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Union of Arab Banks



Conference on Challenges of Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals SDGs

25th & 26th of June, 2024 | UN Geneva
Palais des Nations - Bldg E40 - Room XXIII

AGENDA

Tuesday 25 of June 2024

From	To	Sessions	Inauguration Ceremony
09:00	10:00	Registration	
10:00	10:30	Official Opening Ceremony Remarks & Keynote speeches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">› Mr. Mohamed El Etreby, Chairman, Union of Arab Banks› Dr. Joseph Torbey, Chairman, World Union of Arab Bankers› 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.› Dr. Wissam Fattouh, Secretary General, Union of Arab Banks

From	To	Sessions	Topics & Speakers
10:30	11:45	Session I This session will focus on Chair Panelists	Advancements in SDGs within the Arab Region: Reflecting 2030 Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Progress and Success Stories.• Challenges and innovative Solutions.• Partnerships and Collaborations.• Emerging Issues and Future Trends. <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Mr. Grammenos Mastrojeni, Deputy Secretary General, Senior Expert, Energy and Climate Change, Union for the Mediterranean (UFM).› Dr. Maisaa Youssef, Leader of the Cluster on the 2030 Agenda and SDG Coordination, ESCWA.› Dr. Nada EL Agizy, Director, Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, the League of Arab States.› Ms. Frida Youssef, Chief Transport Section, Trade and Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Geneva› Mrs. Ozge Aydogan, Chief, ODG SDG LAB , UN Geneva.
11:45	11:55	Q & A	

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11:55	13:00	Session II: This session will focus on Chair and Keynote speaker Keynote Presentation Panelists	Overcoming Sustainability Barriers in Arab Countries: Reforms for Accelerated Progress. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy and Regulatory Reforms.• Institutional Capacity Building.• Public-Private Partnerships.• Sustainable Finance and Resource Allocation. <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Mrs.Nahla Bou Diab , Culture and Leadership Expert, Chairman & General Manager of Oneness Management and CEO of AM Bank –Lebanon «Empowering Change: Navigating the Challenges and Solutions Towards Sustainable Development Goals» <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Mrs. Liesel van Ast, Deputy Head, UNEP FI, Geneva› Mr. Michael DETHLEFSEN, Chief, Division of Innovative Finance and International Financial Institutions, UNIDO› Mr.Jerome Vacher, Senior Economist, Gulf Cooperation Middle East and Central Asia, IMF.› Mrs.Luisa Bernal, SDG Finance & Trade, UNDP
12:50	13:00	Q & A	

End of day 1

Wednesday 26 of June 2024

From	To	Sessions	Topics & Speakers
10:00	10:20	Keynote speech	› Mrs. Marion Hoenicke, Head of Financial Inclusion, EU Enlargement & Neighbourhood Department, European Investment Bank (EIB).
10:20	10:30	Session I	<p>The role of the Financial Sector in SDG Achievement across the Arab Region</p> <p>This session will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment Strategies for Sustainable Development. • Innovative Financial Instruments. • Financial Inclusion and Social Impact. <p>Chair:</p> <p>› Mr. Eslam Mahdy, PCAF MENA Region Lead</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>› Mr. Osama Bukhari, CEO, Alfaris International Group - Head of Banking Committee, ICC Saudi Arabia</p> <p>› Dr. Amal Benaissa, Director, Sustainability Advocacy, Bank of Africa – BMCE, Morocco</p> <p>› Dr. Ali Awdeh, Director of Research Department, Union of Arab Banks</p>
10:30	10:40	Q & A	

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11:40	12:45	Session III	<p>Empowering the Arab Economies: The Contribution of Banks towards SDGs</p> <p>This session will focus on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Finance and Investment. • Financial Inclusion and Accessibility. • Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Initiatives. • Importance of Digital Transformation and Financial Technology (Fintech). <p>Chair</p> <p>› Dr. Ali Awdeh, Director of Research Department, Union of Arab Banks</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p>› Mrs. Dalia Akmal Nour El Din, Senior Sustainable Finance Specialist, Central Bank of Egypt.</p> <p>› Mr. Eslam Mahdy, PCAF MENA Region Lead.</p> <p>› Dr. Natalia Realpe Carrillo, CEO, HEDERA – Digital Solutions for Sustainable Development</p> <p>› Mr. Ala' Sahawneh, Business Development and Marketing Manager, Ahli microfinance, Jordan.</p>
12:45	13:00	Q & A	

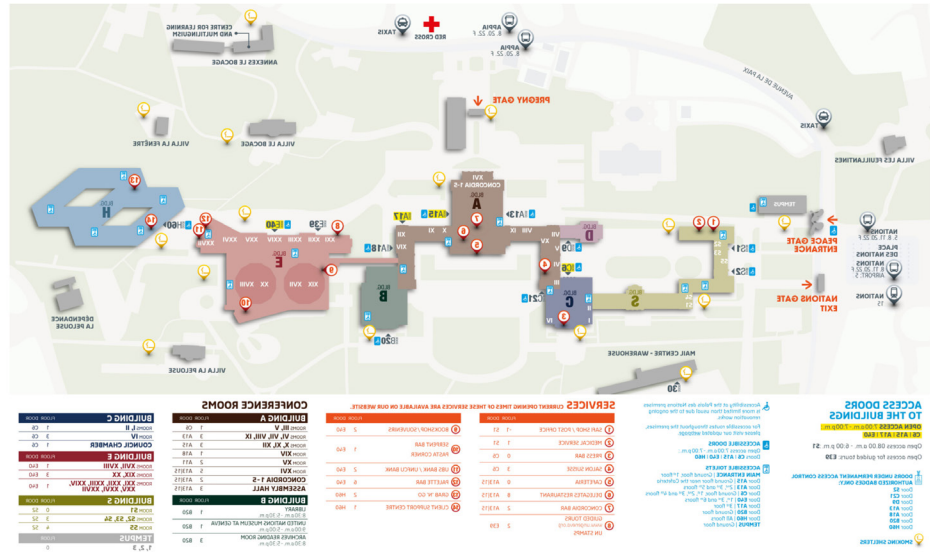
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