Sustainable Development Goals.....an Arab perspective

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Arab SDGs will intersect with the global SDGs

- The agreed upon global goals (SDGs) are not expected to cover all Arab SD priorities
- Global SDGs formulated in an intergovernmental political process
- Global SDGs will mobilize efforts & resources to achieve the “Future We Want”
- The Arab Region need to follow its own sustainable development path (Arab Strategic Framework for SD to be endorsed in January 2015 during the Arab summit)

Paper developed by ESCWA & endorsed by AFSD & LAS councils:

- ensure addressing Arab challenges & priorities while formulating Global Goals
- Support Arab OWG negotiators
- Support to all Arab Countries (members in GA)
Enablers & Principles

**Peace and security**, ending occupation, national sovereignty over natural resources

**Effective institutions** (accountability, voice and participation, transparency, rule of law)

**Sustainability and resilience** (Rio Principles including common but differentiated responsibilities, SCP, resource efficiency, future generations, & planetary boundaries)

**Human wellbeing and the right to development** (freedom, justice, access, opportunity, equity, gender equality and women’s empowerment)

**Integration** (balanced across the four dimensions of SD, measurable, clear, science-based)
Methodology

Ultimate goal: To achieve wellbeing for ALL

- Balanced integration of SD pillars
- Inter linkages between the goals
- Continue to achieve the MDGs

- Outcomes of regional consultative process
- A number of global and regional reports
- The outcomes of Arab Economic and Social Summits
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Narrative….guiding formulation of goals

Described the current situation

Assessed progress on MDGs achievement

Analyzed the linkages and challenges

Prioritize the development issues

Identified required areas of action

11 Goals & 77 Targets
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Interlinked challenges

- Unemployment
- Food insecurity
- Energy insecurity
- Health
- Financing & technology gaps
- Gender inequality
- Housing & infrastructure
- Ineffective institutions
- Low quality of education
- Water scarcity
- Hunger, poverty & inequality

Interlinked challenges
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Proposed Goals (Priorities for the Region)

1. End extreme poverty
2. Create decent jobs
3. Provide quality education and lifelong learning for all
4. Empower girls and women, achieve gender equality and the full realization of women's human rights
5. Ensure healthy lives
6. Secure access to water and sanitation for all and promote the sustainable use and management of natural resources
7. Secure access to sustainable energy for all
8. End food insecurity and malnutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
9. Promote sustainable and inclusive cities and human settlements and ensure quality housing
10. Secure peaceful societies and effective institutions
11. Advance global partnerships for sustainable development
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