

Tripartite Arab Meeting

on the Future of Work

Monday - 3 April 2017



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Agenda

Movenpick Hotel, Beirut Lebanon

8:00 ● **Registration**

9:00 ● **Welcome Note & Introductory Remarks**

H.E. Mr Mohammad Kabbara, Minister of Labour, Lebanon
H.E. Mr Guy Ryder, Director General of the International Labour Organization
H.E. Mr Fayez Al Mutairi, Director General of the Arab Labour Organization
Mr Adnan Abu Al Ragheb, Chairman of the Jordan Chamber of Industry
Mr Shaher Saeed, Secretary General of the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions

9:30 ● **High- Level Panel Discussion**

Addressing the overarching considerations on the Future of Work from a policy perspective

Speakers:

H.E. Mr Guy Ryder, Director General of the International Labour Organization
H.E. Mr Mohammad Kabbara, Minister of Labour in Lebanon
H.E. Mr Karim Kwarar, President of Kwarar Group (Expert in Technology & Renewable Energy)
Mr Mustapha Tlili, Executive Secretary of the Arab Trade Union Confederation
Ms Rana Salhab, Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Talent & Communications Partner, Deloitte Middle East

Moderator: Ms Raghida Dergham, Founder and Executive Chairman, Beirut Institute; UN Bureau Chief, Al Hayat Newspaper, New York

10:30 ● **Coffee Break**

11:00 ● **Setting the Scene: The Future of Work in the Arab States**

Technical background on the transformations occurring in the world of work and the perceptions on the Future of Work in the region

Speaker:

H.E. Dr Samir Radwan, Former Minister of Finance Egypt, Former Senior ILO Official

11:30 ● **Youth Panel**

How do young Arabs envision the Future of Work in their region?

Moderator: Ms Raneem Hannoush, Editor & Journalist at Asharq Al Awsat Newspaper, London

Topics & Speakers

The rise of the Gig Economy and its impact on the prospects of social justice and workers' rights in the region from the perspective of the region's youth. - Mr Ibrahim Manna, General Manager of Emerging Markets, Careem, United Arab Emirates

The impact of technology on the world of work and future jobs. - Mr Edgard Tawk, CEO of Eurisko Mobility, Lebanon

Mechanisms to empower young women and vulnerable groups to ensure a just and equitable future of work with equal opportunity. - Ms Dalia Freifer, TV Anchor, Lebanon

The future of work for Arab youth in conflict-affected situations. - Mr Bader Zamareh, Founder of Sharek Youth Forum, The Occupied Palestinian Territory

Relevance of trade unions to the youth in view of the forces impacting the world of work. - Young Trade Unionist



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13:00 ● **Lunch**

14:00 ● **Thematic Panels**

Focused tripartite discussions on the Future of Work. Participants will be asked to attend Panel A or Panel B, and in the second half either Panel C or Panel D.

Panel A A Robust Regional Economy and Improved Labour Market Outcomes

Prospects for developing robust economies that are able to take advantage of global trends and technological changes for improved employment outcomes.

Speaker: Dr Nader Kabbani, Director of Research at the Brookings Institute Doha

Moderator: Ms Daniela Zampini, ILO Regional Employment Specialist

Panel B Boosting Women's Employment Prospects to Shape a Just Future

Achieving gender equality in the Arab region amidst the changing world of work

Speaker: Dr Mona Badran, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Economics & Political science at Cairo University

Moderator: Ms Emanuela Pozzan, ILO Senior Regional Specialist on Gender Equality

15:30 ● **Coffee Break**

16:00 ● **Panel C** The Future of Work and Social Justice in a Regional Context

Achieving social justice through a demographic-driven initiative and responding to the unique needs of youth, women and refugees

Speaker: Dr Nader Said, President of Arab World for Research and Development (AWRAD).

Moderator: Mr Torsten Schackel, Senior International Labour Standards & Labour Law Specialist

Panel D Strengthening Social Security in Arab States

Towards a future with social protection for all in the Arab States

Speaker: Mr Saleh Al Araimi, Former General Manager of the Public Authority for Social Insurance, Oman

Moderator: Ms Ursula Kulke, ILO Senior Regional Social Security Specialist

17:30 ● **Coffee Break**

17:45 ● **Conclusions & Closing Remarks**

Ms Ruba Jaradat, ILO Regional Director of Arab States

H.E. Mr Ali Ghezawi, Minister of Labour, Jordan

H.E. Dr Amur Bin Mohammad Al Hajri, Director General of the Executive Bureau of the Council of Ministers of Labour and Ministers of Social Affairs in GCC States

Mr Khalil Cherry, Secretary General of the Association of Lebanese Industrialists

Mr Shaher Saaed, Secretary General of the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions

18:30 ●