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National Workshop on Social Expenditure Monitor of Tunisia: Tool to Support Budgeting and Fiscal Policy Reforms

Online meeting, December 20, 2021

Tunis time (GMT + 1) 10:00hrs to 13:30 hrs

AGENDA

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December 20, 2021 (Tunis Time)	
10:00 – 10 :10	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Elborni Salhi, Director General, Tunisia Agency for Technical Cooperation, Tunisia ➤ Habibi Houij, Director General, Ministry of Finance, Tunisia ➤ Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Cluster Leader, Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, ESCWA
10 :10 – 11:30	<p>Session I: Key findings of SEM and its usefulness for inclusive fiscal policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Social Expenditure Monitor Dashboard: Important trends and efficiency of social expenditure (Niranjan Sarangi, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA) 25 mins ➤ Macro-fiscal challenges to enhance fiscal space in Tunisia (Prof. Moez Labidi, University of Tunis) 20 mins <p>Open Discussion</p>
11 :30 – 12:00	Break
12:00 – 13:20	<p>Session II: Social Expenditure and Budgeting in the Context of COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Social expenditure monitor and budget reform. (Habib Houij, MoF) 15 mins ➤ Social policy and its effectiveness in Tunisia (Mohamed Bel Haj Hammada, Director, CRES) 15 mins <p>Open Discussion</p>
13 :20 – 13:30	<p>Conclusions and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wrap Up