# 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

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | **Opening session:**  
|            | - Opening remarks  
|            |  - 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**  
|            | - Objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting  
|            | Presentations (10 – 15 minutes each):  
|            |  - 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-Ismail  
|            |  - 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  
**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)**

Moderator: ESCWA

Round table discussion: Country experiences (20 Minutes each):
- **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)

Interactive discussion: exchange of good policies/practices, common challenges and lessons learned

13:00 – 14:00  
**Lunch Break (served at ESCWA Cafeteria)**

14:00 – 15:30  
**Session 3: Addressing inter-linkages among various Sustainable Development Goals to tackle poverty in middle income countries**

Moderator: DESA

Presentations (15 -20 Minutes each):
- 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  
**Coffee Break (served at Mezzanine Hall)**

16:00 – 17:30  
**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)**

Moderator: ECLAC

Round table discussion: Country experiences (20 minutes each):
- **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) “Comparative Analysis of Strategies for Multidimensional Poverty Reduction in Central America and Dominican Republic”
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**Session 5:** Current status, main challenges and good policies/practices in reducing poverty in all its dimensions in the context of the 2030 Agenda (Part III)

Moderator: ESCWA

Round table discussion: Country experiences (20 minutes each):
- **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)

Interactive discussion: exchange of good policies/practices, common challenges and lessons learned

**10:30 – 11:00** Coffee Break (served at Mezzanine Hall)

**Session 6:** Identify potential approaches to analyze and assess multiple dimensions of poverty

Moderator: DESA

Presentation (15 – 20 minutes each):
- **OPHI** – ESCWA region (Mr. Bilal Malaeb, Research Officer)
- **OPHI** – ECLAC region (Mr. Diego Zavaleta Reyles)
- **ESCWA** – Analyzing multidimensional poverty in the Arab Region – Dr. Bilal Al-Kiswani

Interactive discussion

**13:00 – 14:00** Lunch (Served at ESCWA Cafeteria)

**14:00 – 16:00** Session 7: Identify key components for integrated policy framework to address multiple dimensions of poverty (in Group)

Break out into 4 groups (6 – 7 people)

Group discussions

**16:00 – 16:30** Coffee Break (served at Mezzanine Hall)
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| 16:30 – 17:30 | Session 8: Identify key components for integrated policy framework to address multiple dimensions of poverty (in plenary)  
Moderator: DESA/ESCWA/ECLAC  
Report back from Groups  
Discussion |
➢ Statement by ESCWA  
➢ Key analyses and results of the Social Development Report (No.2)  
   o Speaker: Ms. Rania Al Jazairi, First Social Affairs Officer, Social Justice Section/Social Development Division, ESCWA  
   o Discussant: Mr. Adib Nehme, Expert on Development Issues  
Joint discussion on key components for integrated policy framework to address poverty and inequality in its all dimensions. (in plenary) |
| 9:00 – 10:30 | Coffee Break (served at Mezzanine Hall)                                    |
| 11:00 – 12:30| 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  
Moderator: DESA/ESCWA/ECLAC  
Discussion and consensus |
| 12:30 – 13:00| Conclusion and key recommendations  
UNDESA |
| 13:00 – 13:30| Closing  
Short closing remarks: UNDESA, ESCWA, ECLAC |
| 13:30 – 14:30| Lunch (Served at ESCWA Cafeteria) |