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

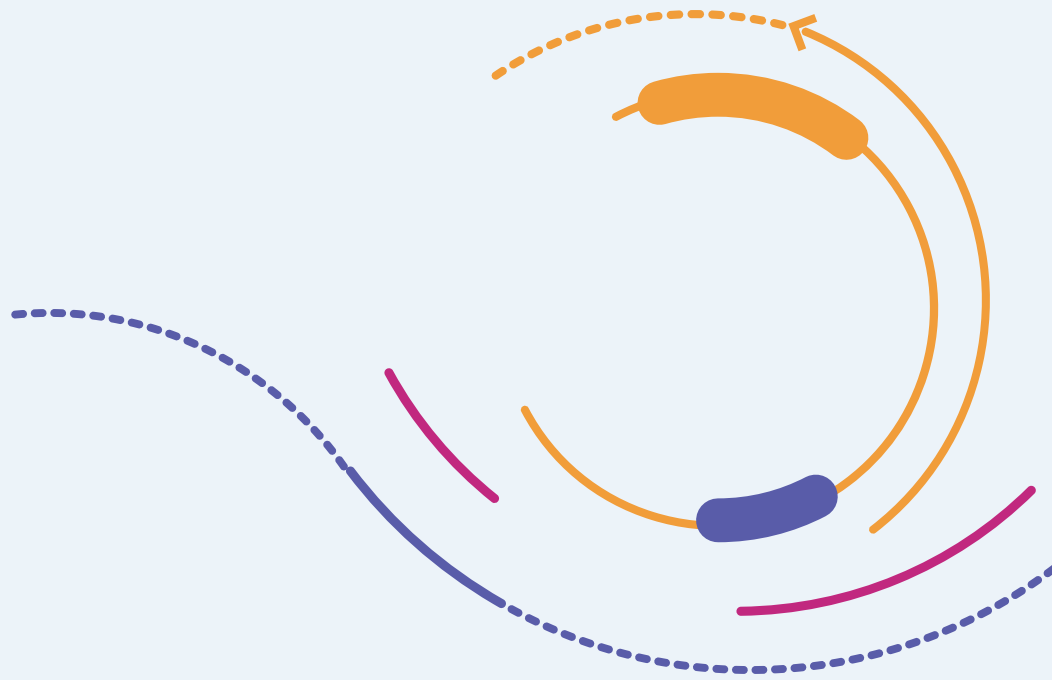
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