



Arab Organization for
with Disabilities Persons



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COSP14 HIGH LEVEL SIDE EVENT

“Protecting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities during Pandemics and Crises”

14 June 2021

8:30 am – 9:45 am (NYT) (2:30 pm Cairo time)

Videoconference meeting

PROGRAM

Opening Session (4 Minutes per speech)

- Presentation
- **Mrs. Hessa Bint Essa Buhumaid** - Minister of Community Development in the United Arab Emirates - and Chairperson of the 40th session of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs
- **Mr. Ayman Al-Mufleh** - Minister of Social Development in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan - Head of the Executive Office of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs
- **Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu-Ghazala** - Assistant Secretary-General - Head of the Social Affairs Sector (LAS)
- **Dr. Shafiqa Al-Awadi** - Director General of the Public Authority for Persons with Disabilities in the State of Kuwait
- **Dr. Mehrinaz El-Awady**, Director - Cluster Leader Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- **Dr. Nawaf Kabara** - President of the Arab Organization for Persons with Disabilities
- **Ambassador Tarig Bakheet** - Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian, Culture and Social Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Working sessions (4 minutes for each presentation)

- Presentation of the main working paper:
 - **Minister Plenipotentiary Tarek Al-Nabulsi**, Director of the Department of Development and Social Policies – (LAS)
 - **Dr. Alaa Sebeh** - Regional Advisor for Disability Affairs (ESCWA)

Main interventions (3 minutes each)

- **Dr. Nevin Riyad Al-Kabbaj**, Minister of Social Solidarity in the Arab Republic of Egypt
Permanent Member of the Executive Office of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs
- **Prof. María Soledad Cisternas Reyes**, Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General on Disability and Accessibility
- **Dr. Louay Shabana**, Director of the United Nations Population Fund
- **Mr. Gerard Quinn** - United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities (Waiting for confirmation)
- **Dr. Khaled Hanafy** - Secretary General of the Union of Arab Chambers (UAC)
- **Mrs. Ana Lucia Arellano** - President of the International Disability Alliance (IDA)
- **Dr. Ahmed Al-Mandhari**, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

*The event will be moderated by Minister Plenipotentiary Tarek Al-Nabulsi, Director of the Department of Development and Social Policies - LAS

Discussion (20 Minutes)

***Note - Sign language interpretation, and (English - Arabic - English) interpretation, will be provide**