

Session 3: Social protection in times of wars, occupation and conflict



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Lara Tamash is a Jordanian media professional and writer. She currently works as a program producer and presenter at the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation and has experience with several local and regional channels. She serves as the Secretary-General and Board Member of the Arab Women Media Center and is a media trainer, including for the "Gender in Arabic" program. Lara holds a master's degree in media (with distinction) from the Middle East University and a Bachelor's in Sociology with a minor in Business Administration from the University of Jordan. She is the author of the 2018 book "A Woman with Two Memories" and is a weekly columnist for Ad-Dustour newspaper. She has received numerous awards, including the Jordanian Leadership Award in Social Media (2025), Al Jazeera Documentary Film Festival Award (2000), Cairo Festival Gold Award (2003), and recognition among 45 most influential figures in Jordan by the International College of London (2013).



Samah Hamad

Samah Hamad is a leader with 25 years of experience in social and economic development, educational and empowerment programmes. She is currently the Minister of Social Development in the nineteenth Palestinian Government and is known for her analytical skills in education, social development, and entrepreneurship. She holds a doctorate in business administration (DBA) from Northampton University, as well as degrees in professional project management (PMP) and a master's degree in business administration (MBA). She led the implementation of influential programmes at the Paltel Group Foundation, in collaboration with renowned organizations to enhance students' skills and establish innovative education initiatives. And because of her recent academic achievements and her focus on leading human capital skills, she is committed to driving progress and sustainable growth in Palestine.



Tarek El Naboulsi

Tarek El Naboulsi is Minister Plenipotentiary and Director of the Development and Social Policies Department at the League of Arab States, where he also oversees the Coordination and Follow-Up Unit in the Cabinet of the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Affairs. With over 25 years of experience, he has led initiatives on social development, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, disability rights, and preparations for Arab Social Development Summits, while coordinating closely with the Arab Council of Ministers of Social Affairs.

El Naboulsi has been part of the League's official delegations to Arab Summits since 2002 and has actively contributed to UN General Assembly sessions and side events. He co-authored the first Arab Multidimensional Poverty Report and serves on the committee preparing its second edition. His work also focuses on fostering cooperation between the League and UN agencies, particularly in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities in line with the UN Convention.



Nagi Al Sharif

Nagi Al Sharif is a distinguished pioneer in Arab trade unionism within the framework of the Arab Labor Organization. He was honored during the organization's 2016 conference in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the advancement and development of the Arab trade union movement. As one of the founding members of the Arab Trade Union Confederation, he was also recognized during its inaugural conference in 2014. He was further honored as a leading figure in trade unionism during the Confederation's 2018 conference held in Marrakech, in acknowledgment of his remarkable role in promoting and strengthening trade union work across the Arab region. Al Sharif holds a diploma in international labor standards.