



Background and objectives:

Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls are central drivers of sustainable development. Despite progress in some areas, Arab countries continue to face significant challenges. Building on the foundational 2020 report, the upcoming Arab Gender Gap Report 2025 assesses regional progress as the 2030 SDG deadline approaches, highlighting key trends, persistent challenges, and good practices across Arab States.

The objective of launching the “Arab Gender Gap Report 2025” is to provide the latest data and analyses on the progress towards gender equality across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 5. This report highlights key trends, gaps, and setbacks aiming to inform policymakers, stakeholders, and the public, and to recommend actionable steps to eliminate gender disparities.

Questions to be addressed:

- How can we implement policies that ensure equal opportunities and address gender-based violence (SDG 5)?
- What steps are needed to ensure women’s access to comprehensive facility services, clean water, and affordable energy (SDGs 6 & 7)?
- How can we best support women’s economic empowerment and ensure safe public spaces (SDGs 5 & 11)?
- How can gender-disaggregated data and multi-stakeholder partnerships be leveraged to inform targeted interventions (SDG 17)?

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Opening Remarks

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