



## ILO Global Summit on COVID-19 and the World of Work

### Building a better future of work

#### *Agenda for the Arab States' regional event*

1 July 2020

<b>10:00- 10:15</b>	<b>Introduction and Overview, ILO Acting Regional Director</b>
<b>Thematic Sessions</b>	
<b>10:15- 11:05</b>	<p><b>Session 1 on “Supporting enterprises, jobs and incomes”</b></p> <p>This session discusses the impact of the crisis on workers and enterprises, and the need to support both, through immediate but also medium- to- longer term initiatives. Comprehensive policies are needed for a fair and inclusive recovery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moderator introduces Guiding Questions and facilitates discussion</li> <li>- Tripartite participants’ interventions (Speakers from each of the workers’, employers’ and government representatives)</li> </ul>
<b>11:05- 11:55</b>	<p><b>Session 2 on “Extending social protection to all”</b></p> <p>This session discusses the key role of sustainable social protection in addressing the repercussions of the COVID-19 crisis, given in particular the low social protection coverage rates in the Arab region. The need for longer-term sustainable comprehensive social protection systems is also emphasized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moderator introduces Guiding Questions and facilitates discussion</li> <li>- Tripartite participants’ interventions (Speakers from each of the workers’, employers’ and government representatives)</li> </ul>
<b>11:55- 12:45</b>	<p><b>Session 3 on “Social Dialogue and rights at work for a sustained and inclusive recovery”</b></p> <p>This last thematic session addresses the need to strengthen the institutions of work, the sustainability of businesses and adopt appropriate workplace protective measures (including OSH). It focuses on the role of social dialogue in protecting workers’ rights and ensuring effective policy response to the COVID-19 crisis for tripartite constituents. Challenges and recommendations will be discussed to ensure inclusive decision-making and policy development, in line with the human-centred approach emphasized in the ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work.</p>

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<b>12:45- 13:00</b>	<b>Concluding observations and tripartite closing remarks</b>