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| **Policy Forum on Development**  **Middle East and Neighbourhood South Multi-stakeholder Meeting**  ***The changing nature of partnerships: impacts in the region and in EU development policy***  **Dead Sea, Jordan, 3-4 October 2017**  ***Movenpick Hotel***  ***Draft Agenda (3)*** | |
| **Tuesday, October 3**  **Day 1: Setting the scene** | |
| 8.30-9:30 | **1. Welcome** |
| Welcome speeches from   * Host City * Representative of EU * Representative of LAs * Representative of CSOs   Speeches will reflect the theme of multi-stakeholder partnership and what this means in the regional context. |
| 9:30-10:45 | **2. How does the EU support international development goals through key policies and actions? A look at key EU policies** |
| *Objective: Present the main aspects of EU development policy, including the recently adopted New European Consensus on Development and the European Neighbourhood Policy. The new Consensus is the long-term vision and framework for action for development cooperation agreed between the European Union (EU) and its Member States. It aligns the Union's development policy with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This session will give the opportunity to have both an informative and frank exchange about this initiative and how will be implemented in the region. Specific mention will be made of how the new Consensus incorporates the advancement of*  *gender equality, rights based approach, environment and climate change, resilience, etc.*  Speakers:  Irene Mingasson, Head of Unit, Regional Programmes, Neighbourhood South, DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR), European Commission  Loic Lallemand Zeller, Deputy Head of Unit, Civil Society, Foundations, DG International Cooperation and Development, European Commission |
| 10:45-11:15 | **Coffee break** |
| 11:15-12:30 | **3. What is the PFD and how does it support CSOs, LAs and other stakeholders in the region?** |
| *Objective: Promote a common understanding of the objectives and expected results of the PFD*  *and open a space of dialogue with the members in the region, to listen to their concerns, ideas, and questions. Show how the PFD fits within ongoing EC processes, specifically synergies with Civil Society Forum Neighbourhood South*  Presentation of the PFD  Background Information on PFD: Rationale, Objectives, Milestones so far (Position paper)  Membership in the PFD: Composition, ToR, Task Team  Speakers: Task Team members and DG NEAR  Discussion with participants and Task Team members of the region on PFD relevance and regional engagement |
| 12:30-14:00 | **Lunch** |
| 14.00 – 17:30  14:00-15:00  15:00-15:30  15:30-16:45  16:45-17:30 | **4. Living up to global commitments: What is the progress of the 2030 Agenda in the region?** |
| *Objective: Hear how the 2030 Agenda is being adopted in the regional context (including national level planning of regional participants), and lead a discussion to better understand the regional factors that must be prioritized to implement the SDGs.*  A. Regional and National progress in adopting 2030 Agenda  *Regional update by UN rep (UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and national presentations, followed by reactions from civil society participants to kick off discussion of regional implementation.*  *This could include a focus on national and regional multi-stakeholder platforms and how they are or could be working to support policy implementation.*  *(i.e., two respondents from the region, who have also produced reports on the implementation of the SDGs (including presentations of Jordan and/or Lebanon's national voluntary report on SDG), and reactions from the CSOs and another one from the LAs)*  Proposed Moderator: Ziad Abdul Samad, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development, Lebanon  Proposed speakers:  Karima El Korri, Head of Unit, Agenda 2030, UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)  Ahmad Awad –Phenix Center, Jordan  Ahmad AlSubih, ATO Secretary General  *For working groups, tbc :*  Mohamad Said Saadi – Regional, Arab Network of NGOs for Development  Said Salhi, vice president, Ligue algérienne pour la défense des droits de l'Homme, Algeria  Mustafa Tilli, Secrétaire exécutif, Confédération arabe des syndicats, ATUC  Coffee break  B. *Working group discussions with pre-identified participants reacting to the above plenary from a group or thematic perspectives*  *Discussion will focus on two elements:*   1. *Identify the key factors that encourage (positive) or prevent (negative) the implementation of the 2030 Agenda?* 2. *Elaborate concrete and realistic proposals to promote the role of CSOs and LAs in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda?*   C. Plenary feedback from working groups and key conclusions(moderated by Ziad) |
| 17:30-18:30 | **Civil Society Forum Neighbourhood South hub meeting (for CSOs of Neighbourhood South)** |
| 19:30 | **Networking dinner** |
| **Wednesday, October 4**  **Day 2: Linking to EU policy support** | |
| 8.30 coffee for 9 am start | **5. Regional Specific Challenges: Resilience at Stake** |
| *Objective: Look more in detail at region-specific challenges and allow for more in-depth discussions in smaller groups. Topics include:*  1) Enabling Environment for the LAs and CSOs (Yousri Moustafa, Egypt)  2) Crises, Post Crisis and Fragile States and Migration: Refugees, IDPs, Economic (Mohamed Saadieh, President, Union of Dannieh Municipalities and Rabie Nasser, Co-founder and researcher, Syrian Center for Policy Research)  3) Inequalities and Social exclusion, including gender inequality, youth unemployment & underemployment (Thikra Alwash, Mayor of Baghdad and Asma Khodor, Sisterhood is Global, Jordan)  4) Democracy and Human Rights (Salaheddine Jourchi, independent expert/journalist and Nabila Hamza, CSFS expert)  5) Environmental Challenges: Natural resources scarcity & waste; environment-blind policies & implementation (Habib Maalouf, President, Platforum euromed Liban and Wael Hmaidan, Executive Director, Climate Action Network International, Samia Zayani if needed as rapporteur)  *Proposed: One round of roundtable discussions by topic led by resource persons above. (1hr30 min)*  *The discussions should take into consideration the following two aspects:*   1. *Positive examples and initiatives that could inspire the work of others in the region. Specifically, ways to improve dialogue, action and partnerships (including with the governments) to encourage the achievement of collective goals.* 2. *How EU policies could support this concrete work going forward. Specifically, how the PFD could support the work of CSOs and LAs in the region.*   *Short break*  *Participants have the opportunity to pick another roundtable topic and attend a second discussion. Resource persons from each session will focus on comparative findings from the two sessions and give feedback in the plenary session.* |
| 12.30-14.00 | **Lunch** |
| 14.00 – 16.00 | **5. Plenary session on regional challenges** |
|  | *Roundtable facilitators or resource persons will feed back on key conclusions from each table and recommendations. Plenary discussion regarding the outcomes will follow.* |
| 16.00-16.30 | **Coffee break** |
| 16.30–17.30 | **6. Final session and closing** |
|  | *Objective: Elicit regional specific conclusions and recommendations about where EU policy can support regional-specific challenges going forward* |