

Provisional agenda

Day 1 Monday 30 May 2022

9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Welcome remarks

The welcome remarks will be delivered by a public figure or senior official. This will illustrate in a stylized fashion cases of inequality between countries, within countries, between geographical areas (rural, urban), between social segments (men, women, and vulnerable groups such as young people, persons with disabilities and older persons), and within the same social segment.

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Session 1. Discussion with global and Arab experts: What does inequality look like?

This session will set the scene for the Forum. It will start with a global discussion on what inequality looks like, especially in the light of the COVID19- pandemic, which has exacerbated inequality globally. It will highlight how inequality in the Arab region compares with global inequality, shedding light on the experiences of other countries. Moreover, it will focus on global and regional trends, and on how inequality moves between generations and differs between places and social groups. The session will also consider the politics of inequality.

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Coffee break

12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Session 2. The face of inequality in the Arab region

This session will focus on various forms of inequality and their effects in the Arab region, with a specific focus on wealth inequality, gender inequality, and limited social protection coverage.

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Session 3: Dialogue with decision makers: policies that reduce inequality

This session will focus on policies that deliver equality, and those that can lead to inequality. It will focus on social protection, job creation, and better financing as policy directives that can reduce inequality and exclusion. It will also highlight the role of the private sector as an important player in reducing inequality and provide case studies from around the globe and from the Arab region.

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Lunch break and conclusion of Day1