COSP14 HIGH LEVEL SIDE EVENT

“Protecting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities during Pandemics and Crises”
14 June 2021
8:30 am – 9:45 am (NYT) (2:30 pm Cairo time)
Videoconference meeting

PROGRAM

Opening Session (4 Minutes per speech)

- Presentation
- Mrs. Hessa Bint Essa Buhumaid - Minister of Community Development in the United Arab Emirates - and Chairperson of the 40th session of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs
- Mr. Ayman Al-Mufleh - Minister of Social Development in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan - Head of the Executive Office of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs
- Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu-Ghazala - Assistant Secretary-General - Head of the Social Affairs Sector (LAS)
- Dr. Shafiqa Al-Awadi - Director General of the Public Authority for Persons with Disabilities in the State of Kuwait
- Dr. Mehrnaz El-Awady, Director - Cluster Leader Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- Dr. Nawaf Kabara - President of the Arab Organization for Persons with Disabilities
- Ambassador Tarig Bakheet - Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian, Culture and Social Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).
### Working sessions (4 minutes for each presentation)

- Presentation of the main working paper:
  - **Minister Plenipotentiary Tarek Al-Nabulsi**, Director of the Department of Development and Social Policies – (LAS)
  - **Dr. Alaa Sebeh** - Regional Advisor for Disability Affairs (ESCWA)

### Main interventions (3 minutes each)

- **Dr. Nevin Riyad Al-Kabbaj**, Minister of Social Solidarity in the Arab Republic of Egypt Permanent Member of the Executive Office of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs

- **Prof. María Soledad Cisternas Reyes**, Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General on Disability and Accessibility

- **Dr. Louay Shabana**, Director of the United Nations Population Fund

- **Mr. Gerard Quinn** - United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities (Waiting for confirmation )

- **Dr. Khaled Hanafy** - Secretary General of the Union of Arab Chambers (UAC)

- **Mrs. Ana Lucia Arellano** - President of the International Disability Alliance (IDA)

- **Dr. Ahmed Al-Mandhari**, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean

- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

*The event will be moderated by Minister Plenipotentiary Tarek Al-Nabulsi, Director of the Department of Development and Social Policies - LAS

### Discussion (20 Minutes)

*Note - Sign language interpretation, and (English - Arabic - English) interpretation, will be provide*