

Agenda

Consultation meeting with Civil Society Organizations around the findings of the “Review of the Government Spending on Social Protection in Lebanon (2017-2024)”

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Objectives

- Present and discuss, with representatives of civil society organizations, the findings of the “**Review of the Government Spending on Social Protection in Lebanon (2017-2024)**”.
- Consolidate efforts aiming at recognizing Social Protection as a right and a national priority catering for the most vulnerable.
- Introduce participants to the Social Protection Spending Tracker.

Time

10:00 – 10:30	Welcome words ▪ Ms. Lamia Moubayed Bissat, President of the Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan ▪ Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director of the Arab NGO Network for Development ▪ Ms. Mira Bierbaum, Program Manager & Social Protection Specialist, ILO ▪ Mr. Luigi Peter Ragno, Chief Social Policy, UNICEF
10:30 – 10:50	Presentation of the report’s findings Presentation of the Social Protection Spending Tracker ▪ Ms. Sabine Hatem, Chief Economist and Director of Cooperation and Partnerships, Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan
10:50 – 11:30	Discussion: “Between Strengthening Social Protection and Safeguarding Fiscal Sustainability” ▪ Commentary by Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development ▪ Commentary by Dr. Hassan Sherry, Assistant Professor of Economics at the Lebanese American University and Senior Researcher at the Arab NGO Network for Development ▪ Discussion
11:30 – 12:00	A unified voice Identify key advocacy messages to be championed by civil society organizations.