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Council of Arab Ministers for Social
Affairs

Agenda

for the High-Level Side Event:

"Towards Inclusive Social Integration: Independent Living for Persons with Disabilities and Eradicating Poverty"

Date: 6/11/2025

From 13:15 pm- 14:30 pm

Room (12) - Qatar National Convention center (QNCC)

Doha - Qatar

**As part of the Second World Summit on Social Development,
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Opening Speeches:

- **Speech by H.E. Mr. Osama bin Saleh Al Alawi**, Minister of Social Development of the Kingdom of Bahrain- President of the 44th Session of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs.
- **Speech by H.E. Dr. Maya Morsy**, Minister of Social Solidarity of the Arab Republic of Egypt –Chair of the Executive Bureau of the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs.
- **Speech by H.E. Ambassador Majid Abdul Fattah**, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations in New York.

13:30–14:30

Main Speakers:

- **"The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: A Model for Promoting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities."**

Presented by H.E. Ms. Wafa Bani Mustafa – Minister of Social Development, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

- **"Empowering the Most Vulnerable: Enhancing the Role of Women and Persons with Disabilities in Building Inclusive and Sustainable Societies."**

Presented by H.E. Dr. Sima Bahous – United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director of UN Women (TBC).

- **"The UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – A Supporter of Disability Rights and Poverty Eradication."**

Presented by Dr. Heba Hagrass – UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

- **"The Role of the Private Sector in Supporting Economic Development and Independent Living for Persons with Disabilities."**

Presented by H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafy – Secretary-General of the Union of Arab Chambers.

- **"Entrepreneurship as a Strategic Tool to Eradicate Poverty and Achieve Sustainable Development."**

Presented by Ms. Mary Kavar – Director of the Amman Center, Regional Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Arab States.

- **"The Italian Experience in Empowering Persons with Disabilities: Towards Independent Living and Full Social Inclusion."**

Presented by H.E. Ms. Alessandra Locatelli – Minister for Disabilities, Italy.

- **"Arab–Chinese Cooperation as a Supporter of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Poverty Eradication."**

Presented by H.E. Mr. Lu Jiyuan – Minister of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China (TBC).

- **"Efforts of the Executive Bureau of the Council of Ministers of Labor and Social Affairs of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in Supporting Entrepreneurship and Independent Living in the Gulf and Arab States."**

Presented by H.E. Mr. Mohammed bin Hassan Al-Obaidli – Director General of the Executive Bureau of the Council of GCC Ministers of Labor and Social Affairs.

- **"Promoting Development Through Investment and Innovation: The Role of the Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) – United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)."**

Presented by Mr. Afif Barhoumi – UNIDO ITPO.

- **General Discussion.**
- **Closing of the Event and Recommendations.**

Event Moderator:

H.E. Minister Plenipotentiary / Tarek Al-Nabulsi – Director of Development and Social Policies Department,
Social Affairs Sector – League of Arab States.

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