

**Conference on:**

**“Challenges of Achieving the Sustainable Development  
Goals SDGs “**

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2024 UN Geneva  
Palais des Nations – Bldg E40 – Room XXIII**

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**Agenda & Timetable**

**Tuesday 25 of June 2024**

**09:00 – 10:00 Registration**

**10:00 – 10:30 Opening Ceremony**

**Opening Remarks:**

- **Mr. Mohamed El Etreby**, Chairman, Union of Arab Banks
- **Dr. Joseph Torbey**, Chairman, World Union of Arab Bankers

**Keynote speeches:**

- **Dr. Wissam Fattouh**, Secretary General, Union of Arab Banks
- **Dr. Rola Dashti**, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA). (recorded message)
- **Eng. Dr. Ziyad Khalaf Abed**, Member of the Board of Directors, Union of Arab Banks.

**10:30 – 11:45 Session I:**

**Advancements in SDGs within the Arab Region:  
Reflecting 2030 Agenda**

**This session will focus on:**

- *Regional Progress and Success Stories.*
- *Challenges and innovative Solutions.*
- *Partnerships and Collaborations.*
- *Emerging Issues and Future Trends.*

**Chair : Mr.Grammenos Mastrojeni , Deputy Secretary General , Senior Expert,  
Energy and Climate Change, Union for the Mediterranean (UFM) ( c)**

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**Panelists :**

- **Dr.Maisaa Youssef** , Leader of the Cluster on the 2030 Agenda and SDG Coordination, ESCWA.(c)
- **Dr.Nada EL Agizy**, Director, Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, the League of Arab States. (c)
- **Ms. Frida Youssef**. Chief Transport Section, Trade and Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Geneva (c)
- **Mrs.Ozge Aydogan**, Chief, ODG SDG LAB , UN Geneva. (tbc)

11:45– 11:55     *Q & A*

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11:55 – 13:00     Session II:

**Overcoming Sustainability Barriers in Arab Countries:  
Reforms for Accelerated Progress.**

This session will focus on:

- *Policy and Regulatory Reforms.*
- *Institutional Capacity Building.*
- *Public-Private Partnerships.*
- *Sustainable Finance and Resource Allocation.*

**Chair and Keynote speaker : Mr.Henrik Linders**, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability, EBRD (tbc)

**Keynote Presentation: "Empowering Change: Navigating the Challenges and Solutions Towards Sustainable Development Goals"**

**Mrs.Nahla Bou Diab** , culture and leadership expert, chairman and general manager of Oneness Mgmt, and CEO of AM Bank -Lebanon

**Panelists:**

- **Representative from** Deloitte’s Risk Advisory practice, Geneva (tbc)
- **Mr.James Duncan** , Regulatory & government affairs specialists , Bloomberg London. (c)
- **Mr.Jerome Vacher**, Senior Economist , Gulf Cooperation Middle East and Central Asia, IMF. (c)

(12:50 – 13:00)     *Q & A*

**13:00**     *End of day 1*

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**Wednesday 26 of June 2024**

10:00 – 10:20 Keynote speech :

Ms Gelsomina Vigliotti, Vice President, European Investment Bank

10:20-11:30: Session I:

**The role of the Financial Sector in SDG Achievement across the Arab Region**

This session will focus on:

- *Investment Strategies for Sustainable Development.*
- *Innovative Financial Instruments.*
- *Financial Inclusion and Social Impact.*

**Chair: Mr. Mohammad Saud Al-Osaimi**, Chief Executive Officer, Boursa Kuwait(tbc)

**Panelists:**

- **Mrs. Najwa Mouhaouri**, Head of Green Finance Unit, Central Bank of Morocco(tbc)
- **Mrs. Amal Benaissa**, Sustainable Finance Manager at Bank of Africa – *BMCE Morocco* (tbc)
- **MR. Emre Tiftik** , Director of Sustainable Research at the Institute of International Finance (IIF) , USA. (tbc)
- **Dr. Ali Awdeh**, Director of Research Department , Union of Arab Banks (C)

(11:30 – 11:40) **Q & A**

11:40 – 12:45 Session II: **Empowering the Arab Economies: The Contribution of Banks towards SDGs**

This session will focus on:

- *Sustainable Finance and Investment.*
- *Financial Inclusion and Accessibility.*
- *Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Initiatives.*
- *Importance of Digital Transformation and Financial Technology (Fintech).*

**Chair : Dr. Ali Awdeh**, Director of Research Department , Union of Arab Banks

**Panelists:**

- **Mrs. Dalia Akmal Nour El Din**, Senior Sustainable Finance Specialist ,Central Bank of Egypt.(c)
- **Mrs. Mona El Chami**, Senior Governance specialist, World Bank (tbc)
- **Dr. Natalia Realpe Carrillo**, CEO, HEDERA – Digital Solutions for Sustainable Development (c)
- **Mr. Ala' Sahawneh**, Business Development and Marketing Manager, Ahli microfinance , Jordan.(c)

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(12:45 – 13:00) **Q & A**

**13:00 *End of conference' proceedings***

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