

# Finance Focus Group



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## Linking human capital development and financing for a just and inclusive energy transition in the Arab region



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2:00 – 3:30 PM Beirut Time



## Background

The pursuit of a just and inclusive energy transition is crucial for the Arab region. Human capital plays a vital role in enabling this transition by fostering a low-carbon and sustainable economy characterised by inclusiveness and equity.

## Main Objectives

The symbiotic interplay between finance and human capital is essential for the energy transition. This focus group will explore:

- The role of human capital in mobilising suitable finance
- Innovative financing mechanisms and de-risking instruments
- Capacity-building initiatives to equip individuals with skills for the clean energy sector
- Nurturing the youth population to drive innovation in the energy supply chain

## Expected Outputs

- Identify if financial institutions are equipped to address human capital constraints
- Assess the significance of human capital as a barrier to financing projects
- Evaluate how human capital development influences investment decisions
- Determine how international financial institutions can support capacity-building



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## AGENDA

Opening remarks: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, ESCWA

Scene-setter Mr. Mustafa Ansari, ESCWA

Interactive panel (Davos style) (~ 60 mins)

Moderator: Mr. Mustafa Ansari, ESCWA

- Ms. Margherita Calderone, Principal Economist, EBRD
- Mr. Fadi Khalil, Head of Corporate Banking, JKB
- Ms. Shada El-Sharif, SustainMENA
- Mr Ashok Sarkar, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank
- Mr Nadim Abillama, MENA programme Officer, IEA
- Ms Farah Sadek, Sustainable Finance, CIB
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Closing remarks: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, ESCWA