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ESCWA Digital Arabic Content Award for Sustainable Development

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Issue(s) addressed by the Programme / Initiative / Project

ESCWA Digital Arabic Content (DAC) Award addresses the following issues:

- Weak **digital content** in Arabic and on the Arab region.
- Lack of **adoption of standards/features** for good quality digital content.
- Scarce **statistics** on digital Arabic content and its industry.
- Need for **utilizing this digital content for sustainable development** and towards the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Programme / Initiative / Project contribution to the Arab Digital Agenda: Desired Results and expected accomplishments

ESCWA Digital Arabi Content Award seeks the following:

- 1) Recognize the **best digital products** that focus on sustainable development.
- 2) Engage **institutions and young entrepreneurs** from Arab countries in the Award process.
- 3) Highlight the **benefits of digital technologies** for advancing sustainable development.
- 4) Promote the creation of **quality content related to the SDGs**.



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The process of ESCWA Digital Arabi Content Award:

- Launched during **2021 Arab Forum for Sustainable Development**.
- Open to two categories: **Institutions** and **Young Entrepreneurs**.
- Governed by **rules and conditions** that are set by a **Steering Committee**.
- Involves **other committees** for Coordination, Judging and Media.
- **Evaluation criteria** cover the **impact and value for sustainable development**, and aspects of **content, functionality, design, technology and innovation**.
- **Annual** and is currently in its **second cycle 2022-2023**.
- **First cycle** received **100 products** and resulted in **eight winners in two categories**.



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