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## Expert Group Meeting on Social Inequalities in the Arab Region Post-COVID-19: The Road to Structural Transformation

Virtual Meeting- Wednesday 1 September 2021 (15.00-18.30 - Beirut time)

### Organization of Work

#### Opening Session

- 15.00-15.10**      **Opening Statement by UN-ESCWA (Welcoming notes, objectives of the report, and methodology)**  
-Ms. Rania Al Jazairi, First Social Affairs Officer, UN-ESCWA

#### Session I: Chapter on Policy Context and Conceptual Framework

- 15.10-15.25**      **Presentation of chapter (1) “Policy Context and Conceptual Framework”**  
- Ms. Rana Jawad, UN-ESCWA Consultant

- 15.25-15.45**      **Discussion**

#### Session II: Regional Social Protection Response to COVID-19 and case studies of Morocco and Egypt

- 15.45-16.00**      **Presentation of chapter (2) on Regional Social Protection Response to COVID-19**  
- Mr. Stephen Devereux, UN-ESCWA Consultant

- 16.00-16.15**      **Presentation of two case studies on Morocco and Egypt**  
- Ms. Rania Al Jazairi, First Social Affairs Officer, UN-ESCWA

- 16.15-16.35**      **Discussion**

#### Session III: Re-examining Sustainability and Resource Allocation

- 16.35-16.50**      **Presentation of chapter (3) on Re-examining Sustainability and Resource Allocation**

- Ms. Rana Jawad, UN-ESCWA Consultant  
-Ms. Zahraa Barakat, Research Assistant, UN-ESCWA

- 16.50-17.10**      **Discussion**

## **Session IV: Global and Regional Innovations in Social Policy**

**17.10-17.25**      **Presentation of chapter (4) on Global and Regional Innovations in Social Policy**  
**- Mr. Stephen Devereux, ESCWA Consultant**

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**17.25-17.40**      **Presentation by UNESCO on Global and Regional Innovations in Social Policy**  
**- Mr. Anasse Bouhlal, Programme Specialist for Higher Education, UNESCO**

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**17.40-18.00**      **Discussion**

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### **Concluding Session and Recommendations**

**18.00- 18.30**      **Concluding session and policy recommendations**

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