

**Forum on:**

**“Financial stability and climate change “**

*Resilient economy for better planet*

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of April, 2022

UN Geneva (*Palais des Nations – Bldg 39 – Room XXI*)

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**Agenda & Timetable**

**Wednesday 13 of April 2022**

09:00 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening Remarks**

- Dr. Joseph Torbey, Chairman, World Union of Arab Bankers
- Mr. Wissam H. Fattouh, Secretary General, Union of Arab Banks

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**Keynote Speech:** Mr. Peter Simon, Managing Director, World Savings and Retail Banking Institute WSBI and European Savings and Retail Banking Group ESBG.

10:30 – 11:45 **Session I:**

**Responding to a new era of climate Risks  
and Assessing climate change impacts in Arab region**

This session will focus on:

- Regulatory, bankers, and policymakers' approach in responding to climate change.
- Regulators demands.
- The evolving role of the regulators.

**Chair:** Mrs. Carol Chouchani Churfane, Director -Arab Center for Climate Change Policies, Cluster Leader, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster, UN –ESCWA

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Najib Saab, Secretary General, Arab forum for Environment & Development (AFED)
- Mr. Robert Hamwey, Economics Affairs Officer, UNCTAD, Geneva
- Mr. Martin Dasek, Senior Climate Financing Specialist & climate Advisory Expert (Europe, Turkey, Middle East & Central Asia), IFC, Washington DC

11:45– 11:55 Q & A

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11:55 – 13:00 Session II:

**Climate Risks: Opportunities and challenges for the banking industry.**

This session will focus on:

- *Green Bonds*
- *Sustainable Finance*
- *Green finance*

**Chair: Mr. Najib Saab**, Secretary General, Arab forum for Environment & Development (AFED)

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Hisham Ramadan** , Associate Chairman , Financial Regulatory Authority (FRA) & Executive Director of FSI , Egypt.
- **Mr. Daouda Ndiaye**, OIC Head of Climate Change Practice, Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB)
- **Mrs. Najwa Mouhaouri**, Head of Green Finance Unit, Central Bank of Morocco

(12:50 – 13:00) **Q & A**

**13:00** *End of day 1*

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**Thursday 14 of April 2022**

10:00 – 11:30 Session I:

**Fintech and sustainable development: Benefits and challenges**

This session will focus on:

- *Fintech & banking: cooperation or competition*
- *Role of Financial technology sector in development.*

**Chair: Dr. Anis Oueidat**, Director, Legal Affairs Department, Union of Arab Banks

**Panelists:**

- **Mrs. Nouran Youssef**, DBA Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Arab Monetary Fund, UAE
- **Mr. Ibrahim AbdelShafi El Sherbini**, CIO & Acting Head of Digital Transformation, Banque Misr, Egypt

(11:30 – 11:40) **Q & A**

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**11:40 – 12:45**    Session II:    **The role of the financial sector in developing a solid approach to sustainable finance in the MENA region.**

This session will focus on:

- *MENA banks & Sustainable development*
- *Funding Mega Projects to micro finance*
- *Women and youth access to finance*

**Moderated by: Mr.Paul Smith** , Lead Climate Change Consultant, UNEP FI, Geneva

**Panelists:**

- **Dr.Dalia Abdel Kader**, Chief Sustainable Officer, Commercial International bank, Egypt
- **Mr. Gaby Tayoun** , President , Europtima Build Solutions, France
- **Ms. Manar Korayem**, Senior Operations Officer, Advisor Services, IFC, Africa

(12:45 – 13:00)    **Q & A**

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

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