The Regional Consultation on the Plan of Action to Integrate Volunteering into the 2030 Agenda in the ESCWA Region

The Regional Consultation on the Plan of Action to Integrate Volunteering into the 2030 Agenda in the ESCWA region is organized in the context of the Arab Forum on Sustainable Development (AFSD) as mandated by UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/73/140, and will take place on 10 April 2019 in Beirut, Lebanon.

The Consultation will provide a space for Plan of Action Stakeholders from the ESCWA region to identify opportunities to support volunteers to accelerate SDG progress and maximize the potential of volunteering to tackle the region’s most pressing issues.

Ms. Emma Morley (Chief of Volunteer Advisory Services, UNV programme); H.E. Sheikha Hissa Al-Thani (Special Envoy for Humanitarian Affairs, League of Arab States); Ms. Meryem Agadi (in charge of Cooperation and Partnerships at the General Secretariat of Ministry of Youth and Sports, Morocco) and Mr. Nader Keyrouz (Regional Labour Statistician, Regional
Office for Arab States, ILO, will discuss innovations and best practices, explore opportunities for new partnerships and approaches, and suggest ways to overcome challenges.

The speakers also will share findings from a regional synthesis report that draws on information submitted by ESCWA Member States on the scale, scope and impact of volunteerism across the region.

The session will be chaired by Mr. Mahmoud Ataya, Director General of Policy and Reform Unit at the Office of the Prime Minister, State of Palestine, and moderated by Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director of Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND).

The Regional Consultation on the Plan of Action to Integrate Volunteering into the 2030 Agenda in the ESCWA region will be take place live-streamed (on 10 April 2019, from 8:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. GMT).

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