



Shared Prosperity **Dignified Life**



Accessible Arab Region
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10:00 – 10:10	Welcome Remarks - Mr. Ahmed Raghy, Senior advisor, ITU - Mr. Haidar Freihat, xxx, ESCWA
10:10-10:20	Keynote speech: Emerging technologies and accessible designs in benefit for quality of life of people with special needs as integrated part towards digital transformation - Ms. Sara Minkara, US Special Advisor on International Disability Rights (video message)
Session 1: 10:20 – 11:05	Government Role in promoting digital accessibility to accelerate the achievement of 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Moderator: Mr. Mohamad Nawar Al-Awa, Regional Adviser on Technology for Development, ESCWA Speakers: - “Digital Accessibility Strategy in Syria”, Ms. Fadia Solaiman, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Communication and Technology Syria - “Digital Accessibility in UAE”, Ms. Manal Al-Afad, Digital Transformation Team Leader, Telecom and Digital Government Regulation Authority (TDRA), UAE - “Palestine Experience in Digital Accessibility”, Mr. Maher Al-Ahmad, Digital Accessibility Coordinator, Ministry of Telecom and Information Technology, Palestine Q & A

Session 2: 11:05 – 12:00	ICT accessibility innovation ecosystem in the Arab region Moderator: Mr. Mohammad Loutfy, Global Initiative for Inclusive ICT (G3ICT) Speakers: - Ms. Abeer Shakweer, Assistant Resident Representative, Inclusive growth and Innovation team leader, UNDP, Egypt Country Office - Mr. Ahmed Abdelhady, Head of Accessibility and Digital Inclusion - Axessall Ltd - Ms. Aya Jibreal, Inclusive Design & Accessibility Consultant G3ict/Smart Cities for All Country Representative for Saudi Arabia Q &A
Session 3: 12:00 – 12:50	Digital Inclusion in the Education sector Moderator: Mr. Raed M. Sharif, MENA Senior Regional Manager at the SecDev Foundation Speakers: - Mr. Mohamed Koutheair Khribi, Head of Training Section, MADA, Qatar - Mr. Ahmed Fathy, CEO Kalmnyishara EDU Platform - Ms. Maha Zouwayhed, Associate Director, Zein AUB iPark Office of Innovation and Transformation, AUB Q &A
12:50- 13:00	Closing Session
	ESCWA & ITU: closing remarks and steps forward