

Arab States Regional UNSDG Meeting
7 April 2019 | Beirut (ESCWA-Mezzanine Hall)

Draft Agenda

Sunday 7th April	
09.00 – 09.30	<p>1. Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Mourad Wahba, Chair of the Regional UNSDG, Arab States/Middle East and North Africa</i> <i>Rola Dashti, ESCWA Executive Secretary</i></p>
09.30 – 10.30	<p>2. Update on UN Development System Reform <i>Mourad Wahba, Chair of the Regional UNSDG, Arab States/Middle East and North Africa</i></p>
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 13.00	<p>3. RCM R-UNSDG Operational Framework of Collaboration <i>Chair: Zena Ali-Ahmed, UN-Habitat Regional Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Strategic Framework – presentation of analysis and agreement on next steps • Joint Regional Working Groups – discussion on rationalisation of regional working groups and agreement on revised structure • Publications – presentation of mapping of publications and agreement on areas of collaboration
13.00 – 14.15	Lunch
Regional UNSDG Segment	
14.15 – 15.30	<p>4. Discussion on Palestine – Discussion on UN programming in Palestine and identification of potential areas of support and/or opportunities <i>Chair: Luay Shabaneh, UNFPA Regional Director</i> <i>Presenter: Jamie McGoldrick, UN DSC/RC/HC Palestine</i></p>
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 16.45	<p>5. Agency Updates <i>Chair: Ruba Jaradat, ILO Regional Director</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNESCO - Briefing on Transitional Education Plan in Yemen and Briefing on the partners' efforts for SDG 4 <i>Dr. Hamed Al Hamami, Director of UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States, and UNESCO Representative to Lebanon and Syria</i> 2. UNFPA - ICPD@25 Celebrations and Population Summit <i>Luay Shabaneh, UNFPA Regional Director, Arab States Regional Office</i> 3. UN Women - Arab Women in Leadership Initiative <i>Mohammad Naciri, UN Women Regional Director, Regional Office for Arab States</i>

4. UNESCO - Water Security for All: Science Diplomacy for Sustainable Development of Shared Water Resources in the Arab Region and Neighbouring Countries
Dr. Ghaith Fariz, Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States and Cluster Office for Egypt, Sudan, and Libya, UNESCO Representative to Egypt
5. IOM - The Migration and the 2030 Agenda: A Guide for Practitioners
Carmela Godeau, IOM Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa

16.45 – 17.00 6. AOB

1. Update on regional UNDAF Peer Support Group technical discussion with Syria Programme Management Team
Khaled Abdelshafi - Director – Regional Hub for Arab States, R-UNSDG UNDAF PSG Chair