



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

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

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Morocco (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)) <p>Interactive discussion: exchange of good policies/practices, common challenges and lessons learned</p>
Day 2: Wednesday, 9 May 2018	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 5: Current status, main challenges and good polices/practices in reducing poverty in all its dimensions in the context of the 2030 Agenda (Part III)</p> <p>Moderator: ESCWA</p> <p>Round table discussion: Country experiences (20 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ecuador (Ms. Mariana Matilde Naranjo Bonilla, Professor, Faculty of Economics, Catholic University of Ecuador) ➤ Palestine (Mr. Jawad Alsaleh, Acting Director General, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics) ➤ Lebanon (tbc) <p>Interactive discussion: exchange of good policies/practices, common challenges and lessons learned</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break (served at Mezzanine Hall)
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 6: Session 4: Identify potential approaches to analyze and assess multiple dimensions of poverty</p> <p>Moderator: DESA</p> <p>Presentation (15 – 20 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ OPHI – ESCWA region (Mr. Bilal Malaeb, Research Officer) ➤ OPHI – ECLAC region (Mr. Diego Zavaleta Reyes) ➤ ESCWA – Analyzing multidimensional poverty in the Arab Region – Dr. Bilal Al-Kiswani <p>Interactive discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (Served at ESCWA Cafeteria)
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Session 7: Identify key components for integrated policy framework to address multiple dimensions of poverty (in Group)</p> <p>Break out into 4 groups (6 – 7 people)</p> <p>Group discussions</p>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break (served at Mezzanine Hall)

16:30 – 17:30	<p>Session 8: Identify key components for integrated policy framework to address multiple dimensions of poverty (in plenary)</p> <p>Moderator: DESA/ESCWA/ECLAC</p> <p>Report back from Groups</p> <p>Discussion</p>
Day 3: 10 May 2018	
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Launch of the Social Development Report (No.2): “Equality of Outcome, Process and Autonomy in Selected Arab Countries”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Statement by ESCWA ➤ Key analyses and results of the Social Development Report (No.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speaker: Ms. Rania Al Jazairi, First Social Affairs Officer, Social Justice Section/Social Development Division, ESCWA ○ Discussant: Mr. Adib Nehme, Expert on Development Issues <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	Coffee Break (served at Mezzanine Hall)
11:00 – 12:30	<p>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</p> <p>Moderator: DESA/ESCWA/ECLAC</p> <p>Discussion and consensus</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Conclusion and key recommendations</p> <p>UNDESA</p>
13:00 -13:30	<p>Closing</p> <p>Short closing remarks: UNDESA, ESCWA, ECLAC</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch (Served at ESCWA Cafeteria)

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