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# Disability Assessment and Determination in Lebanon

## Workshop agenda

27 February, 2020

Lebanese American University, Beirut Campus - Adnan Kassar School of Business, Room 903

The Classification Workshop entitled: “Disability Assessment and Determination in Lebanon” is organized by the Centre for Lebanese Studies at the Lebanese American University in collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia UN ESCWA Beirut and the International Committee of the Red Cross ICRC. This workshop is part of the Disability Under Siege project funded by University of Birmingham.

### Background

Disability policy is changing fast in Arab countries. Several countries have or are in the process of changing their disability laws, have already developed disability inclusion strategies or are in the process of doing so. Countries have also adjusted their institutional frameworks to conform with the requirements of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

In this context, Lebanon is interested in revising its disability assessment and determination procedures – away from medical models towards multi-dimensional assessments. Several approaches exist for such kind of multi-dimensional assessment, including the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF), and tools such as the WHO Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0 (WHODAS 2.0).

### Objectives of the workshop

The workshop will bring together representatives from organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) in Lebanon, and representatives from the academic community.

The workshop will provide an overview of where Lebanon currently stands in terms of its disability assessment and determination system, the opportunities and challenges to update it. In addition to exploring the best mechanisms to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities themselves and OPDs in this process.

### Expected outputs of the workshop

The workshop is expected to provide a platform to exchange knowledge, lessons learned and best practices on the topic. In addition to ensuring the inclusion of OPDs in this discussion in line with the CRPD and 2030 Agenda.

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AGENDA	
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	<i>Registration</i>
2:00 – 2:20 p.m.	<b>Opening and introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Centre for Lebanese Studies</li> <li>- UN ESCWA</li> </ul>
2:20 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Session 1: Introduction to Disability assessment and classification</b> <i>Speaker: Ibrahim ABDALLAH – Disability Program Adviser at FPS- Member, Executive Office of the National Council on Disability</i>  General Discussion
3:30 – 3:50 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3:50 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Session 2: Current disability assessments and the changes required by the CRPD The ICF and WHO DAS 2.0</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gisela NAUK, <i>Chief, Inclusive Social Development Section, UN ESCWA</i></li> <li>- Dr. Alaa SEBEH, <i>Regional Adviser on Disability, Inclusive Social Development Section/Social Development Division, UN ESCWA</i></li> </ul> General discussion
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Session 3: Where does Lebanon stand? Current situation and aspirations for the future</b> <b>Speaker: TBD</b>