



Multidimensional Poverty Indices for Poverty Reduction Strategies

Beirut, 28-30 November 2022

Workshop Agenda

Day 1 - Monday 28th November

Why measure multidimensional poverty?

9:00-9:15 - Participant Registration

9:15-9:30 - Opening Notes

9:30-10:30 - Session 1 (hybrid)

Why Measure Multidimensional Poverty? Sabina Alkire, Director of the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), University of Oxford

Discussion & Q&A

10:30-10:45 – Break

10:45-11:45 - Session 2

The Proven Benefits of Measuring Multidimensional Poverty in Costa Rica H.E. Ana Helena Chacón, Former Vice President of Costa Rica and Ambassador to Spain

Discussion & Q&A

11:45-12:45 - Session 3

Why Nigeria Chose to Measure Multidimensional Poverty Sola Afolayan, National Coordinator for the MPI, National Social Investment Office (NSIO), Office of the Vice President, The Presidency, Nigeria

Discussion & Q&A

12:45-13:00 – Break

13:00-14:00 - Session 4

Introducing the Revised Arab MPI Framework LAS and ESCWA

Discussion & Q&A

14:00-15:00 - Session 5

Contextualizing the Arab Poverty Challenge Khalid Abu Ismail, ESCWA

Discussion & Q&A

15:00 – Lunch



Day 2 - Tuesday 29th November

How to Design an MPI - Experience from the Region and ESCWA's tools

9:00-9:45 - Session 6

Egypt's Experience in Building an MPI Reham Rizk, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, Egypt

Discussion & Q&A

9:45-10:30 - Session 7

Iraq's Experience in Building an MPI Mahdi Al-Alak, Former Secretary General of the Iraqi Council of Ministers

Discussion & Q&A

10:30-11:15 - Session 8 (hybrid)

Palestine's Experience in Building an MPI Abeer Al Sheikh and Jawad El Saleh, Palestine Central Bureau of Statistics and Sonya Helou, Ministry of Social Development in Palestine

Discussion & Q&A

11:15-11:30 - Break

11:30-12:30 - Session 9

Computing an MPI Using ESCWA's MPI Assist Tool (MAT) Sama El Hage Sleiman, ESCWA

Discussion & Q&A

12:30-13:00 - Session 10

Identifying Poverty Reduction Strategies Using ESCWA's MAT Optimization Feature Hassan Hamieh, ESCWA

Discussion & Q&A

13:00-13:15 - Break

13:15-15:00 - Session 11

An Opportunity for Member States to Experiment with the MAT to Build National MPI Frameworks

Breakout rooms

15:00 – Lunch



Day 3 – Wednesday 30th November

How to use an MPI when designing policies

9:00-10:00 - Session 12 (hybrid)

The MPI as a Tool for Policy & Planning in Low & Middle Income Countries Gonzalo H Licona, Director of the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network

Discussion & Q&A

10:00-10:20 - Session 13

A Proposal for a National MPI in Sudan Ezzeddine El Safi, Commissioner-General of the Social Security and Poverty Reduction Commission, Ministry of Social Development

10:20-11:00 - Session 14

Designing an MPI for Policy: Lessons from South Africa Pali Lehohla, Former Statistician General, Statistics South Africa

Discussion & Q&A

11:00-11:15 – Break

11:15-12:15 - Session 15

Using the MPI to Design Poverty Reduction Policies in Panama Michelle Muschett, Former Minister of Social Development, Panama

Discussion & Q&A

12:15-13:15 - Session 16

The Multidimensional Poverty Reduction Strategy in Cambodia Samheng Boros, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State at the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MoSVY), Cambodia

The Social Expenditure Monitor Niranjan Sarangi, ESCWA

Discussion & Q&A

13:15-13:30 – Break

13:30-14:30 - Session 17

Institutionalizing the MPI in Costa Rica and Panama H.E. Ana Helena Chacón and Michelle Muschett

Discussion & Q&A

14:30-15:00 - Session 18

Round Table Discussion: The Way Forward Christian Oldiges, ESCWA

15:00 - Lunch