

Innovation and New Technologies in North Africa in the Context of COVID-19

Online webinar, November 4th, 2020
3.00 – 4.50 PM

Draft Agenda

3.00 – 3.15 PM	<p>Opening speeches by the ECA, UNESCO and the Policy Center for the New South representatives (15 mn)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (5mn) ▪ Golda El-Khoury, UNESCO representative for the Maghreb Region (5mn) ▪ Bouchra Rahmouni, Director for Research, Partnerships & Events at the Policy Center for the New South (5mn)
3.15 – 3.35 PM	<p>Question 1: How did new technologies help North African countries mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on government services and national economies? (15 mn)</p> <p>Speaker: Saad Badaoui, Senior Data Scientist at the Policy Center for the New South Comments by the other panel members (5mn)</p>
3.35 – 3.55 PM	<p>Question 2: Given the achievements made and technologies used to provide distance learning how can countries reinvent and strengthen education systems, to make them more innovative, ingenious, and open to global issues on the longer term? (15 mn)</p> <p>Speaker: Kais Mejri, Director General of Innovation and Technological Development at the Ministry of Industry and SMEs of Tunisia Comments by the other panel members (5mn)</p>
3.55 – 4.15 PM	<p>Question 3: How can new technologies help accelerate the economic recovery of North African countries and enable them to adapt to the new, global economic context?</p> <p>Speaker: Jean-Paul Adam, ECA director for Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resource Management Comments by the other panel members (5mn)</p>
4.15 – 4.45 PM	<p>Discussions and recommendations Q&A (30mn)</p>
4.45 – 4.50 PM	<p>Conclusion (5mn)</p> <p>Speaker: Khaled Hussein, Director a.i. of the ECA office for North Africa</p>