



Kingdom of Bahrain

Second Session of the Arab High-Level Forum on Sustainable Development

Held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain

Manama, Bahrain
5 - 7 May 2015

Programme of the Forum

DAY 1: Tuesday 5 May 2015	
8:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:00	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Ms. Faeqa Bent Saeed Essaleh, Minister of Social Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain - Ms. Rima Khalaf, Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia - H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Ibrahim Al-Tuwaijri, Assistant Secretary-General of Economic Affairs, League of Arab States - Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme - Ms. Sima Bahous, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States, United Nations Development Programme
11:00 – 12:20	Coffee break and networking
12.20 – 12.30	Presentation of the Forum Agenda
12:30 – 14:30	Session 1: From MDGs to SDGs: Voices from the Arab region <hr/> Moderator: H.E. Ms. Faeqa Bent Saeed Essaleh, Minister of Social Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status of sustainable development in the Arab Region Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA - Peace and stability in the Arab region as prerequisites for sustainable development – the cost of conflict H.E. Mr. Marwan Muasher, Vice president for studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace - The right to development and human dignity – a paradigm shift Mr. Fateh Azzam, Director, Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, American University of Beirut - Main discussants - H.E. Ms. Adalah Attira, Head of the Environmental Protection Authority of the State of Palestine - General discussion
14:30 – 15:30	Lunch
15:30 – 17:30	Session 2: Global processes leading to the post-2015 development agenda <hr/> Moderator: H.E. Mr. Taher Al-Shakhshir, Minister of Environment, and Deputy Chairman of Higher Committee for Sustainable Development, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new framework on disaster risk reduction 2015-2030 Ms. Margareta Wahlström, United Nations Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction - Sustainable Development Goals and the UN summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda Ms. Marion Barthelemy, Chief, Intergovernmental Support and Interagency Branch, Division of Sustainable Development, United Nations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate change negotiations and the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC <i>Mr. Ayman Shasly, International Policies Consultant, Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i> - Integration and universality: key to the post-2015 sustainable development agenda <i>Mr. Iyad Abumoghli, Director and Regional Representative, United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for West Asia (UNEP/ROWA)</i> - The Post-2015 Development Agenda: An agenda for the rich? <i>Mr. Roberto Bissio, Executive Director, Third World Institute</i> - General discussion 		
17:30 – 19:00	<i>Parallel side events: Mainstreaming sectoral issues into the SDGs</i>		
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19:00	Close of Day 1		
20:00	Dinner hosted by the Government of Bahrain		

DAY 2: Wednesday 6 May 2015

9:00 – 10:30	<i>Session 3: Means of implementation: Financing for sustainable development in the Arab region</i> <u>Moderator:</u> <i>H.E. Ms. Naglaa Al-Ahwani, Minister of International Cooperation, Arab Republic of Egypt</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outcome document of the Arab preparatory meeting on financing for development <i>Mr. Mohamed Mokhtar El Hacene, Director, Economic Development and Integration Division, ESCWA</i> - Arab positions in the negotiation process on Financing for Development <i>Mr. Tamer Mostafa, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Egypt to the UN- New York</i> - Main discussants - <i>Mr. Ayman Shasly, International Policies Consultant, Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i> 	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break and Bahrain MDG report launch	
11:00 – 12:30	<i>Session 3 (Continued): Means of implementation: Financing for sustainable development in the Arab region</i> <u>Moderator:</u> <i>H.E. Ms. Naglaa Al-Ahwani, Minister of International Cooperation, Arab Republic of Egypt</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green financing: Readiness of the Arab countries <i>Mr. Sherif Arif, Senior Environment and Water Consultant</i> - The role of financial institutions in implementing the Post-2015 Development Agenda <i>Mr. Steven Stone, Chief, Economy and Trade Branch, UNEP</i> - Green sukuku <i>Mr. Wafik Graiss, Expert Economist</i> - Main discussants - <i>Mr. Oussama Safa, Chief, Participation and Social Justice Section, Social Development Division, ESCWA</i> - General discussion 	
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Parallel side events: Mainstreaming sectoral issues into the SDGs</i>	
	ESCWA-AGU-SIDA Side Event: Water for Sustainable Development	UNEP Side Event: From Bahrain to Addis: Catalyzing Investment for a Greener and More Inclusive Economy
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	

15:00 – 17:00 (parallel sessions)	Session 4A: Means of implementation: Trade for sustainable development in the Arab region		Session 4B: Means of implementation: Technology for sustainable development in the Arab region	
	<p>Moderator: Dr. Mohammed Ahmad Al Amer, President, Central Informatics Organization, Kingdom of Bahrain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harnessing Trade for sustainability and closure of Doha development WTO negotiations Round, Ms. Hilda Al-Hinai, Deputy Permanent Representative of Oman to the WTO - Interregional Trade and Economic Integration Mr. Mohammed Abdelssamad El-Hamraoui, Chief of the Division of Relations with the Arabic and Islamic World and the Countries of Africa and Asia, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Kingdom of Morocco - Arab Customs Union Mr. Mohamed Mokhtar El Hacene, Director, Economic Development and Integration Division, ESCWA - General discussion 		<p>Moderator: Mr. Mohammed Ali Al-Qaed, Chief Executive Officer, The Kingdom of Bahrain E-Government Authority (EGA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mainstream Technology in Sustainable Development and SDGs Mr. Haidar Fraihat, Director, Technology for Development Division, ESCWA - Technology in Development Mr. Odeh Al-Jayyousi, Partner and board member, Sustainable Development Professionals Inc. - Investments in Technology Mr. Khalil Hamdani, Visiting Professor, Lahore School of Economics - Main discussants - Mr. Yousef Nusseir, Expert on Technology and Sustainable Development - Mr. Abdulilah Dewachi, Expert on Technology and Sustainable Development - Mr. Mustafa Almahdi, Associate Programme Officer, Arab Regional Office, International Telecommunication Union - General discussion 	
17:00 – 18:30	Parallel side events: Mainstreaming sectoral issues into the SDGs			
	ITU-ESCWA-LAS Side Event: Use of ICTs for Smart and Sustainable Development and Protection of the Environment		UNISDR Side Event: Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030: Towards Risk-Sensitive Sustainable Development in the Arab Region	
18:30	Close of Day 2			

DAY 3: Thursday 7 May 2015

9:00 – 11:30	Session 5: Institutional framework for sustainable development in the Arab region			
	<p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Adam Ibrahim, State Minister of Welfare and Social Security, Sudan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institutional Capacity Development Mr. Bader Malallah, Director General of the Arab Planning Institute, the State of Kuwait - Regional institutional framework on sustainable development: Efforts of the League of Arab States in preparing for the sustainable development agenda Ms. Shahira Wahbi, Chief, Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, League of Arab States Mr. Tarek El-Nabulsi, Counsellor, Director of Development and Social Policies Department, Responsible of Coordination and Follow up Unit, Cabinet of Assistant Secretary General for Social Affairs, League of Arab States - National institutional frameworks on sustainable development H.E. Mr. Mounir Majdoub, Former Secretary of State for Sustainable Development, Tunisia - Main discussants - Ms. Barbara Adams, Global Policy Forum - Mr. Emadeldin Adly, General Coordinator, Arab network for Environment and Development (RAED) - Ms. Naima Gebril, Member of the Libyan National Dialogue Commission - General discussion 			

11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break			
12:00 – 14:00	<p><i>Session 6: Monitoring of sustainable development progress in the Arab region</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <i>H.E. Ms. Ghada Waly, Minister of Social Solidarity, Arab Republic of Egypt, and President of the Executive Bureau of the Council of Arab Ministers for Social Affairs, League of Arab States</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of sustainable development in the Arab region <i>Mr. Robert Smith, Principal, Midsummer Analytics</i> - Social indicators for the Post-2015 Development Agenda <i>Mr. John Crowley, Chief of Research Policy and Foresight, UNESCO</i> - Enhancing data delivery for the SDGs through regular assessment and reporting processes <i>Mr. Gerard Cunningham, Head of Partnerships in the Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</i> - "Data Revolution" in the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda <i>Mr. Juraj Riecan, Director, Statistics Division, ESCWA</i> - The social and economic adverse effects of climate change mitigation actions <i>Ms. Nora Alamer, Head of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Supreme Council for Environment, Kingdom of Bahrain</i> - Main discussants - <i>National Offices of Statistics: the State of Kuwait, the State of Palestine, and the Kingdom of Bahrain</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Ms. Mona Al-Daas, Assistant Under-Secretary, Statistical Affairs, Central Statistical Bureau of Kuwait</i> o <i>Mr. Maher Sabih, Responsible for the SDGs, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics</i> o <i>Mr. Nabil Ben Shams, Director General, Administration for Statistics, Central Informatics Organization, Kingdom of Bahrain</i> - General discussion 			
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16:00 – 18:00	<p><i>Closing Session: The Way forward</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <i>Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key messages from the Forum: The Bahrain Document, presented by the Government of Bahrain - Closing remarks by ESCWA, UNEP and LAS 			
18:00	Close of the meeting			