



21st Meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM)

25 – 26 November 2015

LAS Headquarters, Cairo, Egypt

Draft Agenda

Day 1: 2015 – LAS HQ, Cairo		
Time	Session and Objectives	Speakers
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Approval of the Agenda</p>	<p>Rima Khalaf, USG / Executive Secretary ESCWA</p> <p>Sima Bahous, ASG / Chair of Regional UNDG</p> <p>Nabil Elaraby, Secretary-General LAS</p>
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Session I: Regional UN Support for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Policy Issues</p> <p><i>Session objectives:</i></p> <p>a) Setting the Scene: review the needs and challenges of the Arab region in adopting and adapting the SDGs in the current political and security environment;</p> <p>b) A Nexus Approach: identify key policy areas in the Arab region that require an integrated approach at the national and regional level.</p>	<p>Moderator: Abdallah Al Dardari, ESCWA</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ziad Bahaa-Eldin, Egyptian Politician, Lawyer and Economist - Ghaith Fariz, UNESCO
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break Hosted by LAS	
14:30 – 16:30	<p>Session II: Regional UN Support for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – The Way Forward</p> <p><i>Session objectives:</i></p> <p>To discuss modalities of cooperation, including RCM Working Groups, that would allow RCM members to provide coherent and consistent support to adapting and adopting the SDGs. Discussion will focus on cooperation in the following areas:</p> <p>a) Regional Consultations: Potential role of the Arab Forum for Sustainable Development & other regional fora;</p> <p>b) Technical Assistance: coordination of regional capacity building and policy advice efforts by RCM members;</p> <p>c) Knowledge Production; development of joint publications and papers on the SDGs and means of implementation;</p> <p>d) Monitoring & Follow-up: identifying regional monitoring and follow-up tools and mechanisms as well as gaps in data relevant to implementing and monitoring the SDGs.</p>	<p>Moderator: Abdelsalam OuldAhmed, FAO</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roula Majdalani, ESCWA - May Ali, Women, Family, Childhood Dept, LAS - Adel Abdellatif, UNDP - Frank Hagemann, ILO - UN-Women / UNFPA - Ahmad Abdel-Moneim, PAPFAM, LAS

Day 2: 26 November 2015 – LAS HQ, Cairo		
Time	Session and Objectives	Speakers
9:00 – 9:30	Special Session III : Migration, Displacement and Development in a Changing Arab Region	Moderator: Karima El Korri, ESCWA
9:30 – 10:00	Migration, Displacement and Development	Speakers: ESCWA, IOM and LAS
10:00 – 11:00	Update from organizations spearheading efforts in the field	UNDP, UNHCR, IOM and LAS
	Discussion of Future Programmatic Priorities relating to migration and forced displacement in the context of the Arab region and the new SDG Framework	
	<i>Session objectives:</i>	
	a) Provide an overview of trends and patterns of international migration and displacement;	
	b) Update on current work activities and programmes including the pre-launch of the 2015 Situation Report on International Migration;	
	c) Explore clear means of future coordination and collaboration between different UN agencies and international organizations working on migration and forced displacement related issues.	
	d) Review updates from Thematic Working Group on International Migration	
11:00 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 12:15	Session IV: UN – LAS Cooperation	Moderator: Badr El-Din Al Alayli, LAS
	<i>Session objectives:</i>	
	a) To review preparations for the Arab Economic and Social Development Summit and agree on required UN contributions;	
	b) Update on the preparations for the High-Level Ministerial Session on SDGs in Bahrain;	
	c) To review progress in implementing the UN-LAS Matrix of Activities.	
12:15 – 13:00	Session V: Upcoming Global & Regional Events & WG Updates	Moderator: Iyad AbuMoghli, UNEP
	<i>Session objectives:</i>	
	a) Take stock of major upcoming global and regional events and identify possible RCM contributions:	Speakers:
	• The World Humanitarian Summit	- Rema Jamous, OCHA
	• The Habitat 3 Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development	- Katja Schaefer, UN Habitat
	• Paris Climate Change Conference	- Abdul-Mejeid Haddad, UNEP
	• 2 nd UN Environment Assembly	- Tarek Nabulsi, LAS
	• 5th Arab High Conference on the Rights of the Child	
	b) Review updates from RCM Working Groups and review the status of the Climate Change Working Group:	Chairs of Working Groups
	• Food Security	- Mohamed Aw Daher, FAO
	• MDGs/SDGs	- Roula Majdalani, ESCWA/UNEP
	• Task Force on Statistics	- Juraj Riecan, ESCWA
13:00 – 13:30	Recommendations and Wrap-up	Moderator: ESCWA