

**Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

Executive Committee
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Item 7 of the provisional agenda

Arab Sustainable Development Report 2024

1. Under this item, the Executive Committee will discuss the key findings of the [Arab Sustainable Development Report 2024](#), published by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in mid-2024, in collaboration with other United Nations agencies operating in the Arab region, to follow up on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and review progress at the level of the Arab region and its countries. The report is part of a series of Arab sustainable development reports published by ESCWA and its partners every four years.
2. The 2024 edition of the report builds on the challenges and recommendations set out in the 2020 edition, providing a comprehensive analysis of public policy trends in priority areas for achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in all Arab countries. It also identifies opportunities for achieving progress on the Goals, and the gaps where more, or different, efforts are needed. It highlights the potential for regional cooperation to achieve the 17 Goals, reviews the financing landscape and its challenges, and addresses national policies to leave no one behind.
3. The 2024 edition of the report was launched on the sidelines of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, as part of an [event](#) held in New York on Monday, 15 July 2024, in collaboration with Oman, and with the participation of representatives of Arab countries' missions and delegations to the High-level Political Forum, United Nations partners and other stakeholders, to discuss the main findings of the report.
4. Under this item, the ESCWA Executive Committee will review the landscape of public policies adopted to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in the region, focusing on common characteristics as noted in the report. The Committee is invited to comment on the findings of the Arab Sustainable Development Report 2024.
