



Reflection Group
on the **2030 Agenda** for
Sustainable Development



-International Workshop

Strengthening Public Policies for the 2030 Agenda

Beirut, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy & International Affairs
(Conference room & Auditorium B)

30 November – 1 December 2017

Draft Agenda

Thursday, 30 November 2017	
Conference Room/ Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy & International Affairs (4 th floor)	
9:00 - 9:30	<p>Session 1: Introductory Session & General Notes from the organizers</p> <p>In this 30-minute session, the key speakers will announce the agenda and the purpose of the meeting in addition to the contribution of each of the three entities in working (either through research or monitoring and evaluation) on SDGs agenda 2030.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Nasser Yassin, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy & International Affairs, AUB Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad, the Arab NGO Network for Development, ANND Ms. Chee Yoke Ling, the Third World Network, TWN</p>
9:30 - 10:30	<p>Session 2: A general overview of the agenda 2030</p> <p>This session will discuss the differences between MDGs and SDGs, the universality of the 2030 Agenda and the need for public policies with across goals and rights-based approaches (Human Rights, including economic, social and cultural rights, women rights, rights to work and rights at work).</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ms. Barbara Adams, the Global Policy Forum Mr. Adib Nehme, The UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia, ESCWA</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Ms. Asma Khader, Jordan</p>
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:00	<p>Session 3: People</p> <p>A rights-based approach to work and social services. The care economy and its relation with migration, employment and the rights of women.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Faouzi Boukhreiss, Morocco</p>

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	Dr. Kamal Hamdan, Consultation and Research Institute, CRI, Lebanon Moderator: Mr. Rabie Nasr, Syrian Center for Policy Research (SCPR)
12:00 – 13:30	Session 4: Inequalities within and among countries The roles of economic growth and of migration in reducing inequalities among countries. Taxation systems and economic disparities, fiscal space and the need for global cooperation. Tackling gender inequality. Speakers: Ms. Kate Donald, Center for Economic and Social Rights Dr. Nisrine Salti, the Amercian University of Beirut, AUB Mr. Nabil Abdo, Lebanon Moderator: Ms. Atidel Mejbri, Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research, CAWTAR
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 - 16:30	Session 5: Monitoring the SDGs: The debate around indicators. Sharing experiences from the HLPF and VNR processes. Speakers: Ahmad Awad, the Phoenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies, Jordan Othmane Makhoun, Espace Associatif, Morocco Neimat Kuku, Sudan Moderator: Ms. Kate Donald, Center for Economic and Social Research, CESR
16:30 – 17:30	Break
Friday 1 December 2017	
Conference Room/ Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy & International Affairs (4th floor)	
9:00 – 10:15 am	Session 1: Partnerships Discussion about the Private Public Partnerships (PPP) and their role on the implementation of SDGs The points that will be discussed in this session are: The Global Partnership for Development and the different forms of partnerships

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	<p>What are the advantages and problems associated with PPPs? What are the alternatives?</p> <p>Speakers: Ms. Sandra Vermuyten, Public Service International Dr. Mohamad Saadi, Economic Professor and Researcher, Morocco Mr Ziad Hayek, Secretary General of the Higher Council for Privatization of the Republic of Lebanon.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Ramzi Mabsout, AUB</p>
10:15 – 11:30	<p>Session 2: Planet</p> <p>The nexus between food, health and agriculture. How it is essential not just for Goal 2 on hunger but also for health, sustainable production and consumption, inequalities and other goals.</p> <p>The production and consumption regime and how it affects work and natural resources, crosscutting many of the SDGs.</p> <p>Climate change, the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities, the impact of climate on all other goals.</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Stefano Prato, Society for International Development, SID Mr. Nadim Farjallah, the Amercian University of Beirut, AUB Mr. Habib Maalouf, Lebanon</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Rola Majdalani, ESCWA</p>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 13:00	<p>Session 3: Global obstacles and the Arab region</p> <p>Global systemic obstacles to implementation of the 2030 Agenda, with a particular focus on the Arab region. Trade and investment regime, global finances.</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Lina Tannir, lecturer from the Olayan School of Business, AUB Ms. Kinda Mohamadieh, South Centre</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Wael Gamal, Egypt</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break

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<p>14:30 – 16:00</p> <p>Parallel sessions – strategies</p>	<p>Session 4a: Interactive discussion on the regional experience</p> <p>Provision of policy recommendations to ensure an effective implementation and monitoring of the Agenda 2030 in the Arab region.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad, ANND</p> <p>Session 4b: Interactive discussion on civil society strategies towards multilateralism</p> <p>Policy and strategy discussions towards the United Nations' implementation and monitoring of the Agenda 2030. Mid-term objectives towards the 2019 Summit.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jens Martens, GPF</p>
<p>16:00-17:00</p>	<p>Wrap Ups and conclusions</p>
<p>17:00-17:30</p>	<p>Coffee Break Before Public Event</p>
<p>Public event: Launch of the Spotlight Report 2017: Reclaiming Policies For the Public Auditorium B/ Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy & International Affairs (4th floor)</p>	
<p>17:30 – 19:00</p>	<p>This session will look into the role of different actors in implementation of the 2030 Agenda: States, private sector and civil society. The panel discussion will particularly discuss the roles for Civil Society Organizations in localizing the Sustainable Development Goals in regional and national contexts.</p> <p>In what ways can CSOs bring the voice of the poorest and most marginalized citizens to the national, regional and international fora.</p> <p>CSOs contributions to implementation, including as service delivery agents.</p> <p>Accountability of CSOs and their role in making the other actors accountable.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. Roberto Bissio, Social Watch</p> <p>Ms. Chee Yoke Ling, Third World Network, TWN</p> <p>Ms. Barbara Adams, Global Policy Forum</p> <p>Dr. Mohamad Saadi, Economic Researcher and Professor, Morocco</p> <p>Dr. Toufic Gaspard, Economic Advisor, Lebanon</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad, the Arab NGO Network for development, ANND</p>

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