

Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA)

“Integrating the Economic, Social and Environmental Pillars of Sustainable Development: Perspectives from the ESCWA region”

The ESCWA presentation highlights the economic, social and environmental challenges faced by the ESCWA region. It proposes an integrated approach to achieving sustainable development, which aims at embracing the three pillars of sustainable development & governance in a continuum, rather than in isolation or as trade-offs between the different pillars. It highlights the potential role of ESCWA in promoting this integrated approach which would be more holistic in integrating the economic, social and environmental spheres of sustainable development, and provide strong institutions and ensure the active participation of all stakeholders in the decision-making process.