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Preface

The role of civil society organizations (CSOs) in the Arab region has become increasingly significant as their multiple achievements have contributed to triggering the social and economic development process in their societies. Hence, the Decade has come to embody these achievements and endeavours

To emphasize the right of our Arab peoples to sustainable development and to a decent life in light of the present political, economic and social changes, not only in the Arab region but also the entire world, in addition to other emerging challenges, i.e. natural resources scarcity, climate change, terrorism and increase of poverty, unemployment and marginalization, all of which prevent the achievement of development goals, requires the development of mechanisms that are compatible with the serious development conditions in view of the present situation

The League of Arab States –Information and Communication Sector/ Civil Society Department- has sought to launch the Arab Decade for Civil Society Organizations 35th meeting which was endorsed by the Arab Ministers for Social Affairs in their in line with the international ,2015 13th December convened in Sharm el-Sheikh on endeavours that seek a development model and an agenda based on the principle of partnership and seek to bridge the gap between the public, private and civil society sectors, and seek to allocate roles and responsibilities with a view to achieving the prosperity and welfare that our Arab peoples aspire to in all fields. Civil society not only complements the role of governments, but also integrates with it and with the private sector, thus establishing a system of true cooperation and partnership that serves the interests of the Arab citizen. Occasionally, civil society makes initiatives and contributes to the implementation of the development agenda so that it has come to pioneer addressing some significant development issues, which some Arab countries are afflicted to, and triggering social and economic development process. We hope that this Decade shall represent the cornerstone of partnerships and initiatives that encompass all the individuals and workers in the development field in our Arab region



The fundamental goal of the Arab Decade for Civil Society Organizations is to enhance the institutional capacities of the civil society and its effective participation, together with governments, in the implementation of the sustainable development The Arab Decade for Civil Society Organizations is considered an .2030 goals unprecedented pledge of the League of Arab States Member States towards engaging civil society organizations in the development efforts

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DECLARATION OF THE DECADE 2016-2026

Preamble

Based on the belief of the member states of the League of Arab States (LAS) that civil society is the stand-in of governments in working for the development and plays an integrated and complementary role to alleviate the burdens and problems in the Arab countries, for the support of Arab efforts to achieve sustainable development.

Proceeding from the conviction of the LAS General Secretariat of the need to interact with the changes taking place in the Arab region and to keep pace with them at both regional and international levels,

Being aware that civil society is one of the components of society and an active partner in the process of sustainable development (SD) in the communities, which is able to involve all segments of society and to mobilize all its resources and efforts for SD.

Believing in the prominent role played by civil society organizations in the Arab region over the past years which resulted in the development of efforts being exerted in the areas of community development and the eradication of poverty, unemployment, education, health, women ... etc, and what can be done by those organizations through cooperation with Arab governments for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),





And since the non-governmental organizations are one of the pillars of civil society and the actor, which works on the promotion of all segments of society: women, children, young people and others, and to effectively contribute in resolving the issues and problems of the Arab countries.

Now, based on the foregoing, the League of Arab States declares the period from 2016 to 2026, as an Arab decade for civil society under the title **“Enhancing sustainable development goals.”**

First: Based on the adoption of the world leaders of the new plan of sustainable development goals 2030 at the SD Summit in September 2015; S

Second: In implementation of the resolutions of the previous regular Arab Summits, and the Development Economic and Social Summits on “activating the role of civil society organizations”, as well as the declarations issued by the same summits and by the LAS General Secretariat as well as the resolution of Social Affairs Ministers Council to strengthen the role of civil society organizations as a main developmental partner.

Third: Based on the Resolution No. 631 of the Sharm El-Sheik Arab summit, which adopted the Arab priorities for development beyond 2015

Fourth: In achievement of the basic objectives of the decade represented in “promoting the participation of Arab civil society organizations in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals.”

Fifth: Based on the belief of the League of Arab States (LAS) that civil society is the stand-in of governments in working for the development and plays an integrated and complementary role to alleviate the burdens and problems in the Arab countries,

Sixth: Proceeding from the conviction of the LAS General Secretariat of the need to interact with the changes taking place in the Arab region and to keep pace with them at both regional and international levels,

Seventh: Being aware that civil society is one of the components of society and an active partner in the process of sustainable development (SD) in the communities, which is able to involve all segments of society and to mobilize all its resources and efforts for SD.

Eighth: Believing that the prominent role played by civil society organizations in the Arab region over the past years which resulted in the development of efforts being exerted in the

areas of community development and the eradication of poverty, unemployment, education, health, women ...etc, and what can be done by those organizations through cooperation with Arab governments for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),

Ninth: In consideration of the role of civil society organizations as an active partner to promote the categories of the society like women, children, youth....etc

Tenth: Since development is the core of the agenda of civil society organizations decade and cannot be achieved without cooperation and a common understanding between the governments and civil society organizations

Eleventh: Aiming to achieve comprehensive development for the harmonization of three basic elements: economic growth, social inclusion and environment protection for the welfare of individuals and communities and to reach the developmental approach.

Twelfth: For proceeding initiatives and promoting the inclusion of the Arab region as a major priority on the regional and international agenda and the LAS political agenda.

Thirteenth: Strengthening the social cohesion especially during conflict and strife.

Fourteenth: Proceeding from the importance of the exchange of experiences to benefit from the international expertise to help make progress on the various issues.

Fifteenth: Aiming at effectuating cooperation and interaction between the civil society organizations in the Arab region.

Sixteenth: In support of the participation of Arab civil society organizations working in the framework of the LAS General Secretariat with LAS bodies.

Seventeenth: Based on all the foregoing, the League of the Arab States declares the period from 2016 to 2026, as an Arab Decade for the Arab civil society organizations under the title “supporting the implementation of sustainable development goals”

Eighteenth: The Decade of civil society organizations for the period between 2016-2026 is considered an unprecedented commitment by focusing on the areas of the Millennium Development Goals.



The Action plan of The Arab Decade of civil society organizations

The Action Approach is the agenda of civil society, aiming to implement what would be agreed upon of the objectives and indicators for the implementation of sustainable development goals 2030 in the Arab countries. .

- The Approach of Action stressed on the basic principle, which is full partnership with civil society. This requires immediate and concerted actions by all in order to create a world of peace, security and social welfare,
- The success of the Approach of Action requires a serious commitment on the part of civil society organizations.
- The sustainable development goals- from which the most successful movements in history to combat poverty emanated- represent a launching base for the new plan for the development goals adopted by world leaders.







- Since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1992, the world identified a new path for human welfare, namely sustainable development. The concept of sustainable development, proposed in Agenda 21, recognizes that economic development should be balanced with the growth which meets the needs of the people and protects the environment.
- The plan of sustainable development goals is based on the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development 2002 and the Summit on the Millennium Development Goals for 2010, as well as the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in 2012) Rio +20.
- In recognition of countries of the successes achieved by the Millennium Development Goals, they agreed in the final document of the Conference Rio +20, entitled ‘ ‘ The Future We Aspire ‘ ‘ to establish a working group, “membership is open” in order to develop a set of goals for sustainable



development for consideration and action if necessary.

- **After more than a year of intensive consultative deliberations**, the Working Group (to which membership is open) proposed 17 specific goals attached with 169 targeted objectives.

Intergovernmental negotiations on the formation of these goals have been extended for more than two years and included many inputs from civil society and other stakeholders. The comprehensive and transparent consultations led to a consensus on 2nd August on the final document of the new sustainable development plan.

The world leaders have adopted the new plan in the Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015. The civil society organizations shall adopt sustainable development goals as themes for the Decade of civil society organizations.

In order to achieve sustainable development goals, the League of Arab States and civil society are invited to take strategic actions in the following critical areas of concern:



Sustainable development goals:

Goal 1 End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 2 End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 3 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Goal 5 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls^l

Goal 6 Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7 Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all^l

Goal 8 Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 9 Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 10 Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 11 Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Goal 12 Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13 Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts^[33]

Goal 14 Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Goal 15 Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 16 Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Goal 17 Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development





Strategic objectives and actions for the Arab Decade of civil society organizations 2016-2026

- **The development of indicators** and practical measures that should be taken by various actors in order to achieve the strategic goals of the critical areas of concern for the development goals.
- **The civil society participated** in the negotiation process on the new sustainable development plans and the civil society organizations participated on a large scale and at all levels, in order to contribute to and influence in the creation of development framework,
- **The young people participated** through social media. Also 7 million people from around the world participated in the United Nations Global survey. The ages of 75% of them are less than 35 years.
- **Based on the role of civil society organizations** being a stand in for the governments in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, the experts team of civil society organizations selected a set of goals to be achieved during the Decade period and will focus on the following interrelated elements: economic growth by working to eradicate poverty, social inclusion through social welfare, and protection of environment through the protection of the earth





planet, and peace through non-violent communities. Such elements are the components of the sustainable development.

Sustainable development goals:

Goal 1- End poverty in all its forms everywhere

1.a-By 2030, Capacity building would be done for the poor and those who live in difficult conditions in addition to reducing their vulnerability to climate-related events extreme events and other shocks of economic, social and environmental disasters.

1.b. - creating a sound policy frameworks at the national, regional and international levels on the basis of a pro-poor and gender sensitive development strategies in order to support the accelerated investments in poverty eradication actions.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- the mobilization of all the parties involved in the development process, including academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, and women groups, in order to work on the development of programs and projects that seek to combat poverty addressed to the poorest and the most disadvantaged groups, recognizing that social development is the responsibility of the Governments in the first place;
- participate, in collaboration with the government and private sectors, in the development of a comprehensive national strategy to improve the health, education and social services so, the poor people of all ages can take full advantage of these services. This is in addition to the expansion of these services to reach rural and remote areas that are not covered by governmental institutions;

Goal 2 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture

2.a - By 2030, the eradication of hunger and ensuring the access of all people - especially the poor and those living in vulnerable circumstances, including young children - to safe, healthy, and adequate food throughout the year.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Working on the implementation of projects for low-income people aiming at finding and marketing for a source of self-income, to be able to support themselves and dispense social security aids, the matter which would lead them to be self-confidence, and become productive and active families in their community.
- strengthening the institutional capacity of families with limited and low income to raise their economic efficiency in general and women's in particular, supporting and directing productive families, in addition to allocating part of the support for small and medium enterprises for the benefit of poor families.
- improving the nutritional status of children, particularly the underweight children of less than 5 years age
- NGO cooperation with governments in order to strengthen capacity building for workers in the agricultural sector and especially women; including the use of technologies and policies to promote agricultural production and natural environment management.

Goal 3 – Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

3.a- Achieving universal health coverage (UHC), including protection from financial risks, and providing access to basic quality health care services, and to safe, effective, quality and necessary drugs and vaccines at affordable prices.

3.b - strengthening the capacity of all countries, particularly developing ones of the early warning, risk reduction and management of health risks at the national and global levels.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Establishing local health services, with encouragement to include elements of participation and self-care which observe community support based-gender, and with the promotion of preventive health programs designed for special purposes;
- planning, designing and implementing short-term and long-term projects and programs which provide assistance to the reduction of health risks, especially those resulting from the spread of seasonal and non-seasonal diseases, and ensure for everyone, especially women and children access to the services provided;

Goal 4 - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

4.a - By 2030, the elimination of gender disparities in the field of education and ensuring equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities, indigenous people, and children living in difficult circumstances.

4.b - By 2030, ensure for all learners access to the knowledge and skills required to promote sustainable development, including (but not exclusively) through the provision of education for sustainable development and sustainable patterns of life, human rights, gender equality, and to promote a culture of peace, non-violence, and global citizenship in addition to the appreciation and acceptance of cultural differences and cultural contributions in the field of sustainable development.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Ensuring the provision of a wide range of educational and training programs that lead to the acquisition of vulnerable groups including people with disabilities, women and girls, children of the knowledge and skills necessary to live in their communities and their countries.
- Preparing training programs and materials for teachers and educators that raise awareness of the status, the role and the contribution of women and men in the family and society; and promoting equality of opportunity, cooperation and mutual respect between girls and boys from the level of pre-school onwards in addition to working, in particular on the development of training educational modules that guarantees for boys the participation in bearing responsibility for their families and dependents care;

Goal 5 – Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

5.a – Ensuring the full and effective participation of women and leadership equality of opportunities at all levels of decision-making in the political, economic and public life.

5.b – Adopting and promoting sound policies and executable legislations in order to promote gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls at all levels.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Development of programs that increase the proportion of women who participate in the process of educational policy development and educational decision-making especially those working in the academic sector at all levels of education. This includes scientific and technological fields; and the development of leadership training and opportunities to exercise this leadership by all women to encourage them to undertake leading roles after they become adults in civil society;
- working on the development of programs to advocate policies and legislations that promote equality of opportunity between the sexes in access to decision-making and promotion in terms of full participation under equal conditions in the social, economic and political development process;

Goal 6 - ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

6.a - by 2030, the expansion of international cooperation and support for capacity building in developing countries in the water and sanitation related-activities and programs s; including water harvesting, water desalination, and efficiency in addition to wastewater treatment, and re-refining and re-use technologies.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Work on improving the institutional and technical performance and building the capacity of workers in the management of water and sanitation facilities, where these educational programs and procedures can help improve the performance in management and operation, due to the positive effects of such programs and procedures on the performance and the services provided.
- Work on forming a regional working group of non-governmental organizations working in this field, in addition to engaging stakeholders in the exchange of knowledge and experience in participatory and complementary manner, and developing specific action plans for the implementation of the procedures and plans for improvement and development in the field of water and sanitation related-programs.

Goal 7 - Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

7.a- by 2030, promoting international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy related-researches and technologies, including renewable energy, efficient energy, and the more sophisticated technologies for cleaner fossil fuel. This is in addition to supporting investments in the field of energy infrastructure and clean energy technologies.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Work on the preparation of training programs to meet the growing energy consumption. Amongst the topics that could be addressed are: the policy of rationalization of energy consumption, and the promotion of renewable energy, most importantly solar and wind energy instead of non-renewable energy sources.
- Prepare awareness programs for citizens, in the field of renewable energy, as well as arranging media campaigns on topics of renewable and clean energy use.

Goal 8–Promote sustained,inclusive and sustainable economic growth,full and productive employment and decent work for all

8.a - Promote development policies that support productive activities, and create decent jobs, and the spirit of initiative, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of mini-companies, small and medium enterprises, including through the access to financial services.

8.b - Protection of workers' rights and promoting sound and safe working environments for all workers; including migrant workers, particularly immigrant women, and people who work in hazardous jobs.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Work on the promotion of the policies of development trends that support productive activities which provide work, creativity and innovation opportunities, and work on the preparation of programs to promote micro-enterprises, new small businesses, cooperative enterprises. This is in addition to expanding markets and other employment opportunities, including the ability to access financial resources and services.
- encourage the provision of training on a range of business-related skills, financial management skills and technical skills in order to enable workers, especially women, to participate in economic fields;

Goal 9 - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

9.a- facilitate the development of sustainable and resilient infrastructure in developing countries through the promotion of financial, technological and technical support to African countries, the least developed countries, the landlocked developing countries and the Small Island Developing States.

Measures to be taken by civil society organizations

- Work on the preparation of programs and projects that support the development of local technology, research and innovation, especially among young people, promote scientific research and improve the technological capabilities.
- increase the opportunity of access for small-scale industrial projects and other projects to financial services through the development of training and rehabilitation programs, including affordable credits, and to provide affordable and equal access for all to value chains and markets.

Goal 10 – Reduce inequality within and among countries

10.a - by 2030, enabling and enhancing the social, economic and political integration for all, regardless of age, gender, disability, , race, or ethnic origin, religion, marital status or otherwise.

10.b - ensure the representation, promotion and empowerment of developing countries in the decision-making process within the global international economic and financial institutions in order to introduce more effective, credible and legally accountable institution

10.c - encouraging ODA and financial flows, including foreign direct investment for needy countries, in particular the least developed countries, African countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing States, and in line with their national plans and programs.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- ensure equality of opportunities for access to resources and the reduction of inequalities in the results, by working to organize awareness programs, which calls for modifying discriminatory laws and practices, and strengthening appropriate legislations, policies and procedures in this regard.

- Develop programs that contribute to the empowerment and the promotion of social, economic and political integration for all, implementation and monitoring of affirmative action programs and equity programs in employment in both public and private sectors to address the discrimination being faced by the least advantaged groups in the labor force, regardless of gender or economic statusetc,

Goal 11 – Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

11.a - by 2030, promote the comprehensive and sustainable urbanization process, raise the capacity of planning and participatory, integrated and sustainable management for human settlements in all countries.

11.b - support the positive economic, social and environmental links between urban and semi-urban and rural areas through the strengthening of the national and regional development planning.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Work to develop programs to strengthen the institutional capacity to enable workers in the planning of the cities on the optimal use of lands, due to their influencing role in sustainable development programs.
- protect cultural and environmental heritage to work on addressing the challenges being faced by cities, including sustainability as planning and good governance contribute to making the cities viable and thus promote an integrated institutional approach which enable local authorities to be a major actor in the new development agenda.
- Participate in the urban planning process alongside universities, institutions and institutes, including chambers of commerce and industry and even vendors in the market, so, the new development agenda can include all to contribute to the well-being of everyone, through the reduction of poverty and provision of housing and employment opportunities.

Goal 12 - Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

12.a - By 2030, achievement of the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources.

12.b - by 2030, Ensure that people everywhere have the information and education on sustainable

development and consistent patterns of life with nature.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Work on organizing awareness programs on the patterns of consumption and production by promoting efficient use of resources and energy as these programs contribute in applying sustainable consumption and production patterns on the achievement of comprehensive development plans, and the reduction of economic, environmental and social costs in the future, in addition to the consolidation of economic competitiveness, and reduction of poverty.
- Launch awareness campaigns to encourage people to use the lamps of efficient energy in order to provide the required natural resources to maintain the current lifestyles.

Goal 13 - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

13.a - Improve education, raise awareness, advance education level, promote level of awareness, and raise the human and institutional capacities related to the mitigation of climate change, and adapt therewith, and reduce their effects, in addition to early warning of such changes.

13.b Support the mechanisms required to strengthen the climate change related- capacities in terms of planning and management in the least developed countries, including a focus on women, youth, local and marginalized communities.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Develop programs that contribute to the strengthening of the role of genetic resources, in order to help farmers, fishermen and forest dwellers and workers deal with climate change, and exert efforts to raise awareness to avoid practices that destroy biodiversity or that undermine the viability of agricultural ecosystems- by using pesticides with a comprehensive scope of influence and that are harmful to the plant vaccines in all cases
- Prepare studies on agricultural education programs in terms of bringing in varieties, breeds and new types in order to build knowledge on genetic resources of food and agriculture areas and their characteristics in terms of resistance to drought and diseases to find out the best ways to manage them.

Goal 14 - Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

14.a - By 2030, the sustainable management and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid large adverse effects, through the enhancement of adaptation and taking the actions to reach healthy and productive oceans.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Work on the preparation of awareness programs that include preservation of natural resources in order to maintain the environment. Among the programs that can be worked on are, raising awareness on not throwing solid waste (like timber and fishing nets, ropes, empty cans, plastic bags... etc.) into the sea, which might cause damage to coral reefs and fish feed areas.
- Environmental organizations are to work on the protection of sea birds and sea turtles nesting areas to prevent any change in its nature and to be destination for such biota every season to lay eggs safely, and not to expose to birds' nests or turtles in the islands, whether by walking over them or by any other means. This is in addition to ensuring the maintenance of these areas, and not to use fishing instruments that harm coral reefs as fishing weapons and over-fishing tools.

Goal 15 - Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

15.a - By 2030, ensure conservation, restoration and sustainable use of freshwater terrestrial services and internal ecosystems and services thereof especially, forests, wetlands, mountains and dry lands, and in line with the commitments outlined in international conventions.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Encourage planting trees where they provide food security and shelter, are considered as an important element of the fight against climate change, thereby protecting many of the well-known animal breeds from extinction, in addition to protecting the ecological diversity, as micro-organisms and invertebrates are important elements of the ecosystem services ,.

- Launch campaigns to protect forests as deforestation leads to desertification – resulting from human activities and climate change – the matter which constitutes a major challenge before sustainable development, and also affects the lives and livelihoods of millions of people in the context of the fight against poverty.

Goal 16 – Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

16.a-Significant reduction of all forms of violence and relevant death rates worldwide.

16.b – Strengthen the rule of law at national and international levels, and ensure equal access to justice for all.

16.c – Ensure inclusive and participatory response and decision-making at all levels.

16.d - Broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in global governance institutions.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Work to substantially reduce all forms of violence and related deaths, particularly maternal and child mortality rates, and work on the fight against abuse, exploitation and human trafficking and all forms of violence against children and torture
- Work on including the culture of peace, security and respect for human rights in the context of development programs, promote the rule of law and ensure equal access for all to justice,

Goal 17 - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

17.a - Raise the level of regional and international cooperation, the North-South and South-South and triangular cooperation with respect to access to science, technology and innovation, and promote knowledge sharing related to the conditions mutually agreed upon, through better coordination between existing mechanisms; especially on United Nations level and through a specific mechanism to facilitate the global technology immediately on agreement upon that.

17.b - strengthen international support for the implementation of effective and objective capacity building in developing countries in order to support national plans to implement all sustainable development goals; including through North-South cooperation, South-South cooperation, and triangular cooperation.

17.c – Strengthen the coherence and consistency of sustainable development policies.

17.d- Respect each country's political space in order to establish and implement policies for poverty eradication and sustainable development.

17.e- strengthen the global partnership for sustainable development by integration and partnerships between the various parties concerned, which mobilize and share knowledge, experiences, technologies and financial resources to support the goals of sustainable development in all countries, particularly developing countries.

17.f - encourage and promote effective public partnerships and public-private partnerships and civil society partnerships based on the experiences and strategies on resources of such partnerships.

17:g - by 2030, build on existing initiatives for the development of progress measurements related to integrated sustainable development with GDP, and support for statistical capacity building in developing countries.

Measures that can be taken by civil society organizations

- Promote cooperation and partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society to ensure sustainable development through cooperation in the implementation of development projects at various levels
- Work to direct the aids being received by the civil society, whether through governments or the various development organizations to crucial sectors that contribute to the development efforts, including sustainable energy sectors, infrastructure and transport, as well as information and communication technology.

Institutional arrangements

The Action approach establishes a set of actions that would lead to a radical change. The matter requires taking immediate measures and effectuating the principle of accountability to achieve procedural targets. Although the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals is mainly the responsibility of governments, it is also dependent on a wide range of cooperation between the League of Arab States, Governments and civil society organizations, whether at the national or regional level.

At the level of the League of Arab States

The Information and Communication Sector “Department of civil society organizations” undertakes the job of technical rapporteur of the Decade and cooperates with the Social Affairs Sector / Development and Social Policies Department.

A Think Tanks team to be formed for the Decade to meet periodically and contribute to the development of periodic plans and follow-up implementation of the Decade.

Technical Rapporteur for the Decade to work on the following:

- Develop a Program of Action for the implementation of Decade activities in collaboration with the (Think tanks) team.
- Prepare periodic plans for Decade activities and programs.
- Call for the convening of meetings of civil society organizations and partner organizations.
- Ensure coordination between the concerned authorities of the Decade, including governments, international organizations and civil society;
- Contribute to the development and modernization of the regional action plans of the Decade, and provide experts advice and support in the priority areas of the Decade.
- prepare regional reports emanating from the activities of the Decade and submit them to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs.
- implement of communication strategies and link them with other important initiatives, with the aim of consolidating the achievements of the Decade and attract all forms of support to the Decade.



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