

# AGENDA OF THE D4SD SIDE EVENT



# Segment 1

⌚ 11:00-11:10

10 min

## Opening Remarks

This opening segment will set the strategic vision for cross-regional digital transformation and reaffirm the commitment to an inclusive, trusted and forward-looking digital cooperation between countries.

### Moderator:

Marina Walter

UNDP RBAS, Deputy Regional Director

H.E. Mr. Aziz  
Akhannouch

Head of Government of the Kingdom  
of Morocco

H.E. Prof. Dr.  
Amal El Fallah  
Seghrouchni

Minister Delegate to the Head of  
Government in charge of Digital  
Transition and Administrative Reform

H.E. Mr.  
Omar Hilale

Morocco's Permanent Representative  
to the UN in New York

Mr.  
Haoliang Xu

Under-Secretary-General and UNDP  
Acting Administrator

# Segment 2

⌚ 11:10-11:20

10 min

## Official launch of the Morocco Digital for Sustainable Development (D4SD) Hub

This session will officially launch the Morocco-based D4SD Hub as a regional platform to scale inclusive digital transformation across the Arab States and Africa.

### ► Moderator:

Marina Walter

UNDP RBAS, Deputy Regional Director

### ► Launch Video

### ► Launch Speech and Call for Partners/Donors to Join the D4SD Hub:

H.E. Prof. Dr.  
Amal El Fallah  
Seghrouchni

Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of Digital Transition and Administrative Reform

Dr. Abdallah  
Al Dardari

UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States UNDP

Amandeep  
Singh Gill

Under-Secretary-General and Special Envoy for Digital and Emerging Technologies

# Segment 3

⌚ 11:20-12:10

50 min

## High-Level Roundtable Discussion on Strategic Hub Agenda for The Arab Region and Africa: The Need for Multilateralism in The Digital and AI Age

### ► Moderator: (3 min)

Robert Opp

UNDP, Chief Digital Officer

### ► Panel (30 min, 6 interventions x 5 min)

- 1- The necessity of highly **impactful international digital cooperation**, and the role of the Morocco D4SD Hub as a cross-regional catalyst to Advance the Sustainable Development Agenda.
- 2- How **Artificial Intelligence multilateralism** plays a vital role in fostering ethical and trusted use of artificial intelligence by enabling countries in the Arab States and Africa. The call for global AI cooperation.
- 3- **D4SD hub Unlocking Sustainable Impact:** The Critical Role of Funding and innovative Financing in Advancing the Digital for Sustainable Development (D4SD) Hub impact on Arab and African Countries.
- 4- How **Digital and AI Enhances Digital Inclusion** in the Arab Region and Africa by Improving Access to Quality Services and Supporting Data-Driven Policymaking for More Equitable and Resilient Systems.
- 5- The **Role of Private Sector** as a main partner in Innovation and Digital Infrastructure to Accelerate Human Development.

### ► Interactive segment (20 minutes)

Interventions from the floor

# Segment 4

⌚ 12:10-12:30

20 min

## Closing Remarks & Announcements/ Call for action

- ▶ **Launch of AI and Data Science Alliance**
- ▶ **Other D4SD partners initiatives**
- ▶ **Reflecting on key takeaways and reinforcing commitment to inclusive digital transformation:**

Dr. Abdallah  
Al Dardari

UN Assistant Secretary-General and  
Director of the Regional Bureau for  
Arab States UNDP

H.E. Prof. Dr.  
Amal El Fallah  
Seghrouchni

Minister Delegate to the Head of  
Government in charge of Digital  
Transition and Administrative Reform

