

Leaving no women behind: addressing gender intersectionality in the Arab region

Expert Group Meeting on gender intersectionality in the Arab region

*Proposed Agenda
25 and 26 July 2018 - Un-house, Beirut*

<i>Day I</i>	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	Opening Session
	Opening remarks and welcome
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Khawla Mattar, ESCWA Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCWA • Ms. Mehrnaz El Awady, Director, ESCWA Center for Women, ESCWA
	Tour de Table
	Review of the Agenda
Session I	<i>Intersectionality approach and the rationale behind advocating for its use in the Arab region</i>
	The first session will lay the groundwork for the two-day discussions. It will start by depicting women's situation in the Arab region and highlighting the persistent and emerging inequalities that need to be addressed to promote gender equality. It will then present the intersectionality approach and provide the argument behind selecting it as approach to further contribute to reducing gender-related inequalities in the region. This session will also provide an insight on how intersectionality is being addressed in the international frameworks, namely CEDAW.
9:30 – 9:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's situation in the Arab region
	<i>Ms. Khawla Mattar - ESCWA</i>
9:45 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intersectionality approach and its relevance to the region
	<i>Ms. Sara Salem, Lecturer, Warwick University</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intersectionality and the international frameworks on gender equality and the empowerment of women
	<i>Ms. Nada Darwazeh, Chief, Gender Equality Section, ESCWA center for Women</i>
10:45 – 11:45	Discussion
Session II	<i>Multiple discrimination faced by women in the Arab region: gender and identities</i>
	This second session will start shedding light on the several layers of inequalities faced by the women in the Arab region. Each presentation will focus on one specific identity related element and endeavor to highlight how this element exacerbates gender inequalities. Therefore, each presentation will tend to demonstrate how the

	social norms, the power structures and the legal backgrounds impact and/or are being influenced by each element and generate and intensify gender inequalities. The session will also explain how recurrent gender related inequalities are being worsened and what specific ones emerge in crisis and conflict contexts.
11:45 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding masculinities
	<i>Mr. Anthony Keedi, Psychologist, ABAAD</i>
12:00 – 12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inequalities experienced by ethnic minority women
	<i>Mr. Mohamed El Agati, Political Analyst, Researcher and Director of the Arab Forum for Alternatives</i>
12:15 – 13:15	Discussion
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch break
Session II (continued)	<i>Multiple discrimination faced by women in the Arab region: gender and identities</i>
14:15 – 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inequalities experience by ethnic minority women: experience from Libya
	<i>Ms. Fatma Zahra Langi, CEO, Libyan Women's Platform for Peace</i>
14:30 – 14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women compounded inequalities in conflict and crisis contexts
	<i>Mr. Henri Myrntinen, Head of Gender and Peacebuilding, International Alert</i>
14:45 – 16:00	Discussion and wrap up
Day II	
9:00 – 9:05	Summary of the discussions of Day I
Session III	<i>Multiple discrimination faced by women in the Arab region: gender and statuses</i>
	Continuing on the same line of thought, the third session will consider how status related components impact and/or are being influenced by each element and generate and intensify gender inequalities.
9:05 – 9:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Categorical thinking and gender inequalities
	<i>Ms. Suad Joseph, Distinguished Research Professor, UC Davis</i>
9:20 – 9:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socio-economic status: an additional layer of inequality for women
	<i>Ms. Islah Jad, Associate Professor, Women's Studies Institute, Bir Zeit University</i>
9:35 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
Session IV	<i>International and regional perspectives</i>
	The fourth session will shed light on selected related experiences and insights from the international and regional levels
10:45 – 11:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International experiences: South Africa
	<i>Ms. Amanda Gouws, Professor of Political Science SARChi Chair in Gender Politics, University of Stellenbosch</i>
11:10 – 11:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking inequalities and autonomy: lessons for the Arab region
	<i>Ms. Rania Al Jazairi, First Social Affairs Officer, Social Justice section, ESCWA</i>
11:25 – 12:15	Discussion
Session V	<i>Leaving no women behind: an intersectionality approach to boost the realization of goal 5</i>

	Session V will discuss why and how the intersectionality approach that has been developed and debated mainly in the research and academia spheres can be challenged to boost the realization of goal 5 and its targets. It will serve as basis for an in-depth discussion in the last session that aims at setting the foundation for a framework on gender intersectionality in the Arab region.
Moderator	<i>Ms. Leslie McCall, Presidential Professor of Sociology and Political Science, Associate Director of the Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, CUNY Graduate Center</i>
12:15 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key note by moderator: <i>Ms. Leslie McCall, Presidential Professor of Sociology and Political Science, Associate Director of the Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, CUNY Graduate Center</i>
12:30 – 13:25	Group discussion
13:25 – 13:30	Summary of discussion
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
Session VI	<i>Leaving no women behind: way forward for a framework on gender intersectionality in the Arab region</i>
	The last session will discuss the foundation and major components for a regional framework on gender intersectionality. This framework is expected to guide development practitioners on the process/steps to better address multiple and compounded gender related inequalities in the region.
Moderators	<i>Ms. Leslie McCall and Ms. Sara Salem</i>
14:30 – 14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key note by moderators
14:45 – 15:40	Group Discussion
15:40– 15:45	Summary of discussion
15:45 – 16:30	<i>Closing session</i>
	Conclusions and recommendations