



SOUTH MED SOCIAL DIALOGUE

Concept Note

National multipartite meeting on the Solid charter

Amman

May 16-17, 2023



About SOLiD II:

The EU co-funded project “Promotion of Social Dialogue in the Southern Mediterranean Neighborhood” is the continuation of the SOLiD Pilot project, which aims at promoting multipartite social dialogue practices in the Southern side of the Mediterranean.

The SOLiD pilot project targeted Jordan, Morocco, and Tunisia and the second phase includes three new countries Algeria, Lebanon, and Palestine. The goal is to support the efforts of the beneficiaries in building an inclusive and structured social dialogue in the Southern Mediterranean Countries, reinforcing economic and social councils and gradually opening up the dialogue to civil society organizations.

To achieve this, the SOLiD Secretariat planned to conduct several field activities and exchange of best practices in each target country to build a common understanding of challenges related to social dialogue and to work towards harmonizing social development goals across the region. To further this effort, a second regional seminar is being planned in Lebanon that will bring together the main partners from local authorities, professional associations and social and economic councils to continue working and cooperating on specific aspects highlighted in the solid charter and related to socio- economic challenges at national and regional levels.

Main objectives of the multipartite meetings:

The multipartite meetings are one of the backbone activities of SOLiD 2, aiming at integrating the charter on the promotion of social dialogue into institutionalized national action plans in the target countries. Three National group meetings per pilot country are foreseen. The first group meetings will bring together experts on the thematic issues exposed in the SOLiD charter as well as the key stakeholders (TU, EMP, CSOs, ESCs, professional associations, etc.). The last National multipartite meetings will initiate a structural debate with the representatives of the governments and local authorities, on the means of implementation of SOLiD national action plans in presence of the representatives of the EU delegations, ESCs, etc.

The first meeting is scheduled to take place in Amman on May 16 and 17, 2023.

Structure of the event:

The event will be a two-day meeting gathering social partners in Jordan along with civil society organizations in order to initiate a discussion on the preliminary outcomes of the thematic studies conducted by the experts mandated.

The format of the discussions will essentially be thematic working groups.

Participants will have the opportunity to confront the results of the situation in Jordan and determine key orientations for future discussions in order for the charter to be implemented.

Draft Agenda:

Tuesday, 16th May 2023

Registration and morning coffee	AM – 9:30 AM 9:00
Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Mazen Al Maitah, President of the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions• Mr. Fathi Al Jaghbier, Chairman of the Jordan Chamber of Industry• Mr Jean-Marie Moreau, Programme Officer Southern Neighbourhood, European Commission• Mr shaher saad President of the Arab trade union confederation	AM – 10:15 AM 9:30
Coffee Break	AM – 10:30 AM 10:15
Session 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Hind Ben Ammar, Director of SOLID project, Secretary General of the Arab Trade Unions Confederation• Dr Hamada Abu Nijmeh , Project regional expert <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Overview of the social dialogue situation in Jordan2. Presentation of the progress made in formulating the SOLID 2 Charter	AM – 11:30 AM 10:30
Session 2: Working groups Working group 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic and trade policies of Arab countries post COVID-19 crisis• Public financial policies, price levels and wages• Combating poverty and inequality in southern Mediterranean countries Working Group 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The informal economy in the Arab region• Employment policies and unemployment reduction in Arab countries Working group 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rights of migrant workers• Gender equality	AM – 1:00 PM 11:30

Working group 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and vocational and technical training policies • Social protection in the southern Mediterranean 	
Working group 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate justice 	
Lunch break	PM – 2:30 PM 1:00
Session 3: Working groups	PM – 3:30 PM 2:30
Coffee Break	PM – 3:45 PM 3:30
Session 4: Working groups	PM – 4:30 PM 3:45

Wednesday, 17th May 2023

Registration and morning coffee	AM 9:30 – 9:00
Session 5: Review of working group outputs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group 1 recommendations: Discussion • Working Group 2 recommendations: Discussion 	9:30 AM– 11:00 AM
Coffee Break	AM – 11:15AM 11:00
Session 6: Review of working group outputs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group 1 recommendations: Discussion • Working Group 2 recommendations: Discussion • Working Group 3 recommendations: Discussion 	AM – 12:00 PM 11:15
Wrap up and closing session <i>Dr. Hammadah Abu Najmah, Expert</i> <i>Representatives of SOLID project partners</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of key points discussed during the seminar • Next steps and follow-up actions 	PM – 1:30 PM 12:00
Closing lunch	PM – 2: 30 PM 1:30



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