



## Agenda

### REVISITING SOCIO-ECONOMIC POLICIES TO ADDRESS POVERTY IN ALL ITS DIMENSIONS IN MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES

ESCWA, Beirut, Lebanon  
**Mezzanine Hall**

8 – 10 May 2018

<b>Day 1: Tuesday, 8 May 2018</b>	
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:30	<b>Opening session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Opening remarks<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening remarks – UNESCWA</li><li>• Opening remarks – UNECLAC</li><li>• Opening remarks – UNDESA</li></ul></li><li>➤ Introduction of participants</li></ul>
9:30 – 10:30	<b>Session 1: Setting the stage – Overall background and policy implications in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting</li></ul> <b>Presentations (10 – 15 minutes each):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ UNDESA: Integrated socio-economic policies to address multidimensions of poverty within the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Ms. Makiko Tagashira</li><li>➤ ESCWA – Regional perspectives: Tackling poverty and vulnerability in Arab Middle-income countries – Dr. Khalid Abu-Ismaïl</li><li>➤ ECLAC – Regional perspectives: The Latin American and Caribbean experience with poverty reduction – Mr. Simone Cecchini</li></ul>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>

11:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 2: Current status, main challenges and good policies/practices in reducing poverty in all its dimensions in the context of the 2030 Agenda (Part I)</b></p> <p>Moderator: ESCWA</p> <p>Round table discussion: Country experiences (20 Minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Egypt</b> -Dr. Nivine El-Kabbag, First Assistant to the Minister of Social Solidarity, Dr. Heba Ellaithy, Professor, Cairo University</li> <li>➤ <b>Mexico</b> -Ms. Blanca Lilia Garcia, Deputy Director General, international Relations, Social Development Ministry</li> <li>➤ <b>Iraq</b> -Ms. Najlaa Ali Murad, DG Poverty Reduction Strategy, Ministry of Planning</li> <li>➤ <b>Colombia</b> -Ms. Isabel Catalina Parra Moncayo, Vice Director General, Overcoming Poverty, Department for Social Prosperity, or Mr. Juan Ramirez Cortes, Deputy Director, The National Planning Department</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion: exchange of good policies/practices, common challenges and lessons learned</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break (served at ESCWA Cafeteria)</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 3: Addressing inter-linkages among various Sustainable Development Goals to tackle poverty in middle income countries</b></p> <p>Moderator: DESA</p> <p>Presentations (15 -20 Minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ DESA – Addressing inter-linkages between policies to reduce poverty and policies to reduce inequality, promote social inclusion and decent work for all – Ms. Alcinda Honwana</li> <li>➤ ILO – Social protection policies to reduce poverty - Ms. Ursula Kulke, Senior Regional Social Security Specialist</li> <li>➤ ESCWA – Fiscal policy on public social spending and human development in Arab countries – Dr. Niranjana Sarangi</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break (served at Mezzanine Hall)</b>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Session 4: Current status, main challenges and good policies/practices in reducing poverty in all its dimensions in the context of the 2030 Agenda (Part II)</b></p> <p>Moderator: ECLAC</p> <p>Round table discussion: Country experiences (20 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Jordan</b> - Mr. Basim Kanan, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Dr. Maen Al Nsour, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Graduate School of Business</li> <li>➤ <b>El Salvador</b> -Ms. Adriana Marcela Velasquez Morales, Coordinator, Social Policy and Development Observatory, Central American Social Integration</li> </ul>

	<p>System - <i>“Comparative Analysis of Strategies for Multidimensional Poverty Reduction in Central America and Dominican Republic”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Morocco</b> -Ms. Fouzia Daoudim, Head of Studies and Research on Living Conditions, Observatory of Population Living Conditions, High Commission for Planning, and Dr. Touhami Abdelkhalek, Institut National de Statistique et d’Economie Appliquée</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion: exchange of good policies/practices, common challenges and lessons learned</p>
<b>Day 2: Wednesday, 9 May 2018</b>	
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Session 5: Current status, main challenges and good policies/practices in reducing poverty in all its dimensions in the context of the 2030 Agenda (Part III)</b></p> <p>Moderator: ESCWA</p> <p>Round table discussion: Country experiences (20 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Ecuador</b> - Ms. Mariana Matilde Naranjo Bonilla, Professor, Faculty of Economics, Catholic University of Ecuador)</li> <li>➤ <b>Palestine</b> - Mr. Jawad Alsaleh, Acting Director General, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics</li> <li>➤ <b>Lebanon</b></li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion: exchange of good policies/practices, common challenges and lessons learned</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee Break (served at Mezzanine Hall)</b>
11:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Session 6: Session 4: Identify potential approaches to analyze and assess multiple dimensions of poverty</b></p> <p>Moderator: DESA</p> <p>Presentation (15 – 20 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ OPHI – ESCWA region - Mr. Bilal Malaeb, Research Officer</li> <li>➤ OPHI – ECLAC region - Mr. Diego Zavaleta Reyes</li> <li>➤ ESCWA – Analyzing multidimensional poverty in the Arab Region – Dr. Bilal Al-Kiswani</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch (Served at ESCWA Cafeteria)</b>

14:00 – 16:00	<p><b>Session 7: Identify key components for integrated policy framework to address multiple dimensions of poverty (in Group)</b></p> <p>Break out into 4 groups (6 – 7 people)</p> <p>Group discussions</p>
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Coffee Break (served at Mezzanine Hall)</b>
16:30 – 17:30	<p><b>Session 8: Identify key components for integrated policy framework to address multiple dimensions of poverty (in plenary)</b></p> <p>Moderator: DESA/ESCWA/ECLAC</p> <p>Report back from Groups</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<b>Day 3: 10 May 2018</b>	
9:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Launch of the Social Development Report (No.2): “Equality of Outcome, Process and Autonomy in Selected Arab Countries”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Statement by ESCWA</li> <li>➤ Key analyses and results of the Social Development Report (No.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Speaker: Ms. Rania Al Jazairi, First Social Affairs Officer, Social Justice Section/Social Development Division, ESCWA</li> <li>○ Discussant: Mr. Adib Nehme, Expert on Development Issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Joint discussion on key components for integrated policy framework to address poverty and inequality in its all dimensions. (in plenary)</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee Break (served at Mezzanine Hall)</b>
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 9: Proposals on policy frameworks, potential approaches and tools to analyze and monitor the multiple dimensions of poverty at national and regional levels in middle income countries</b></p> <p>Moderator: DESA/ESCWA/ECLAC</p> <p>Discussion and consensus</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Conclusion and key recommendations</b></p> <p>UNDESA</p>
13:00 -13:30	<b>Closing</b>

	Short closing remarks: UNDESA, ESCWA, ECLAC
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch (Served at ESCWA Cafeteria)

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