



Policy Forum on Development: Multi-stakeholder meeting in the Middle East and Neighbourhood South region

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to a gathering of the [Policy Forum on Development](#) (PFD), held in coordination with the Civil Society Forum Neighbourhood South. This short note aims to recall our shared objectives in order to have a successful meeting. Please see the full [concept note](#) for a complete explanation.

The PFD is a multi-stakeholder platform which brings together different networks of civil society organisations (CSOs) and local authorities (LAs) from all over the world, from the local to the global level. It establishes a permanent channel to dialogue about development issues, with the aim of strengthening the European Union's (EU) development policy. This is an ongoing process which puts into practice the EU's commitment to enhance its cooperation and consultation by reaching out to development partners. Civil society, local authorities, private sector and policy makers meet regularly to exchange views and influence EU development policy. Such meetings have been held at the global level as well as in Latin America, Asia and the Pacific and Africa during the last three years.

As the first PFD gathering in the Middle East and Neighbourhood South, this meeting aims to 1. introduce regional participants to the work and process of the PFD and 2. provide a venue to discuss regional concerns as relate to the ongoing work of the PFD. While the goal of this meeting is not to produce a consensus document or joint outcomes from all involved, the messages and conclusions will be fed into the global discussions of the PFD and shared with relevant EU actors. Please note that as part of an open and frank dialogue process that builds consensus across different actors and regions, the PFD does not hold media events or invite press coverage of discussions.

By participating in the two-day meeting, you should:

- Engage in a constructive dialogue with fellow PFD members and other participants;
- Understand what the PFD is and entry points for further participation;
- Be familiar with how the EU supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda via the new European Consensus on Development;
- Raise and exchange regional concerns, information and experiences that could feed into EU policies and initiatives in the development field;
- Work together to put forward conclusions and recommendations that strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships and will be incorporated into future PFD discussions; and
- Benefit from the possibility of meeting and networking with other regional participants