



Eighth annual meeting of the Intersessional Group of Experts on Disability

15 November 2023

Online, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (Beirut time)

Proposed organization of work

10:45- 11:00	Registration (access to the Zoom platform)
11:00-11:10	Opening remarks and presentation of the agenda
11:10-11:35	Special session to discuss the protection of persons with disabilities in times of war and crises
11:10-11:15	- Intervention by Mr. Ajaj Ajaj, Director General of General Directorate of Persons with Disabilities in the State of Palestine, on persons with disabilities and the consequences of the current war on Gaza
11:15-11:20	- Intervention by Ms. Rehab Mustafa, Secretary-General of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities in the Sudan, on persons with disabilities and the consequences of the current war in the Sudan
11:20-11:35	- General discussion
11:35-12:15	Session I: The relationship between disability and poverty
11:35-11:45	- ESCWA Presentation of a Policy Brief on the interlinkages between Disability and Poverty
11:45-12:00	- ESCWA presentation on measuring the interlinkages between disability and poverty: Using the Multidimensional Poverty Index Assist Tool <i>Presented by: Rima Abdul-Khalek, Research Assistant & Maria Carmen Alpin Lardies, Regional Advisor on Poverty Reduction and Social policy, ESCWA</i>
12:00-12:15	Discussion
12:15-12:45	Session II: Progress in the implementation of the Arab Digital Inclusion Platform (ADIP)
12:15-12:30	- Presentation on the Arab Digital Inclusion Platform Project: Progress and Achievements <i>Presented by: Mohamad Nawar Al-Awa, Regional Advisor on Technology and Development, ESCWA</i>
12:30-12:45	Discussion



12:45-13:20 12:45-13:05	Session III: Sharing ESCWA updates on the progress of disability-related projects and initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the Labour Market Project- Arab-European Network for Disability Research Initiative- Technical Assistance activities on disability issues
13:05-13:20	Discussion
13:20-13:45	Sharing updates from Arab countries on any developments related to disability
13:45-14:00	Recommendations and discussion of the proposed work plan for 2024