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BEIRUT, LEBANON

Reforming Social Protection in the Arab Region

For the first time in the Arab region, ministers, government officials, international and regional experts from the World Bank, ILO, OECD, UNRWA, WHO, the Arab Labour Organization gathered at the UN House in Beirut for a 4-day regional workshop organized by ESCWA on social protection reform. This topic is high on national development agendas throughout the region, and participants were eager to further explore a more holistic and regionally-integrated approach to social protection. Main focus areas include social insurance, social assistance, health services and unified registries, and the integration of management information systems.

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Lebanon: National Cybersecurity Strategy

ESCWA participated in a seminar held by the Lebanese Association for Information Technology on "Protecting the Future: Building a National Strategy for Cybersecurity". Representatives of the Lebanese Parliament, the Office of the Prime Minister, leading academics, and the League of Arab States discussed Lebanon's national strategy for cybersecurity. ESCWA provided an overview of United Nations policies and their role in supporting the development of technology, internet governance and cybersecurity frameworks among member States.

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CAIRO, EGYPT

The Environment, Natural Resources and the 2030 Agenda

In Cairo, ESCWA and the League of Arab States organized a regional consultation to examine aspects of the 2030 Agenda related to the environment and natural resource management: environmental education; promoting green jobs; decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation; and conflict and the environment. The meeting produced an outcome document reflecting regional views on the SDGs under review during the 2019 [High Level Political Forum](#) (HLF); the document will also be submitted to the 2019 [Arab Forum for Sustainable Development](#) (AFSD).

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