

# CSOs Forum prior to the Arab Economic and Social Development Summit



Beirut 10 - 11 January 2019

## Day 1: Thursday 10 January

9:00 – 10:00	<p><b>Opening session:</b>  <b>Organizers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mounir Tabet, Deputy Executive Secretary at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)</li> <li>• Ms. Manal Warde, Oxfam</li> <li>• Ms. Sylvana Lakkis, representative of the platform on sustainable development</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote speaker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Adib Nehmeh on the development reality in the Arab region</li> </ul>	12:15 – 14:15	<p><b>Session 2: An inclusive development model that ensures social justice</b>  Moderator: Ms. Rasha Jarhum, independent expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Social protection and poverty</b> Mr. Roberto Bissio, Social Watch</li> <li>• <b>Unorganized labor</b> Mr. Nabil Abdo, Oxfam</li> <li>• <b>Inclusive approach</b> Mr. Ibrahim Abdallah, Arab Organization for Disabled Persons</li> <li>• <b>Gender equality</b> Dr. Carmen Geha, Assistant professor at the American University of Beirut</li> <li>• <b>Open discussion</b></li> </ul>
10:00 – 12:00	<p><b>Session 1: A new rights-based sustainable development model (paradigm)</b>  Moderator: Ms. Zeina Abla, independent expert on development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trade and investment policies within the framework of regional integration</b> Ms. Kinda Mohammadi, South Centre</li> <li>• <b>Tax regulation and financial policies as a tool to stimulate the economy</b> Mr. Mohammad Zbib, Al-Akhbar newspaper</li> <li>• <b>Natural resources, agriculture and the right to food</b> Mr. Stefano Prato, Society for International Development (SID)</li> <li>• <b>Knowledge economy and technology</b> Ms. Nibal Idlebi, UNESCWA</li> <li>• <b>Open discussion</b></li> </ul>	14:15 – 15:00	Lunch break
12:00 – 12:15	Coffee break	15:00 – 17:00	<p><b>Session 3: Culture in the framework of the development model</b>  Moderator: Ms. Atidel Majebri, CAWTAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Conflict resolution and peace building</b> (accountability, transparency and tolerance) Mr. Karam Karam, UNESCWA</li> <li>• <b>Social contract (rights and responsibilities)</b> Mr. Georges Ghali, ALEF</li> <li>• <b>Rights-based approach</b> Mr. Salah Eddine Jourshi</li> <li>• <b>Citizenship</b> Ms. Gihan Abou Zeid, independent expert</li> <li>• <b>Open discussion</b></li> </ul>



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## Day 2: Friday 11 January

9:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 4: Developmental States</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Wael Hussein, economic journalist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Role of States in achieving sustainable development</b> Jens Martins, Global Policy Forum (GPF)</li> <li>• <b>Enhancing transparency and accountability mechanisms as a way to fight corruption</b> Ms. Kinda Hattar, Transparency International</li> <li>• <b>States' Sovereignty given the national, regional and international contexts</b> Ms. Azza Sleiman, Researcher</li> <li>• <b>Role of States in reconstruction</b> Mr. Rabih Nasr, Syrian Center for Policy Research</li> <li>• <b>Open discussion</b></li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:30	<p><b>Session 5: The role of civil society in development</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Asma Khader, Sisterhood is Global Institute Jordan (SIGI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enabling environment</b> Mr. Mustapha Tlili, International Trade Union Confederation</li> <li>• <b>The important role of civil society (legislations and binding principles – Istanbul principles)</b> Mr. Yousry Moustafa, independent expert</li> <li>• <b>Regional and international mechanisms to enhance participation in the development process</b> Ms. Barbara Adams, Reflection Group on Sustainable Development Mr. Oussama Safa, UNESCWA</li> <li>• <b>Open discussion</b></li> </ul>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Outcome document and recommendations</b>  Mr. Ziad Abdul Samad, the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)  Mr. Salah El Jourshi</p>



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