



التحالف الديمقراطي الاجتماعي  
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Social Democratic Alliance in the Arab World



To the Member Parties of the Social Democratic Alliance in the Arab world  
To the Members of the Board, Parties and Organizations of the Progressive Alliance

Social Democratic Alliance in the Arab world Conference  
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Dear comrades,

Dear friends,

The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region is facing a period of profound political, economic, and social challenges. Many countries are grappling with political instability, democratic backsliding, human rights violations, and economic crises. Conflicts and external interventions have deepened divisions, while the suffering of the Palestinian people continues in a particularly horrific manner due to occupation, war, siege, and starvation. The developments in Syria has yet to delicately chart its path toward inclusive democracy. Many nations in the Arab world remain volatile due to geopolitical conflicts. Meanwhile, economic hardships—including high unemployment, inflation, and widening social inequalities—continue to affect millions especially women and girls. Additionally, the region faces environmental challenges, including water scarcity and climate change, which threaten sustainable development and social stability.

In the face of these challenges, solidarity and cooperation between progressive and social democratic parties in the region and beyond are more essential than ever. By working together, we can:

- Strengthen democratic institutions and advocate for human rights and political freedoms.
- Support and promote democratic participation of minorities and protect their rights, especially in Syria.
- Avoid and prevent external involvement in the democratic and political processes.
- Promote inclusive economic policies that address poverty, unemployment, and social injustice.
- Ensure that the space for women's meaningful and safe participation exists.



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- Support peaceful dialogue and conflict resolution to enhance regional stability.
- Defend civic space and media freedom against authoritarian restrictions.
- Advance social and environmental justice for sustainable and equitable development.

To this end, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) in coordination with Social Democratic Alliance in the Arab World invites all sister parties and associate organizations of the Progressive Alliance to the Conference of the Social Democratic Alliance in the Arab world from 27-31 August 2025 in Sulaimani, Iraqi Kurdistan. This conference will serve as a crucial platform for progressive forces to exchange ideas, build partnerships, and develop joint strategies to address the pressing issues facing our region.

We warmly invite party officials and parliamentarians to this important event. Your presence and contributions will be instrumental in shaping a collective vision for a more just, democratic, and prosperous MENA region.

We look forward to welcoming you in Sulaimani and working together towards a future built on solidarity, democracy, and social justice.

In solidarity,

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