Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Arab Regional Implementation Meeting for the Twentieth Session of the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD-20)
Follow-up from the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20)
29-30 May 2013
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OUTLINE

DAY 1: Wednesday 29 May 2013

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| 13:30 – 15:15| Session 2: Sustainable Development Goals and Post-2015 | - Overview of agenda and context for meeting  
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                   - Keynote address (video message)  
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                   - Implications of main outcomes from Rio+20 for the Arab region  
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                   - Ms Roula Majdalani, Director, SDPD, ESCWA  
                   - Ms Amina Mohammed, Secretary-General’s Special Advisor for post-2015  
                   - Dr. Anhar Hegazi, Former Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCWA  
                   - Dr. Sameer Ghazi, President Deputy for Environment and Sustainable Development, Saudi Arabia  
                   - Mr Ghassan Fares Al Sayah, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Environment, Lebanon  
                   - Mr Kishan Khoday, UNDP Practice Leader for Energy & Environment in the Arab States, Arab Regional Centre (RBAS), UNDP  
                   - Dr. Michelle Obeid, School of Social Sciences, University of Manchester  
                   - Dr. Waleed Zubari, Arabian Gulf University  
                   - "Key issues for consideration for SDGs and post-2015 agenda for the Arab region"  
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                   - "Priority issues for consideration: water-energy-food nexus"  
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                   - Dr. Khaled Irani, Former Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources; Former Minister of Environment; President of the Royal Scientific Society for the Protection of Nature, Jordan  
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                   - Dr Jihad Azour, Former Minister of Finance, Lebanon  
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                   - Ms Reem Nejdawi, SDPD, ESCWA  
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                   - "A green economy investment vision for the Arab region"  
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                   - Professor Mohamed Abdrabo, Professor of Environmental Economics, Environmental Studies Department, Institute of Graduate Studies and Research (IGSR) University of Alexandria; and Director, Alexandria Research Center for Adaptation to Climate Change (ARCA)  
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                   - Close Day 1  
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DAY 2: Thursday 30 May 2013

9.00 – 9.15 Chair – Opening of Day 2

9:15 – 11:00 Session 4: Institutional framework for sustainable development: global, regional and national inter-linkages

Moderator:
- Ms Zahwa Kuwari, Director, Environmental Assessment and Planning Directorate; Environmental Policy and Planning Directorate, Bahrain

Panellists:
- Dr Mona Makram Ebeid, Senator; Distinguished Lecturer, Political Science AUC; President, Committee for Social Rights, NCHR, Egypt
- Dr Mehdi Jaaffar, Oman Environment Society, Oman

Presentations:
- “Lessons learned from the Commission on Sustainable Development, status of global processes, emerging institutional framework for sustainable development and links with post-2015”
  Ms Irena Zubcevic and Mr David Le Blanc, Division for Sustainable Development, UNDESA
- “Changes to institutional arrangements for environmental governance”
  Ms Melanie Hutchinson, Programme Officer UNEP
- “Enhancing Arab regional institutions for sustainable development: enhancing integration and accelerating implementation”
  Mr Riccardo Mesiano, ESCWA

11:00 – 11:15 Morning tea/Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:00 Session 5: Arab regional and national initiatives for sustainable development

Moderator:
- Dr Mostafa Madbouly Nassar, Director, Regional Office for Arab States, UNHABITAT

Panellists:
- Mr Mohammed Maktit, Head of the Planning and Forecasting Division at the Department of Environment, Ministry of Energy, Mining, Water and Environment, Morocco
- Ms Nuha Ma’aytah, President, General Federation of Jordanian Women

Presentations:
- “Update of the Sustainable Development Initiative in the Arab Region”
  Professor Ibrahim Abdel Gelil Abdalla, Professor, College of Graduate Studies, Arabian Gulf University

Arab country presentation(s) on national initiatives for sustainable development and post-Rio+20 implementation
- “Tunisia’s national roadmap for the follow-up to Rio+20”;
  Ms Monia Braham Youşfi, Director of Economic-Environmental Analysis and Studies, and Planning, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Tunisia
- “The national roadmap for green growth”;
  Engineer Aisha Abdoli, Ministry of Environment and Water, UAE
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| 13:00 – 15:00 | Lunch – Side Event on 10YFP for SCP  
The 10 Year Framework Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production |
| 15:00 – 17:00 | Closing Session: Discussion of RIM outcome document and report  
**Moderators:**  
- LAS & ESCWA  

**Presentations:**  
- ESCWA presentation on the outcome document for the RIM and post-Rio+20 roadmap  
  *Ms Roula Majdalani, Director, SDPD*  

Discussion of RIM outcome.  

**Concluding Remarks:**  
- Closing statement by UAE  
- Closing statement by LAS  
- Closing statement by UNEP  
- Closing statement by ESCWA  

| 17:00 | Close of the meeting |