



## EGM on Institutionalization of Persons with Disabilities in Arab Countries

28-29 August 2018

Beirut

### Agenda

DAY 1	
8:30 - 9:00	<i>Welcome and registration</i>
09:00 – 9:30	<b>Opening: Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Opening and introduction by Mr. Frederico Neto, Director of the Social Development Division (SDD), ESCWA</li><li>- Welcoming remarks by Ms. Gisela Nauk, Chief of the Inclusive Social Development Section, SDD, ESCWA</li><li>- Welcoming remarks by Ms. Maha Shuayb, Director of the Centre for Lebanese Studies (CLS)</li><li>- Introduction of participants</li></ul>
9:30 – 10:30	<b>Session 1: Setting the scene and presenting the draft report</b> <p>This session will provide an overview of the issue of institutionalization of persons with disabilities. It will also include a presentation on the main findings of the draft report. Some of the topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changing perspectives of disability</li><li>• Article 19 of the CRPD on living independently and being included in the community</li><li>• The structure, purpose, methodology, and limitations of the study</li></ul> <p>Moderator: Mr. Frederico Neto (ESCWA) Presenter(s): Mr. Don Gallant (National Director, Inclusion International, Canada), Ms. Maha Shuayb (CLS), Dr. Muhannad Alazzeq (General Secretary, Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Jordan)</p>
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-13:00	<b>Session 2: Causes of institutionalization</b> <p>The session will discuss the reasons for institutionalization of persons with disabilities and how these can be influenced by Governments. It will also discuss the relevance of international experience for the Arab region. Discussion questions may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What reasons are behind institutionalization in the Arab region?</li><li>• Reasons behind institutionalization in other regions of the world?</li><li>• What is the role of Governments in shaping social attitudes and preferences?</li></ul> <p>Moderator: Ms. Gisela Nauk (ESCWA) Presenter: Mr. Nader Ahmad (CLS), Mr. Don Gallant (Inclusion International), Mr. Julian Eaton (Global Adviser on Mental Health, CBM)</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>

14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 3: Persons with mental and intellectual disabilities</b></p> <p>This session will look more specifically at the issue of mental health and persons with mental and intellectual disabilities living in institutions. Some of the topics of discussion will include the history, causes and current status of institutionalisation of persons with mental and intellectual disabilities, global best practices, and what is being done in the region to bring about change.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Gisela Nauk (ESCWA)</p> <p>Presenters: Mr. Julian Eaton (CBM), Mr. Rabih El Chammay (Head of the National Mental Health Programme, Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon)</p>
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 – 17:00	<p><b>Session 4: Life and services in institutions</b></p> <p>This session will discuss the results of two case studies on different types of institutions (educational and long-term care), identify the related policy questions regarding Government registration, regulation and oversight. Discussion questions may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What kind of services are provided by institutions?</li> <li>• Who are the service-providers/carers?</li> <li>• What role does the government play in service provision?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Ms. Maha Shuayb (CLS)</p> <p>Presenters: Mr. Nader Ahmad (CLS)</p>
<b>DAY 2</b>	
8:30 – 9:00	<i>Welcome and coffee</i>
09:00 – 12:00	<p><b>Session 5: Consultation with civil society</b></p> <p>In this session members of civil society, including NGOs and Disabled Peoples' Organizations (DPOs) will be invited to share their views on successes and challenges related to institutionalization and deinstitutionalization of persons with disabilities in the Arab world, including those with mental and intellectual disabilities.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Gisela Nauk (ESCWA)</p> <p>Presenter(s): Ms. Fadia Farah (President, Lebanese Association for Self-Advocacy); Mr. Ibrahim Abdallah (President, Arab Organization of Persons with Disabilities); Mr. Moussa Charafeddine (President, Friends of the Disabled Association); Ms. Sylvana Lakkis (Arab Forum for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities); Nawaf Kabbara (Special Advisor to the Minister of Social Affairs, Lebanon); Ms. Rasha Sankari (Vice President, Forum of the Handicapped in North Lebanon)</p>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 14:30	<p><b>Session 6: Government regulation of institutions</b></p> <p>This session will discuss the role and involvement of the government in regulating institutions. Discussion questions may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are institutions established, regulated and inspected?</li> <li>• How much funding to institutions is provided by the government?</li> <li>• What kind of incentives do institutions have?</li> <li>• What are the bottlenecks for policymakers?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Ms. Maha Shuayb (CLS)</p>

	Presenters: Mr. Nader Ahmad (CLS), Mr. Abdelaziz Oubahha (Head of the Department of Mobilization and Local Accompaniment, Ministry of Solidarity, Women, Family and Social Development, Morocco)
14:30 - 14:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
14:45 - 16:30	<p><b>Session 7: Alternatives to Institutions and Deinstitutionalization of persons with disabilities</b></p> <p>In this session participants will discuss alternative possibilities for persons with disabilities, including those with mental and intellectual disabilities, to live independently, as well as the process of deinstitutionalization of persons with disabilities. It will aim at identifying policy instruments that facilitate change (e.g. monitoring, legislation, government support, community acceptance and cultural barriers).</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Gisela Nauk (ESCWA)</p> <p>Presenters: Mr. Don Gallant (Inclusion International), Mr. Julian Eaton (CBM), Ms. Rizan Al Kurdi (Director, Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Jordan)</p>
16:30 - 17:00	<p><b>Closure of the meeting</b></p> <p>Closing remarks by ESCWA</p>