

DAY THREE: THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2022

Beirut time (GMT +2)

10:00-11:30

Thematic discussion on health-oriented regional supply chains to aid recovery and boost preparedness for future shocks

The pandemic has increased pressure on the health-care system, including medical equipment, supplies and personnel. This session will analyse how the health supply chain reacted, revealing gaps and room for improvement. It will share best practices and experiences from various stakeholder groups, and lessons learned on improved preparedness.

Moderator:

Mr. Samer Al-Madhoun, Board Member of the United Nations Global Compact Jordan and Managing Director of MUHAKAT, Jordan

Panelists:

Mr. Jameel Abualenain, General Supervisor of the General Department of Emergency, Disaster and Ambulatory Transport, Ministry of Health, Saudi Arabia

Ms. Heba Wali, CEO, Vacsera, Egypt

Mr. Omar Najim, Manager, Executive Affairs Office, Department of Health, United Arab Emirates

Mr. Shadi Saleh, Director of the Global Health Institute and Professor of Health Systems and Financing, American University of Beirut

Mr. Nael Al-Husami, Chief Executive Officer, Amman Chamber of Industry, Jordan

Discussion

Thematic discussion on social inclusion through recovery

The pandemic highlighted pre-existing weaknesses in social protection systems in the Arab region, but spurred a new mobilization of resources to extend social safety nets in response to the crisis. This session will explore innovative and sustainable financing mechanisms to fund inclusive and shock-responsive social protection systems that provide whole-of-life coverage and resilience against future crises. It will also share relevant regional reform experiences.

Moderator:

Ms. Hania Sholkamy, Associate Research Professor, The Social Research Centre, American University in Cairo

Panelists:

Ms. Nivine El Kabbag, Minister of Social Solidarity, Egypt

Mr. Hussein Al-Sheikh, Advisor to the Minister on Social Affairs, Ministry of Community Development, United Arab Emirates

Mr. Barq Al-Dmour, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Social Development, and Acting Director-General of the National Aid Fund, Jordan

Mr. Abdelouahab Belmadani, Director of Planning and Financial Resources, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Morocco

Ms. Najlaa Al-Sayyad, Director of the Social Welfare Fund, and Member of the Social Protection Consultative Committee (SPCC), Yemen

Discussant:

Ms. Kaltham Ali Al Ghanim, Professor of Sociology, and Director of the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute, Qatar University

Discussion

11:30 -11:45 Break

11:45 -13:15	Special session 7: Building urban resilience to COVID-19 and climate change through innovative solutions	Special session 8: Advancing zero hunger in the Arab region: challenges and way forward	Special session 9: Addressing contemporary data collection methods and resources to enhance data quality for inclusive recovery and SDG achievement in the Arab region
13:15-14:15 Lunch			
14:15-15:45	Special session 10: Technological transformation in the transport sector: challenges and opportunities for the Arab region	Special session 11: Integrating nature into private sector investments: nature-sensitive renewable energy and ecotourism in the Arab region	Special session 12: The role of media and advertising in promoting women's economic empowerment in Arab countries
15:45-16:00 Break			
16:00-17:30	Plenary session A special conversation with young people in the Arab region on the United Nations Secretary-General's report "Our Common Agenda" This session will reflect on what it means to have solidarity with young people, and to account for the interests of future generations from the perspective of young people in the region. It will address topics highlighted in the Secretary-General's report, including ensuring youth representation in decision-making, adopting long-sighted policymaking strategies, ensuring quality education and sustainable employment opportunities for young people, and guaranteeing environmental stewardship. Moderator: Ms. Marwa Al Khairo , International Development Consultant and Youth Development Advisor Special guest: Mr. Jaafar Abdul Karim , Journalist, Deutsche Welle Panelists: Ms. Asma Rouabhia , MENA Regional Fellow at GirlUp Mr. Ahmad Bali , Head of Surface Water Resources Department, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan Ms. Alaa Chbaro , Founder and CEO of WonderEd, Lebanon Mr. Ismail Farjia , Junior Executive Manager, Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection, Morocco Ms. Rwan El-Jack , Social Media Specialist/Media and Public Relations Coordinator, Life Makers Organisation, Sudan Ms. Sara Al Harthey , Business Development Manager, ACWA Power, Saudi Arabia Ms. Aya Dagdoug , Medical Student, Université de Monastir, Tunisia Ms. Tamara Al Tibi , Attorney, State of Palestine Statement by Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (video) Discussion		
17:30-18:00	Closing		