Accessible Arab Region

13 December 2022

Online, 10:00 –13:00 Cairo Time

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