

A proposal on format and organizational aspect of the Arab High Level Forum on Sustainable Development

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Background informations

- The adoption of the RIO+20 outcome and in particular its parts related to the HLPF..., and the UN resolution A/RES/67/203 - Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.
- Resolution A/RES/67/290 –on Format and organizational aspects of the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development and in particular its operative paragraph 7(f) which stated that the meetings of the HLPF under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council **Shall benefit from regional preparatory processes..**

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- op 13 that **acknowledged the importance of the regional dimension** of sustainable development, and **invited the United Nations regional commissions to contribute to the work of the forum, including through annual regional meetings**, with the involvement of other relevant regional entities, major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate

Operative

- We welcome the holding of the inaugural meeting of the Forum, as an intergovernmental regional platform for promoting an integrated and balanced approach to the three dimensions of sustainable development at the regional level.

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- The Forum should review progress, generate political inputs and launch regional partnerships and actions to advance sustainable development. It can be a catalyst for a strengthened global partnership for sustainable development, providing political leadership grounded in solid science.

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- It should be a space where best practices are discussed and solutions found.
- The forum should as well :
- Prepare for meetings and deliberations of the High Level political Forum on sustainable development (HLPF) and provide regional perspective to the agenda of the HLPF
- provide political leadership and recommendations for sustainable development in the Arab region,
- follow-up and review progress in implementing Arab sustainable development strategies , frameworks and commitments

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- ensure large and balanced participation of representatives from governmental institutions related to the (political, economic, social and environmental sectors).
- enhance the integration of economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development,
- contribute to the enhancement of Arab states cooperation and the sharing of their best practices and experiences related to sustainable development.
- have a focused, dynamic and action-oriented agenda,
- consider new and emerging sustainable development challenges.
- Prepare Regional reports on sustainable development based on national reports

Operative

- The forum should meet:
- Every four years at the level of Heads of State and Government under the auspices of the Ligue of Arab states or at any other place
- Every year under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council for West Asia—at the expert and ministerial level. The meeting takes place at the headquarters of ESCWA or at any other place
- It adopts recommendations