



Special Session 6

The Second Arab Multidimensional Poverty Report

Wednesday, 6 March 2024, 4:15 - 5:45 p.m. Beirut time

Background and objective

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes that fighting poverty in all its forms and dimensions is among the greatest global challenges and is indispensable for sustainable development. In the Arab region, poverty reduction has been slow, and poverty reduction trends of the last two decades have been reversed. Recognizing that poverty is at heart a multidimensional phenomenon, ESCWA has led the development of a regional Arab multidimensional poverty index (MPI) which featured in the first Arab Multidimensional Poverty Report. Against this background, the LAS, ESCWA, UNICEF, UNDP and OPHI are partnering to organize a special session at the AFSD on the main results and policy recommendations of the second Arab Multidimensional Poverty Report. The session will also highlight latest developments in multidimensional poverty in the region. Regional poverty experts will also be taking part to reflect on regional experiences.

Main objectives:

- To provide a background on multidimensional poverty (and inequality) in the Arab region.
- To discuss successful policies to reduce multidimensional poverty.
- To exchange knowledge on using national MPIs for monitoring and planning purposes, and as a tool for poverty reduction strategies.

Questions to be addressed

- What are the contributions of the second Arab multidimensional poverty report to the regional framework for poverty reduction?
- What are the region's main trends and challenges related to household poverty according to the main findings of the Arab Multidimensional Poverty Index?
- What are the main trends and challenges related to child poverty according to the Arab MODA?
- What are the main challenges facing Arab LDCs using the global MPI?
- What are the report's main policy recommendations?
- How do these main results and recommendations link to the Arab Strategic Framework for the Eradication of Poverty?

Moderator

- Tarek El Nabulsi, Minister plenipotentiary, League of Arab States, Egypt.

Panelists

- Khalid Abu-Ismael, Chief of Development Challenges and Poverty Section, ESCWA, Lebanon.
- Fekadu Terefe, Programme Specialist, UNDP, Jordan.
- Corinne Mitchell, Executive Director, OPHI, United Kingdom.
- Ashraf El Araby, President, Institute of National Planning, Egypt.
- Luigi Peter Ragno, Chief Social Policy, UNICEF, Lebanon.

This Special Session will be organized as a hybrid event. To participate over Zoom, please [register here](#). Those physically present at the UN House can attend the session in Committee Room 2 (CR-II), B1 floor.

