



## Event Details

### Title of Event

Progress made in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in the Arab Region: Challenges and Prospects for innovation

### Organization Details

**Organization:** League of Arab States

**Organization Country:** Egypt

### Summary

In light of political, economic and social changes currently transforming the Arab world, there is a growing need to understand the main trends of urbanization, address the root causes that perpetuate the uncontrolled urban growth and recommend necessary policy and institutional reforms to tackle the widening urban inequalities within and among countries of the region. Concerted effort were undertaken in order to present new perspectives to jointly address the most prevalent and persistent constraints to achieving sustainable housing and urban development as well as improve the quality of life for all people in the Arab region. In this regard, the Arab Strategy for Housing and Sustainable Urban Development 2030 (ASHUD) was endorsed by the twenty two country members of the League of Arab States (LAS) during the Arab summit of 2016 in Mauritania, for a time frame of fifteen years, from 2015 to 2030 to lay down the vision for housing and urban development in the Arab region for the coming fifteen years and to express commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in the Arab region, and their human centred perspective over the next two decades. ASHUD aims to ensure that “integrated and sustainable human settlements are resilient, competitive, and provide for a better quality of life for all in the Arab region”. In March 2019, an Action Plan for the Implementation of ASHUD was endorsed by the League of Arab States with focus on three pillars: Policy coherence, Institutional capacity-building and cross-sectorial coordination. The Action Plan recognizes the fact that Arab countries have diversified contexts, different rates of urbanization and various levels of development. It seeks to trigger a continuum of proactive and demand-led interventions, tailored to the specificities of each Arab country, aligned with its priorities and responding to its society’s needs. To monitor the implementation of ASHUD and NUA in the Arab region, an Arab Ministerial Forum for Housing and Urban Development has been established as a biennial regional consultative mechanism and multi-stakeholder forum on urban development by the Arab Ministerial Council for Housing and Construction, League of Arab States, and supported technically by the Regional Office of Arab States of UN-Habitat. In 2019, the third AMFHUD was hosted by UAE and culminated into the adoption of Dubai Declaration reiterating Arab countries commitment towards NUA principles and stressing on the importance of enhancing policy coherence, innovation and multi-stakeholders partnership.

### Other Organization name

**Prospective moderator, speaker(s) or panelist(s)**

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| 1  | Djamal            | Djaballah        | Speaker     | LAS                 |
| 2  | Abdallah          | Belhaif          | Speaker     | UAE                 |
| 3  | Gisela            | Nauk             | Speaker     | UN-ESCWA            |
| 4  |                   |                  | Speaker     |                     |
| 5  | Erfan             | Ali              | Moderator   | UN-Habitat ROAS     |
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