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ARABIC SPEAKING COUNTRIES SEMINAR

**THE CONTRIBUTION OF DEVELOPMENT
TO THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS**

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8 – 9 November 2022

UN House, *Riad El Solh Square*
Beirut 11-8575, Lebanon

Tuesday, 8 November 2022

09:00-09:30 Opening remarks

Chair: **Mr. Ayuush Bat-Erdene**, Chief, Right to Development Section, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

- **Mr. Tarik H. Alami**, Cluster Leader, Governance and Conflict Prevention, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
- **Ms. Nada Al-Nashif**, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights (video message)
- **H. E. Mr. Federico Villegas**, President of Human Rights Council (video message)
- **H. E. Mr. Saadeh Al Shami**, Deputy Prime Minister, Lebanon

09:30-10:30 Keynote panel: Reflections on Development Strategy and Policy and their contribution to all human rights

This session discusses how development policies and strategies can be used to direct economies towards contributing to the enjoyment of all human rights for all including through innovation and investment. What can be done to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights in the process? How can active, free and meaningful participation and other civil and political rights contribute for policies that are more effective in promoting the enjoyment of all human rights?

Moderator: **Mr. Karam Karam**, Senior Regional Adviser, Governance and Institutional Building, ESCWA

- **Ms. Lamia El Moubayed**, Vice-chair, UN-ECOSOC Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA)
- **Mr. Saad Alfarargi**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development
- **Mr. Hassan Krayem**, Regional Governance Advisor, UNDP Regional Hub, Jordan
- **Ms. Leila Dagher**, Associate Professor of Economics at AUB, Economic Adviser to the Minister of Economy and Trade

10:30-12:00 General Discussion

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-13:45 Ways to rethink the commitment to ending poverty in the region

This session will discuss the challenges, gaps, good practices and experiences in ending poverty in all its forms, everywhere (SDG1) and the contribution to the enjoyment of all human rights.

Moderator: **Ms. Kinga Janik**, Human Rights Officer, Regional Office for the MENA, OHCHR

- **Mr. Khalid Abu-Ismaïl**, Chief, Economic Development and Poverty Section, ESCWA
- **Mr. Peter Rademaker**, Deputy Regional Director for Arab States, International Labour Organization
- **Ms. Deenah Fakhoury**, Executive Director, UN Global Compact Network, Lebanon
- **Ms. Daria Jamil**, Chief Development Officer, Basmeh and Zeitouneh, Beirut

13:45-14:30 Interactive dialogue

14:30-15:15 The contribution of development opportunities for youth to the enjoyment of all human rights

This session will discuss how to provide youth and their communities with development opportunities and help contribute to the enjoyment of their human rights.

Moderator: **Mr. Oussama Safa**, Chief, Social Justice Section, ESCWA

- **Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake**, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (video message)
- **Mr. Jaafar Abdul Karim**, Head and Host of JaafarTalk, Deutsche Welle
- **Ms. Giorgia Varisco**, Chief of Adolescent and Youth Development, UNICEF, Lebanon
- **Mr. Tareq Hassan**, Country Director, Qatar Charity, Yemen and Head of the Arab Youth Sustainable Development Network
- **Ms. Nadine Khawli**, Founder of Kafe be Kafak and Youth Development Delegate at UNDP, Lebanon

15:15-16:00 Interactive dialogue

Wednesday, 9 November 2022

09:00-09:45 The contribution of the development of food, water and sanitation infrastructure and governance to the enjoyment of all human rights

This session will discuss how food, water and sanitation are not only human rights, but also essential for the enjoyment of other human rights.

Moderator: **Mr. Ziad Khayat**, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA

- **Mr. Pedro Arrojo-Agudo**, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to water and sanitation (video message)
- **Ms. Jehad Abdullah Alfathel**, Member of Shoora Council of Bahrain, Deputy Chairman of the Parliamentarian Network for Food Security and Nutrition in Africa and Arab World (Virtual)
- **Mr. Rami Zurayk**, Professor, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- **Mr. Samer AbdelJaber**, Representative & Country Director, World Food Programme, State of Palestine (virtual)
- **Ms. Rihab Mabrouki**, Coordinator, Environmental Justice Department, Tunisian Forum for Economic and Social Rights

09:45-10:30 Interactive dialogue

10:30-11:15 The contribution of regional development strategies to the enjoyment of all human rights

This panel will assess how regional strategies to promote development can contribute to the enjoyment of all human rights. It will focus on concrete policies, practices and commitments at the regional level, as well as the role of the United Nations and other stakeholders in advancing these strategies.

Moderator: **Ms. Michal Baumann**, Associate Human Rights Officer, Regional Office for the MENA, OHCHR

- **Ms. Maryam Abdullah Al Attiyah**, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee, Qatar, Chairperson of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (Video message)
- **Mr. Jad Chaaban**, Visiting Professor, Paris Dauphine – PSL University and Visiting Scholar, INSEAD (Virtual)
- **Mr. Ahmad M. Awad**, Director, Phenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies
- **Ms. Nadine Khawli**, Founder of Kafe be Kafak and Youth Development Delegate at UNDP, Lebanon
- **Mr. Youssef Chaitani**, Chief, Section on Conflict and Development, ESCWA

11:15-12:00 Interactive dialogue

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-13:45 The essential role of international cooperation for sustainable development in promoting and protecting human rights, including in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

The focus will be on the importance of partnership and collaboration among local, national, regional and international partners in order to bring about sustainable improvements of life for people everywhere. The panel will also discuss public participation in public policies at the regional and international level.

Moderator: **Ms. Kinga Janik**, Human Rights Officer, Regional Office for the MENA, OHCHR

- **Mr. Ibrahim Salama**, Director, Human Rights Treaties Division, OHCHR (virtual)
- **Dr. Abdinasir Abubakar**, Acting World Health Organization Representative in Lebanon
- **Ms. Lina Abou-Habib**, Director, Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship
- **Mr. Ayman Okeil**, Chairman, Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights

13:45-14:30 Interactive dialogue

14:30-15:50 Good practices and experiences in addressing challenges and gaps and ensuring the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights

Moderator: **Mr. Ayuush Bat-Erdene**, Chief, Right to Development Section, OHCHR

- **Ms. Lamia El Moubayed**, Vice-chair, UN-ECOSOC Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA)
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15:50-16:00 Closing remarks

- **Mr. Ayuush Bat-Erdene**, Chief, Right to Development Section, OHCHR