



**Doha Forum on
Decent Work and Poverty Reduction
25-26 October 2011
Doha, Qatar**

Tuesday 25 October 2011	
09.00 – 09.30	Registration
09.30 – 10.30	Opening session Welcome Address by H.E. Abdallah Bin Nasser Al Khalifa Chair of the board of DIIFSD Opening Remarks Ms Mary Kawar ILO Regional Office for the Arab States
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 11.15	Presentation of the Programme Ms Jeannette Shalabi Chief, Programme Development and Regional Cooperation, International Training Center of the ILO
11.15 – 13.00	Session 1 The Millennium Declaration, the Millennium Development Goals and the ILO's Decent Work Agenda - <i>Placing an integrated approach to Decent Work at the heart of national economic and social policies. Lessons from a global perspective</i> Ms Alice Ouédraogo , Deputy Director, Policy Integration Department, ILO Geneva - <i>Poverty and Decent Work in the Arab region: Where do we stand?</i> Mr. Khalid Abu-Ismaïl , Poverty and Macroeconomics Adviser, UNDP Regional Centre and Ms Shaza Ghaleb Al Jondi , UN Reform Analyst, ILO Regional Office for the Arab States - Questions & Answers
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch Break
14.30 – 15.45	Session 2 Redesigning job creation: How can the region redesign employment policies to seize the demographic advantage of 100 million youth? - <i>Decent work and youth employment. The demands of youth</i> Mr. Zafiris Tzannatos , Senior Regional Advisor Macroeconomics and Employment Policy, ILO Regional Office for the Arab States - <i>Skills development for job creation, economic growth and poverty reduction</i> Ms Mary Kawar , Senior Skills and Employability Specialist, ILO Regional Office for the Arab States
15.45– 16.00	Coffee Break
16:00 -17:15	- <i>Developing Inclusive Financial Markets for Youth</i> Ms Sahar Tieby , Senior Microfinance Specialist, ITC/ILO Discussant: Mr. Khalid Abu-Ismaïl , Poverty and Macroeconomics Adviser, UNDP Regional Centre - Questions & Answers
17.15 – 17.45	Wrap-up day one – Main messages

Wednesday 26 October 2011		
09.00 – 10.30	Session 3	<p>Developing sustainable, country-specific social protection schemes: Towards social protection for all. Ms Ursula Kulke, Senior Social Security Specialist, ILO Regional Office for the Arab States</p> <p>- Discussants: Ms. Gisela Nauk, Chief, Social Policy Section, Social Development Division, ESCWA</p> <p>- Questions & Answers</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 – 13.00	Session 4	<p>Gender equality and decent work. Harnessing the potential of women. <i>- How should women be better integrated in Arab labour markets and into shaping the future of the region?</i></p> <p>Ms Simel Esim, Senior Specialist on Gender and Women Workers, ILO Regional Office for the Arab States</p> <p>- <i>Work and family reconciliation</i> Ms Benedetta Magri, Senior Gender Specialist, International Training Center of the ILO</p> <p>- <i>Maternity protection at work</i> Ms Benedetta Magri, Senior Gender Specialist, International Training Center of the ILO</p> <p>- Discussant: Mr. Mostafa Kharoufi, UNFPA Technical Adviser, Programme Policies, UNFPA Regional Office</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch Break	
14.30 – 16.00	Session 5	<p>Promoting social dialogue and respecting and realizing fundamental principles and rights at work <i>- Rights at work. An economic, social and moral imperative.</i></p> <p>Mr. Lee Swepston, Visiting Professor, Raoul Wallenberg Institute and Faculty of Law, Lund University</p> <p>- Discussant: Mr. Joachim Grimsmann, Senior International Labour Standards and Labour Law Specialist, ILO Regional Office for the Arab States</p> <p>- Questions & Answers</p>
16.30 -1700	Coffee Break	
17.00 – 18.30	Session 6	<p>Recommendations and way forward Mrs Amina Mesdoua, Director, Family Policy Division, D IIFSD and Ms Shaza Al Jondi, UN Reform Analyst, ILO Regional Office for the Arab States</p> <p>- Concluding remarks Dr. Richard Wilkins, Executive Director DIIFSD and Ms. Alice Ouedraogo, Deputy Director, Policy Integration Department, ILO</p>