

International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms
" From Sources to Impacts: Addressing Sand and Dust Storms in the Middle East"

(08:00-10:20 GMT, 11:00-13:20 KSA, Tuesday, 08 July 2025 Online via Webex)



Agenda:

Time (GMT)	Topic	Chair
08:00-08:20	i. Opening remarks: 1. Mr. Jumaan Al-Qahtani, Chair of the SDS-WAS GCC Node 2. Dr. Sara Basart, Scientific Officer, AER/SI, WMO. 3. Dr. Daniel Tong, Chair of the Global SDS-WAS Steering Committee	
08:20-08:40	ii. Invited presentations: 1. Dr. Ali Al-Dusari , Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) - Kuwait "Dust fingerprints in the Arabia compared to global dust"	
08:40-09:00	2. Dr. Ishaq Sulaymon , Sand and Dust Storm Regional Centre - Jeddah "Understanding the elevated PM2.5 pollution in the Middle East during May 2022 dust events: Insights from observations and numerical simulations"	
09:00-09:20	3. Dr. Tareq Hussein , University of Helsinki - Finland "Characterization of Urban Particulate Matter with a Focus Sand and Dust Storm Episodes in Amman, Jordan"	Dr. Sara Basart
09:20-09:40	4. Mr. Ibraheem Abdul Salam , Center of Excellence for Satellite Applications – Muscat, Oman "From MSG to MTG - Advancing Dust Monitoring over the MENA Region"	
09:40-10:00	5. Dr. Ali Al-Humood , Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR)- Kuwait "Vulnerability Assessment of Sand and Dust Storms"	
10:00-10:20	iii. Discussion and closing	Mr. Jumaan, Dr. Sara and Dr. Daniel