

Youth and Employment in North Africa

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Time	Session	Speakers
Day 1, 26 September 2017 (Governing Body Room, R3-South)		
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:30	Opening	Main facilitator
	Welcome and introductory remarks	Deborah Greenfield, ILO Deputy Director-General for Policy
	Youth testimonies from North Africa	Video
09:30 - 11:00	Youth Employment in North Africa: Setting the scene	Chair: Peter Van Rooij, Director, ILO Decent Work Team for North Africa and ILO Country Office for Egypt and Eritrea (Cairo)
09:30 - 09:45	Youth Employment in North Africa: Regional Overview	Professor Ghada Barsoum, American University of Cairo
09:45 - 10:45	Country presentations: key initiatives, results, and priorities ahead	Country representatives
10:45 - 11:00	ILO action in North Africa: achievements and lessons learnt	ILO Decent Work Team for North Africa and Taqueem Initiative.
11:00 - 11:30	Break	
11:30 - 13:00	High-level panel: challenges and opportunities for youth employment in North Africa	Moderator: Azita Berar Awad, Director, ILO Employment Policy Department
		Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Nihal El-Megharbel, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform, Egypt Mr Mourad Zemali, Ministre du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Sécurité Sociale, Algeria Dr Ahmed Babikar Ahmed Nihar, Minister of Labour and Administrative Reform, Sudan Mr Mohammed Boutata, Secrétaire Général, Ministère du Travail et de l'Insertion Professionnelle, Morocco Mr Nizar Ata, Directeur de la Coopération Internationale, Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Formation Professionnelle, Tunisia Mr Roberto Suarez, Deputy Secretary-General, International Organisation of Employers Ms Esther Busser, Assistant Director of the Geneva Office, International Trade Union Confederation Remarks by Guy Ryder, ILO Director-General
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch	

14:30 - 15:30	Closing the youth employment gap in North Africa: development partners' perspectives and international partnerships	Moderator: Mohamed Ali Deyahi, Director, ILO Office for Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia (Algiers)
		Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mohamed El Azizi, Director General, African Development Bank, Regional Office for North Africa ▪ Lilia Hachem Naas, Chief Office for Arab States, International Trade Centre ▪ Abdelkarim Sma, Lead Regional Economist, Near East, North Africa, and Europe Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development ▪ Carine Clerf, World Bank, MENA Social Protection and Jobs team ▪ Susana Puerto, The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth, ILO Employment Policy Department
15:30 - 16:00	Break	
16:00 - 17:20	Looking ahead: pillars of decent work for youth	Chair: Peter Van Rooij, Director, ILO Decent Work Team for North Africa and ILO Country Office for Egypt and Eritrea (Cairo)
16:10 - 16:20	Integrated strategies for youth employment	Valter Nebuloni, Head, Youth Employment Programme Unit
16:20 - 17:20	Employment and economic policies Labour market policies and social protection Enhancing skills and youth employability Boosting youth entrepreneurship Rights at work for young people	Thematic parallel sessions
17:20 - 17:30	Conclusions for the day	Main facilitator
17:30 - 19:00	Cocktail	

Day 2, 27 September 2017 (Governing Body Room, R3-South)		
09:00 – 09:10	Introduction of day 2	Main Facilitator
09:10 - 09:50	Reconfirming commitment to youth employment promotion in North Africa: Discussion on a way forward (2017-2022)	Chair: Christophe Perrin, Officer-in-Charge for Field Operations and Partnerships, ILO
	Presentation of the YENA roadmap and discussion	Facilitators of day 1 parallel sessions
9:50 - 11:00	Implementing youth employment policies and programmes in North Africa: transversal issues	Chair: Mohamed Ali Deyahi, Director, ILO Office for Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia (Algiers)
	The governance of youth employment Youth voice and involvement Financing youth employment promotion Learning from and scaling up what works	Parallel sessions
11:00 - 11:30	Break	
11:30 - 12:30	Reporting back from parallel sessions	Country representatives
12:30 - 13:30	Conference closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Country representatives ▪ Dr Sahar Nasr, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation, Egypt ▪ ILO Country Offices ▪ Christophe Perrin, Officer-in-Charge for Field Operations and Partnerships, ILO