



## ESCWA and Port of Beirut

Technical Cooperation on Revisiting the Port Master Plan after the Tragic Blast of 4 August 2020

### Inception Stakeholders Consultation Workshop

Port of Beirut Conference Hall

Thursday 17 September 2020, from 11 AM to 1 PM

### Summary of the workshop

<b>Overview</b>	<p>This workshop was organized to discuss and validate the study approach as well as sources of information and data with all stakeholders. UN-ESCWA prepared 2 presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ESCWA Study on revisiting the Master Plan: Contents and Approach</li><li>- Port of Beirut: outlines of its characteristics, role and challenges</li></ul> <p>The PoB administration team presented the current status of operation and the ground alteration due to the tragic blast of August 4, 2020.</p> <p>Participants discussed and commented on these presentations and provided their expectations and opinions.</p>
<b>Main points of discussion</b>	<p>The main points are given below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. All parties acquiesced on the main target of UN-ESCWA initiative which is the preparation of a vision for the future port development and a ToR to develop an updated Master Plan for reconstruction and operation of PoB.</li><li>2. Participants insisted on the importance of the PoB land connectivity with its vital surrounding zones as well as the regional hinterland; special attention should be given to the development of railway and dry ports (as medium and long terms perspectives).</li><li>3. In the short term, PoB representatives mentioned the necessity to execute some dredging works on quays dedicated for general cargo; and to be considered within an emergency plan.</li></ol>
<b>Next Step</b>	<p>The intermediate workshop will be held on October 20, 2020 (tentatively)</p>