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Second Arab Forum for Equality

Beirut, 6–7 June 2023

Provisional agenda



Day 1

Tuesday, 6 June 2023

Time	Session	Speakers
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Registration	
9:30–9:45 a.m.	Welcome remarks The Executive Secretary of ESCWA will deliver the welcome remarks to launch the Forum.	Rola Dashti Executive Secretary of ESCWA and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Facilitator Mehrinaz Elawady Cluster Leader, Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development, ESCWA
9:45–10:00 a.m.	Special session 1: Update on the Josour regional initiative The session will review the Josour initiative that was launched at the first Arab Forum for Equality.	Moderator Lara Tamash Television Anchor, Jordan Radio and Television Corporation Speakers Superstar Elissa Mehrinaz Elawady Cluster Leader, Gender Justice, Population, and Inclusive Development, ESCWA Di'a Al Din Mohamed Josour Youth, Egypt Nisrine Kammourieh Josour Youth, Lebanon Emilie Wahab Harb Josour partner, and Managing Director of L'Oreal Liban

10:00–11:30 a.m.

Session 1: Global and regional socioeconomic developments: a perfect storm

The session will discuss the global scene and its implications for the Arab region. It will highlight recent polycrises, including the uneven recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing conflicts in the region, the war in Ukraine, the unprecedented cost of living and inflation, increased debt and unstable exchange rates, and how these issues have exacerbated inequality globally and in the region.

Moderator

Sabine Oueiss

Socioeconomic/Political Senior Journalist, An-Nahar Newspaper

Recorded video

David Nabarro

Strategic Director, 4SD Foundation

Speakers

Fayza Shaheen

Programme Director, Inequality and Exclusion for the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies initiative

Barbara Adams

Board Chair of Global Policy Forum, The New School Faculty Member in Graduate Programs in International Affairs (GPIA)

Attiya Waris

Independent Expert on Foreign Debt, Observer to the United Nations Tax Committee Associate Professor for Fiscal Law and Policy, University of Nairobi

Ahmad Majdalani

Minister of Social Development, State of Palestine

11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **Coffee break**

12:00–1:30 p.m.

Session 2: Whatever happened to inequality in the Arab region?

The session will provide an overview of various forms of inequality, with a special focus on wealth inequality, gender inequality, poverty, youth unemployment, and income inequality.

Moderator

Maysoon Azzam

Senior News Presenter at Al Arabia

Speakers

Laila Ahmed Al Najjar

Minister for Social Development, Oman

Aawatif Hayar

Minister of Solidarity, Social Integration and Family, Morocco

Ghassan Dibah

Professor of Economics and Associate Dean at Adnan Kassar School of Business, Lebanese American University

Hiba Ahmed

Director-General, Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development

Barq Damor

Secretary-General, the Ministry of Social Development, Jordan



1:30–3:00 p.m.

Session 3: Food insecurity in the Arab region: a serious risk

The session will discuss the inequalities that exist at the country and household levels in terms of food availability, access, utilization and stability, and how these inequalities lead to varying levels of undernourishment, obesity, and food insecurity for different countries and individuals. The session will focus on the repercussions of food-inflated bills for the most vulnerable groups, including the poor, women, children, older persons, people with disabilities, and refugees. It will also discuss the implications of the region's dependency on other countries to secure its basic food needs.

Moderator

Rami Zureik

Senior Expert in Food Security, UNESCWA Consultant

Speakers

Abbas Hajj Hassan

Minister of Agriculture, Lebanon

Mohamed Hassan Katna

Minister of Agriculture, Syrian Arab Republic

Savia N'Tahah

Minister of Social Work, Childhood and Family, Mauritania

Inaya Ezzeddine

Member of the Lebanese Parliament, UN National Convener for Food Systems in Lebanon

Atef Shitani

Advisor to the Minister of Social Solidarity on Cash Transfer Conditionalities, Egypt

3:00–4:00 p.m.

Lunch

4:00–5:00 p.m.

Special session 2: Desertification Day 2023 – “Her land, her rights”

The special session aims to celebrate World Desertification and Drought Day 2023 with a specific focus on this year's theme “Her Land. Her Right”.

Moderator

Reem Nejdawi

Chief, Food and Environment Policies Team, ESCWA

Speakers

Lina Fleifel

Research Assistant, Food and Environment Policies Team, ESCWA

Rafania Daccache

Owner of Jnaynet Rafania in Wata El Jawz, Lebanon

Amina Ali Eid

Female farmer from Tyre, Lebanon

Shadi Hamade

Director of the Environment and Sustainable Development, American University of Beirut (AUB)

Abdul Rahim Loulou

Technical Advisor, Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD)

Barbara Adams

Board Chair of Global Policy Forum, The New School Faculty Member in Graduate Programs in International Affairs (GPIA)





Day 2

Wednesday, 7 June 2023

9:15–11:00 a.m.

Session 4: Policy innovations for food security

The session will highlight policy solutions that deliver equality, especially in the area of food security. It will focus on regional cooperation and partnerships, job creation, and progressive taxation, among other solutions.

The global Inequality and Policy Portal, developed by ESCWA and Pathfinders, will also be launched at the session.

Moderator

Rasha Qandeel

Senior Fellow at the Center for International Policy, and Lead Presenter at BBC News

Speakers

Mahmoud Fatafta

General Director, Ministry of Agriculture, State of Palestine

Wafaa Al-Kilani

Minister of Social Affairs, Libya

Alfredo Gonzalez-Reyes

Sustainable Development Expert and former Head of the 2030 Agenda National Council Secretariat of Mexico

Chadi Abou Nohra

Director, SME Programs, Berytech

Inmaculada del Pino Álvarez

Food Security Programme Lead at International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

11:00–11:30 a.m.

Coffee break

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Session 5: Integration and engagement of multi-stakeholders

The session will highlight the role of various actors in ensuring equality in food security. It will highlight the key role of Governments, the private sector, regional organizations, and civil society organizations in achieving equality in food security.

Moderator

Yasser Akkaoui

Founder, Capital Concept and Publisher, Executive Magazine

Speakers

Moez El Shohdi

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Food Regional Banking Network

Mohamed Yusuf Adan

Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Somalia

Hala Murad

Senior Expert in Environmental Rights, Arab Non-Governmental organization Network for Development

Haifa Abu Gazaleh

Assistant Secretary-General, Head of the Social Affairs Sector, League of Arab States



1:00–2:00 p.m.

Special session 3: Young people as change agents for food security

The session will focus on digital solutions for food security developed by young people and small and medium enterprises. It will present the innovative solutions identified by the two groups, submitted through an online competition on the topic.

Moderator

Marwa Al Khairo

International Development Consultant and Youth Development Advisor

Speakers

Hatim Aznag

Member of the Arab Youth Council for Climate Change

Winners of the Youth Competition

Marc Aoun

Back to the Soil
Lebanon

Najwa Abaker

Damsora
Sudan

Abdulrhman

Elhalafawy
Cupmena
Egypt

2:00–2:30 p.m.

Closing remarks

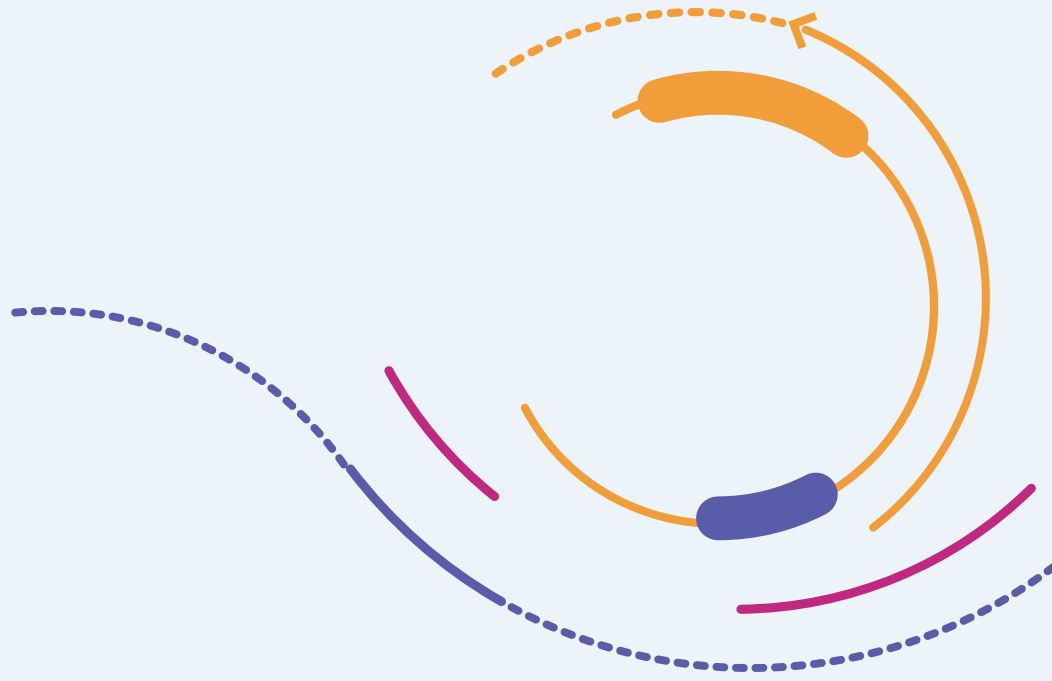
Maysoon Azzam

Senior News Presenter at Al Arabia

2:30–3:30 p.m.

Lunch





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