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**The Future of Social Security
in Arab States**
6-8 May 2008, Amman, Jordan

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Agenda

6 May 2008

- 15:00 – 16:00 **Registration of Participants and Welcome Coffee**
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Opening Ceremony**
H. E. Basem Al Salem, Minister of Labour, Jordan
H. E. Ahmad Luqman, Director General, Arab Labour Organisation
Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, Regional Director for Arab States, ILO Beirut
Mr. Michael Cichon, Director, Social Security Department, ILO Geneva
- 16:30 – 17:45 **Trends and Challenges in Social Security**
Moderator: *Mr. Omar Razzaz, Director General, Social Security Corporation, Jordan*
- ILO's Global Perspective
Mr. Michael Cichon, Director, Social Security Department, ILO Geneva
 - Europe's Experience
Mr. Danny Pieters, Secretary-General of the European Institute of Social Security and Professor of Social Security Law, K.U. Leuven, Belgium
 - Latin America's Experience
Mr. Andras Uthoff, Officer in Charge of the Division for Social Development, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago de Chile, Chile
 - Employers' and Workers' Perspectives
Mr. Eric Oechslin, International Organisation of Employers (IoE), Geneva
Mr. Jamal Al Shamasat, International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions (ICATU), Damascus (tbc)
 - World Bank Perspective
Gustavo Demarco, Senior Economist, Human Development Department, Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank
- General Discussion
- 17:45 – 18:30 **Evolution and Perspectives of Social Security in Arab States**
Moderator: *Mr. Adnan Abu El Ragheb, Deputy Director-General of ALO*
- Evolution and Perspectives of Social Security in Arab States
Mr. Hyam Mallat, former Chairman of the Board of the National Social Security Fund, Lebanon
 - Commentary
Ms. Diana Jreisat, International Social Security Association, Sub-regional Office for Arab Countries
- General Discussion

18:30	Group picture
20:00	Dinner hosted by the Social Security Corporation of Jordan

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09:00 – 10:30	<p>Improving Basic Social Protection for All: The Debate on the Basic Social Floor and ILO Standard Setting</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, Regional Director for Arab States, ILO Beirut</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Joint ILO/UN Presentation on the Basic Social Floor <i>Mr. Krzysztof Hagemeyer, Policy Coordinator, Social Security Department, ILO Geneva, and Ms. Isabel Ortiz, Senior Interregional Advisor, Department for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York</i> • Comments of Employers and Workers <p>General Discussion</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Reforming Old-Age, Disability and Survivors' Protection</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Krzysztof Hagemeyer, Policy Coordinator, Social Security Department, ILO Geneva</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Experiences from Middle East and North African Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordan <i>Ms. Nadia Al Rawabdeh, Head of Pension Directorate, Social Security Corporation</i> • Kuwait <i>Mr. Jassim Ali Hussein Ahmed Alkandari, Department for Assistance, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour</i> • Morocco <i>Mr. Abderrazak Talib, Department for Social Security and Solidarity, Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Formation Professionnelle</i> • Sudan <i>tbc</i> • Comments of Employers and Workers <p>General Discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Strategies for the Extension of Unemployment, Maternity and Health Care Benefits</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Tharcisse Nkanagu, Coordinator for Africa, Social Security Department, ILO Geneva</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Experiences from Middle East and North African Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bahrain <i>Ms. Amal Al Matrook, Officer in Charge, Department of Employment and Training, Ministry of Labour</i> • Jordan <i>Ms. Shireen Al Quda, International Cooperation Department, Social Security Corporation and Member of Maternity Insurance Committee</i> • Lebanon <i>Ms. Firas Safwan, Adviser, Ministry of Labour, Lebanon</i> • Tunisia <i>Mr. Mohamed Chaabane, General Director, Social Security Research Institute</i> • Comments of Employers and Workers <p>General Discussion</p>

- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 – 18:00 **Strategies for the Extension of Social Insurance Benefits to Wider Groups of the Population**
Moderator: *Ms. Regina Amadi-Njoku, Director of the Regional Office for Africa, ILO Addis Ababa*
- National Experiences from Middle East and North African Countries
 - Egypt
Mr. Mohamed Talal Ali Ismaeel, First Undersecretary of State and Chairman of the Public and Private Sector Social Insurance Fund
 - Oman
Mr. Ahmed Al-Busaidi, Director of Planning, Public Authority for Social Insurance
 - Syria
Mr. Issa Kafa, Director of the Damascus Branch, General Social Security Corporation
 - Yemen
Mr. Awad Yahya Awad Al-Noami, Vice Chairman, Social Security Corporation
 - Comments of Employers and Workers
- General Discussion
- 19:00 **Reception hosted by H. E. the Minister of Labour of Jordan**
- Tripartite Consultations on the Conclusions**

8 May 2008

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Strengthening the Governance of Social Security Systems**
Moderator: *Ms. Carmen Solorio, Coordinator for Latin America, Social Security Department, ILO Geneva*
- National Experiences from Middle East and North African Countries
 - Saudi Arabia
Mr. Fahad Howaimel, General Social Security Corporation
 - Iraq
Mr. Ali Al-Hamdi, Department of Pension and Social Security for Workers, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
 - Palestine
Mr. Majed Attah Ziab Helou, General Director, General Retirement Commission
 - Comments of Employers and Workers
- General Discussion
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Building Capacity for Social Security**
Moderator: *Mr. Khalid Mohammed Yassien, Director of the Arab Center for Social Security, Khartoum*
- ILO Training Programmes
Ms. Lynn Villacorta, ILO International Training Center, Turin
- General Discussion

11:00 – 11:30	<p>International Standards in Social Security</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Nadia Al Awamleh, Assistant Director for International Cooperation, Social Security Corporation, Jordan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Labour Standards in Social Security <i>Ms. Ursula Kulke, Coordinator for Standards and Legal Services, Social Security Department, ILO Geneva</i> • Standards of the Arab Labour Organization and the Arab Strategy for Social Security <i>Mr. Khalid Mohammed Yassien, Director of the Arab Center for Social Security, Khartoum</i> <p>General Discussion</p>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break/Tripartite Consultations on the Conclusions
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Conclusions: Orientation for Regional Action in Strengthening Social Security</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, Regional Director for Arab States, ILO Beirut</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Michael Cichon, Director, Social Security Department, ILO Geneva</i> <i>Mr. Omar Razzaz, Director General, Social Security Corporation, Jordan</i> <i>H. E. Mr. Ahmad Luqman, Arab Labour Organisation (ALO)</i></p>
13:00	Farewell Lunch