

**Division of Social Policy & Development,
UNDESA in Collaboration with the Government of Lebanon,
ESCWA & the Lebanon Family Planning Association**

Regional Meeting on Youth & Employment In Post-Conflict Arab Countries

Draft Programme

Wednesday 28 January 2004: Understanding Conflict in Context & its Impact on Youth

9.00 – 10.00	Opening Ceremony - Lebanon - ESCWA - LFPA - DESA
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee Break
10.30 – 12.30	Personal Introductions Participant Expectations Objectives Approach Programme Ground rules
11.30 – 1.00	Issues Affecting Youth in Post-conflict Arab Countries – An introduction to the impact of conflict on youth. General Situation Analysis to set the tone for the workshop. Questions & Answers followed by general brainstorming.
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00 – 3.00	Case Study 1: Situation analysis and strategies for youth employment Iraq & Palestine. Panel discussion
3.00 – 4.00	Case Study 2: Situation analysis and strategies for youth employment in Algeria, Syria & Egypt. Panel discussion.
4.00 – 5.00	Brainstorming, focusing on policies, strategies, programmes & resources specifically devoted to youth employment & employability as part of an overall peace-building plan.
4.30 – 5.30	Thought of the day (taking the pulse) and Wrap up.

Thursday 29 January 2004: Promoting youth employability – Strategy Development

- 9.00 – 9.15 Summary of key elements of day 1
- 9.15 – 10.00 Promoting Youth employability: strategic & practical needs
- Employment & employability
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Equal opportunities
- 10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.30 – 12.15 2 Working groups to:
- review the situation analysis and the impact of conflict on youth;
 - develop/devise guidelines for Strategy Development
- Group 1: Iraq, Palestine & Algeria
Group 2: Syria, Lebanon, Jordan , Egypt
- 12.15 – 1.00 Presentation of working groups & Discussion.
- 1.00 – 2.00 Lunch
- 2.00 – 4.00 3 working groups to focus on (a) 5 key constraints to youth employment; and (b) on strategy development for youth employment and employability within an equal opportunities framework for the:
- private sector
 - public sector
 - informal sector
- 4.00 – 4.45 Presentation of results of working groups. Brainstorming
- 4.45 – 5.00 Taking the pulse of the meeting

Friday 30 January 2004: Lobbying, Advocacy & Implementation

9.00 – 9.15	Summary of key elements of day 2
9.15 – 9.45	Advocacy & Lobbying skills: an introduction to basic concepts & skills. Discussion.
9.45 – 10.45	Working groups: a practical approach to lobbying (who to lobby; when & how to lobby) decision-makers for youth employment.
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 1.00	Working groups: An information/education strategy advocating for youth employment (for policy makers & business managers; international organisers)
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00 – 3.00	Working Groups: Devising an implementation plan for the promotion of youth employment: activities, schedule, responsibilities (per sector; national/international level); resources
.00 – 4.30	Presentations of consolidated strategies & implementation plans; discussion on results.
4.30 – 5.30	Follow up plan & evaluation Closing