



Agenda

**Regional Conference for the Arab Region
Global Sustainable Development Report 2023
24-25 January 2023**



Qatar University, Research Complex (H10), Main Auditorium

24 January

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and programme overview (with simultaneous interpretation)- UN DESA
09:05 – 09:35	<p>Opening speeches (with simultaneous interpretation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dr. Hassan Al-Derham, President of Qatar University</i> <i>Dr. Saleh M. Al-Nabit, Head of Statistics Authority-Qatar</i> <i>Professor Kaltham Al-Ghanim, Independent Group of Scientists, GSDR 2023 (SESRI-Director)</i> <i>Imme Scholz, Independent Group of Scientists, Co-Chair – Video message</i>
09:35 – 10:00	<p>Keynote Speech (with simultaneous interpretation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ms. Rewa Assi, Youth Representative, UNICEF MENA</i> <i>Question and answer session</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>

Role of private sector in the achievement of SDGs			
10:30 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Role of private sector in the achievement of food security in Arab and western Asia region - Dr Masoud Al Marri-Head of the food security department, Ministry of Municipality</i> • <i>Economic diversification and entrepreneurship - Prof Ahmed Khalifa, Economics Department, Qatar University</i> • <i>Sustainable and just economy - Dr Benjamin Banda, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</i> 		
11:30 – 12:35	<p>Emerging messages from GSDR 2023? (with simultaneous interpretation) Dialogue on content and outlook of the GSDR 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Jaime Montoya, Professor, University of the Philippines College of Medicine, Member of Independent Group of Scientists, GSDR 2023</i> • <i>Dr. Ibrahima Hathie, Research Director Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR Senegal)</i> • <i>Can we have a sustainable future? Diverse perspectives from sustainability experts to feed into the GSDR - Dr. Logan Cochrane, Associate Dean, Hamad Bin Khalifa University</i> 		
12:35 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>		
13:30 – 14:00	Working groups instructions (with simultaneous interpretation) <i>UN DESA</i>		
14:00 – 16:30	Working Groups (incl. coffee break at 15:00)		
	Entry point: Strengthening human wellbeing and capabilities	Entry point: Achieving energy decarbonization with universal access to energy	Entry point: Securing the global environmental commons
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Reporting back to the plenary (with simultaneous interpretation) <i>IGS member moderates</i></p> <p><i>Rapporteurs from each working group report back to the plenary as well as moderators of each group. Possibility for additional information by participants</i></p>		

25 January	
09:00 – 09:10	Morning Light – Recap of day 2 (with simultaneous interpretation) <i>UN DESA</i>
09:10 – 10:30	Fishbowl – Discussion on what was missing from the working groups (with simultaneous interpretation) <i>Rapporteurs from each working group, moderators of working groups and open space for further participation from the larger group</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Cont. Discussion in the Working Groups <i>World Café format (table hosts briefly report back to the plenary)</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Wrap-up, summary, and next steps (with simultaneous interpretation)
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30-2:45	Closing reflections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Promoting quality of urban life and wellbeing- Professor Arokiasamy Perianayagam, SESRI, QU.</i> • <i>Building sustainable food systems in Arab world - Dr Martin Keulertz, Assistant Professor, American University of Beirut.</i> • <i>Circular economy - Jwahr Al- Sulaiti. Ministry of Municipality, Centre for Waste Treatment and Recycling</i> • <i>Closing remarks - Professor Kaltham Al-Ghanim, Independent Group of Scientists, GSDR 2023, SESRI-Director</i> 	