



# Arab Human Development Report Consultation

## Citizenship in Arab Countries

6-7 December 2019

Venue: Sheraton Amman Al Nabil Hotel in Amman, Jordan.

The Arab Human Development Reports (AHDR), published by UNDP since 2002, have contributed to the regional and global debate showing that Arab countries can achieve leaps forward in development, reinforce stability and secure gains in a sustainable manner, if they prioritize adopting policies that ensure the well-being, productivity, self-determination and good citizenship of their population.

The 2030 Agenda as well as the Sustainable Development Goals have the potential to help countries in the region to identify policy bottlenecks and innovative solutions to overcome grievances and build a more sustainable future. Yet, data gaps necessitate concentrated efforts to make Agenda 2030 a useful tool for advocacy and policymaking.

The forthcoming Arab Human Development Report intends to delve into the connection between the concept of citizenship and the principle of leaving non-one behind, which is critical to the implementation of the 2030 agenda. The framework, described in the paper "[Leaving No One Behind: Towards Inclusive Citizenship in the Arab Countries](#)", proposes to analyse exclusion in the Arab region through five forces: discrimination, socio-economic exclusion, geographic exclusion, unaccountable governance, and shocks and fragility. To support the analysis, UNDP commissioned data collection on people's perception about the social contract and social inclusion. The survey was conducted through mobile phone application in 12 countries: Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen.

In collaboration with the [Arab NGO Network for Development \(ANND\)](#), UNDP will convene a two-day consultation, where it will share the preliminary findings from the survey with experts from the region representing academic institutions and civil society organisations.

The **objectives** of the consultation are:

1. To validate the findings of the survey with a reality check: are available official statistics consistent with the perceptions expressed by the respondents? Are other surveys or anecdotal evidence confirming those findings?
2. To discuss potential solutions to enhance inclusion and ensure a sustainable development pathway for a new social contract in Arab countries, consistent with priorities expressed through the survey and other instruments to measure people's attitudes.

After an introduction to the framework and the methodology the survey (session 1), the consultation will be organised in five sessions, each focusing on a specific force of exclusion (sessions 2-6). The sessions will present a panel of experts that will discuss:



- Key findings of the survey in this area
- Feedback from the panelists to support the analysis and an in-depth understanding of the issue
- Possible policy solutions that have been implemented in the Arab region or elsewhere to address the issue.

An additional session (session 7) will discuss how the five forces of exclusion overlap and are exacerbated in conflict context and how to support the re-design of the social contract in post-conflict situations.

The final session (session 8) will focus on the potential solutions identified in the previous sessions, for a final discussion around priority areas to redesign a more inclusive and sustainable social contract in Arab countries.

**Day 1 – 6 December 2019**

9:00am -11:00am

**Session 1: Leaving No One Behind in the context of Arab countries**

**Scope:** presentation of the AHDR conceptual framework and the main findings of the survey

- **Introduction to the event** – Zahra Bazzi, ANND
- **Presentations of the analytical framework: why citizenship?** – Adel Abdellatif, UNDP
- **Survey methodology: voices of people from Arab countries** – Paola Pagliani, UNDP
- **Q&A:** clarifications on approach and methodology

**11:00am – 11:30am Break**

11:30am – 1:00pm

**Session 2: Forces of exclusion: discrimination**

**Scope:** exclusion from services and opportunities due to individual or group identity, including gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, etc.

- **Introduction to survey results and other evidence** – Ellen Hsu UNDP
  - **Panel** – moderated by Faouzi Boukhriss – Sociology Professor
  - Awad Obayat- The Arab Forum for People with Disability
  - Gihan Abou Zeid – Gender Expert, Egypt
- **Discussion**

**1:00pm – 2:00pm Lunch – Hosted by RBAS**

2:00pm – 4:00pm

**Session 3: Forces of exclusion: socio-economic exclusion**

**Scope:** Unemployment, lack of access to market opportunities, as well as lack of access to quality services can cripple people's choices to live a fulfilling life.

- **Introduction to survey results and other evidence** – Paola Pagliani UNDP
- **Panel** – moderated by Salma Hussein, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights
  - Ahmad Awad - Phenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies, Jordan
  - Adib Nehme, ANND
- **Discussion**

**4:00pm – 4:30pm Break**



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**Session 4: Forces of exclusion: geographic exclusion**

**Scope:** Rural or urban location, living in informal settlements or slums, and the unequal distribution of development gains in a country can affect the quality of infrastructure and access to services and economic opportunities

- **Introduction to survey results and other evidence** – Adel Abdellatif UNDP
- **Panel** – moderated by Larbi Sadiki, Brookings Doha Center
  - Wael Gamal – Journalist, Egypt
  - Ahmad Mansour, Housing and Land Rights Network, Habitat International Coalition
- **Discussion**

8:00pm onwards Social Event – Hosted by RBAS

**Day 2 – 7 December 2019**

9:00am -10:30am

**Session 5: Forces of exclusion: shocks and fragility**

**Scope:** Environmental degradation and poor management of natural resources, couple with the scarcity of resources such as water, disproportionately affect the region’s least developed countries and most vulnerable populations, and it has been linked to some of the past and on-going conflicts

- **Introduction to survey results and other evidence** – Ellen Hsu UNDP
- **Panel** – moderated by Abdul Karim Barghouti, Birzeit University, Palestine
  - Kanj Hamade – Lebanese University
  - Saker Elnour – Researcher, Egypt
- **Discussion**

10:30am – 11:00am Break

11:00am – 1:00pm

**Session 6: Forces of exclusion: unaccountable governance**

**Scope:** Unaccountable and unresponsive public institutions as well as perceived widespread corruption often drive exclusion and disenfranchisement of large segments of the population.

- **Introduction to survey results and other evidence** – Adel Abdellatif UNDP
- **Panel** – moderated by Anas Elhasnaoul, Espace Associatif, Morocco



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- Azmi Shuaibi – Aman, Palestine
- Neimat Kuku – Gender Centre for Research and Training, Sudan
- **Discussion**

**1:00pm – 2:00pm Lunch – Hosted by RBAS**

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**Session 7: Conflicts exacerbate all forces of exclusion**

**Scope:** forces of exclusion exacerbate when they overlap and they all tend to overlap in areas affected by protracted conflict, with consequences lasting for generations. The collapse of the social contract is a cause and consequence of those circumstances.

- **Introduction to survey results and other evidence** – Paola Pagliani UNDP
- **Panel** – moderated by Larbi Sadiki, Brookings Doha Center
  - Iyad Amra – Social & Economic Policies Monitor (Marsad), Palestine
  - Abdel Karim Barghouti – Birzeit University, Palestine
- **Discussion**

**4:00pm – 4:30pm Break**

4:30pm – 6:00pm

**Session 8: Towards a new social contract: avenues to inclusion**

**Scope:** recap of the policy solutions identified in each area and final discussion

- **Recap of main points from the discussion** – Adel Abdellatif UNDP
- **Remarks on the integrated human rights-based approach and the role of different stakeholders: State, Private Sector, Civil Society** – Adib Nehme, ANND
- **Discussion**