

## **SAFIR Youth Forum**

12-13-14 March 2022



Arab NGO Network for Development شبكة المنظمات العربية غير الحكومية للتنمية

Radisson Blu Hotel, Verdun, Beirut, Lebanon

TIME	SESSION
09:30 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 11:00	Welcoming session: Political transformations in the Arab region
	Moderator: Jana Dhaybeh
	Speakers:
	Ziad Abdel Samad – Arab NGO Network for Development
	Oussama Rokbani – Association Jeunes Leaders, Tunisia Joelle Abd El Aal – The Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering RDFL, Lebanon
	Farouk Shafie – Bassita, Egypt
	Ghita Elberrad – Association Pionniers du Changement, Morocco
11:00 - 11:10	Short Presentation of Safir project
	Renaud Carvalho – Institut Français de Paris
	Diam Aboudiab – Arab NGO Network for Development
11:10 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 12:45	Session I: Recap of basic training concepts on SDGs, advocacy, and development Adib Nehmeh – Arab NGO Network for Development
12:45 - 13:30	Introductory working groups: Civil society organizations and youth
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 16:00	Session II: Development challenges: Working groups by country
	The purpose of this session is to identify five main development challenges at the local, national and regional levels by answering the following:
	How do you describe the progress towards development in your own localities and country? Provide examples of main thematic/development
	issues and SDGs.
	<ul> <li>What is hindering development progress in your country? Count all the explicit and implicit factors.</li> <li>Prioritize five development challenges by providing concrete examples linked to SDGs.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>What are the challenges to development at the regional level, and how do they impact your national context?</li> </ul>
16:00 - 17:00	Working groups' presentations / Wrap-up
19:30	Organized dinner







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DAY 2: Sunday 13 March 2022		
TIME	SESSION	
10:00 - 11:30	Session III: COVID-19 and de-development in the Arab region (Parallel event) The session will present a general overview of the development situation in the region and identify key calls for change.	
11:30 - 11:45	Coffee break	
11:45 - 13:00	<ul> <li>Session IV: Identifying the priorities</li> <li>Recap of the main challenges</li> <li>Parallel working groups representative of all countries, to identify the main regional priorities in the lens of youth by: <ul> <li>Picking three/five common priorities to address at the regional level.</li> <li>Listing all the main sub-themes under the broad priorities you identified.</li> <li>Providing concrete actions under each sub-theme and priority.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
13:00 - 13:45	Lunch	
13:45 - 15:00	Session V: Democratic transition and nation-building in the region (Parallel event) The session aims at highlighting the political transition in the region, failures of the state and how to address nation-building based on cultural, social and political factors.	
15:00 - 16:00	Working groups' presentations (from session IV) Wrap-up	





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DAY 3: Monday 14 March 2022		
TIME	SESSION	
09:30 - 10:15	Meeting other partners in Safir Sophie Renaud – Institut Français de Paris Yasmina El Assi – Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie Carol Awad – Pitchworthy	
10:15 - 11:15	<ul> <li>Session VI: Possibilities for change</li> <li>Parallel working groups, random and representative of all countries, to draw future steps by answering the following questions: <ul> <li>What are the concrete demands and recommendations to promote youth's engagement in the development process?</li> <li>Propose actions for each recommendation (e.g. advocacy,)</li> <li>Who are the main audience and/or decision makers you need to address your recommendations to?</li> <li>Propose potential targets and partners for each proposed action.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
11:15 - 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 - 12:30	<ul> <li>Session VII: Concrete recommendations and wrap-up</li> <li>Sum up the youth's priorities</li> <li>Concrete recommendations for youth's engagement in the development process</li> </ul>	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 - 15:30	<ul> <li>Session VIII: Dismantling the box: solutions for change</li> <li>(Parallel event) <ul> <li>5 Working Groups will be organized to formulate the recommendations/solutions for change.</li> <li>Safir youth will be represented in each working group.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
15:30 - 16:00	<ul> <li>Final remarks and closure</li> <li>(Parallel event)</li> <li>Outcome of the 5 working groups and Youth Forum will be presented.</li> </ul>	

