



Preparatory Meeting for the 3rd Arab Forum on Sustainable Development and the 2nd United Nations Environment Assembly

Thursday 14 April 2016
UN House, Beirut – Lebanon
Committee Room I, B1 level

Agenda

9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:00	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Welcoming remarks by organizing partners: LAS, UNEP/ROWA, UN-ESCWA</i>- <i>Presentation of meeting agenda</i> <p>Meeting Chair, CAMRE Technical Secretariat representative: Mr. Djamel Eddine Djaballah, Director, Environment, Housing, Water Resources and Sustainable Development, League of Arab States (LAS)</p>
10:00 – 11:30	Session 1: Preparations for the 2016 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the 3rd Arab Forum on Sustainable Development <p>Moderator: Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Arab regional priorities in the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development based on the outcomes of the Arab Sustainable Development Report (First issue 2015)</i> <p>Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Briefing on the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the 3rd Arab Forum on Sustainable Development</i> <p>Ms. Karima El-Korri, Chief, 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Unit; Chief, Population and Social Development Section, ESCWA</p> <p><i>Discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Who is being left behind in the Arab region from an environment and natural resources perspective?- What environment and natural resources policies are needed to ensure that no one is left behind in the region?
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break

11:45 – 13:00	<p>Session 2: Preparations for the 2nd United Nations Environment Assembly</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Hamed Bakir, Coordinator, Environmental Health Interventions, Regional Advisor on Water, Sanitation, Climate Change and Health, World Health Organization/Regional Centre for Environmental Health Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Briefing on global preparations for UNEA-2 under the theme “healthy environment, healthy people”</i>: UNEA-2 themes, symposia, side events, and resolutions <p>Ms. Melanie Hutchinson, Regional Development Coordinator, UNEP/ROWA</p> <p><i>Discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What successful policies are Arab countries adopting to ensure a healthy environment for healthy people? - What are the key messages (priorities and focus) from the Arab Region to UNEA-2?
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:45	<p>Session 3: Follow-up and review on the SDGs related to environment and natural resources: Learning from the experiences of Arab countries undertaking voluntary reviews in 2016</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Experience of Morocco</i> <p>Mr. Mohammed Maktit, Chief, Section of Studies and Planning, The Ministry Delegate in Charge of the Environment, Morocco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Experience of Egypt</i> <p>Mr. Tamer Fathy Abd Elsalam Hammad, First Secretary, Department of Environmental Affairs and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt</p> <p><i>Discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the Arab countries’ needs to adequately follow-up and review on the SDGs related to environment and natural resources? - How can existing mechanisms for follow-up and reporting on environment and natural resources be streamlined for HLPF and UNEA reporting? - Building on earlier sessions – how and what roles do different stakeholders (governments, intergovernmental fora, regional organizations, Major Groups and the UN system) have to play in moving forward the 2030 Agenda and UNEA outcomes?
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Djamel Eddine Djaballah, Director, Environment, Housing, Water Resources and Sustainable Development, League of Arab States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Key messages to the 3rd Arab Forum on Sustainable Development and the 2nd United Nations Environment Assembly</i>
17:00	Close of meeting