights common challenges in the policymaking landscape, including the lack of policy coherence, data gaps hindering evidence-based and inclusive policymaking processes, the weakness of science-policy interface, and policies in many areas remaining blind to vulnerable groups. The report also notes that while policies setting ambitious targets are on the rise across the region, they are often unaccompanied by practical and resourced action plans.

Integrated, responsive, accountable, and forward-looking SDG policymaking is essential to work towards the transformative nature of the 2030 Agenda. Nationally, this involves breaking down siloed ministerial and institutional structures and formulating integrated, inclusive and rights-based policies. Internationally, policy coherence entails aligning national policies with international commitments.

The report delves into different SDG policy areas to identify opportunities for more effective policies and promising interventions. This session focuses on two of them as entry points:

- 1 The extent to which legal frameworks enable more robust policies—where do we see this in the Arab region, why and why not?
- 2 The extent to which the institutional set-up enables multi-sectoral policymaking and multi-stakeholder engagement—where are the (missed) opportunities?

The session considers these two areas in relation to regional developmental priorities, including economic planning, gender equality and food security, and focuses on the institutional and policy frameworks as a main concern.



# ● Programme

## Speakers: (in alphabetical order)

- ◆ Ahmed Kamaly, Professor of Economics, American University in Cairo (AUC) and former Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, Egypt
- ◆ Marwa Sharafeldin, Head of the Musawah Institute, Senior Advisor in Musawah, the Global Movement for Equality and Justice in the Muslim Family
- ◆ Noha El-Mikawy, Dean of the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (GAPP), American University in Cairo (AUC)
- ◆ Rania Abdel Megied, Plenipotentiary and Director of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt

## Moderator:

- ◆ Maisaa Youssef, Cluster Leader, 2030 Agenda and SDG Coordination, ESCWA

## Discussion

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Simultaneous interpretation from English into Arabic and vice versa is available.

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