



### **About the Conference**

## **“Arab Women in the Sustainable Development Agenda 2015 - 2030”**

Localization of the Global Agenda: Leaving No one Behind

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Building on what has been achieved under the MDGs, the SDGs were designed in an inclusive and consultative approach to widen the coverage and address some of the systemic and structural barriers to sustainable development offering a balance between the three dimensions of sustainable development – social, economic and environmental – and the institutional/governance aspects.

Each of the goals is exclusive in the area of coverage, yet gender as a cross cutting issue will be mainstreamed throughout the goals. SDG5 focuses on promoting socio-political and economic transformation at local, national, and global levels to provide a springboard for development policy and practices to advance gender equality and women’s and girls’ rights. “Gendered inequalities are the most pervasive of all inequalities, hence there are very strong interlinkages between this goal and the other SDGs”.

The Arab Women Organization in partnership with UNDP Regional Bureau of Arab States, UN Women, and league of Arab States are convening a high level conference on the implementation of the post 2015 SDGs with respect to the important issues of gender equality and women’s empowerment. The purpose is to discuss the related post 2015 sustainable development goals with a gender perspective in order to be gender inclusive and tackle the issue of Arab women empowerment and equality as they have been one of the most vulnerable groups due to continuing conflict and violence in the region. This conference will serve as a platform to facilitate thematic, policy and technical discussions on the endorsed SDGs and how they impact the key areas of gender equality and women’s empowerment.

The Conference aims at providing a set of recommendations that act as a reference/guidelines to assist policymakers, national women machineries and other key actors in the development field in the Member States to mainstream gender issues and advance the status of women in monitoring their progress in achieving the 17 SGDs in the coming 15 years.