Arab Sustainable Development Report (ASDR)

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- Component of ESCWA’s post-Rio+20 program
- Main input to the Arab High Level Forum for Sustainable Development in April 2015
- Linked to the Global SD Report and the HLPF, as well as the ongoing negotiations on SDGs and post-2015
- Based on national contributions, considered as a first experience of a national reporting on sustainable development feeding into the regional level
- “Zero Draft” or “Prototype” version – first attempt in region
- Potential for ASDR to become an important tool for SD monitoring, reporting and accountability....
ASDR: Objectives

1. To enhance the **science-policy interface** and improve access to information

2. To **review progress** in Arab region on SD across priority thematic issues (drawn from SDGs)

3. To **assess gaps and opportunities** for enablers for MoI for SD in the region

4. To provide **regional perspectives** on the SDGs and post-2015 agenda

5. To **engage and collaborate** with countries and stakeholders in the region and **enhance implementation** of SD
ASDR: Inputs

1. Regional expert reports on governance, finance, technology, data/monitoring, accountability, gender, inclusive development, institutions

2. Issues briefs on key priority, thematic issues for Arab region (drawn from the SDGs)

3. Indicators and statistical data collection at regional & sub-regional levels

4. National-level stock-taking and assessment reports, success stories, leading practices

5. Additional desk research, inputs and technical materials
Future of the ASDR?

- Q. How to build on existing national mechanisms – e.g. MDG reporting?
- Q. How to integrate SDGs into national planning for evidence-based policy?
- Q. How to undertake future national assessments for SD?
- Q. What role for the ASDR in regional monitoring and accountability?
  - Q. What complementary tools are available or feasible for sustainability?
  - Q. What are the capacity needs in the region to implement SDGs – tools, planning, institutions, data, research?
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