

# Policy Forum

## Creating more and better Jobs: What do we know? What can be done?

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**9:00 - 9:30 a.m.**

### OPENING SESSION

**MoC:** *Robert Holzmann*, Sector Director, World Bank  
**Speakers:** *Nizar Baraka*, Minister-Delegate to the Premier Minister in Charge of General and Economic Affairs, Morocco  
*Helmut Reisen*, Head of Research, OECD Development Centre  
*Michal Rutkowski*, Sector Director, World Bank

**9:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

### SESSION I

#### *THE CHALLENGE OF CREATING MORE AND BETTER JOBS*

**Chair:** *Mats Karlsson*, Country Director, World Bank  
**Keynote speaker:** *Mustapha Nabli*, Senior Advisor, World Bank  
(30 minutes)  
**Discussant:** *Jan Svejnar*, University of Michigan (tbc)  
(10 minutes)

#### General Discussion

**10:45 - 11:00 a.m.**

### COFFEE BREAK

**11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

### SESSION II

#### *COUNTRY EXPERIENCE I*

**Chair:** *Johannes Jütting*, Head of Policy Coherence Unit, OECD Development Centre  
**Speakers:** *Isher Judge Ahluwalia*, Chairperson, Board of Governors of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, India  
(2 x 20 minutes) *Gustavo Merino*, Vice-Minister, Social and Human Development, Mexico  
**Discussant:** *John Martin*, Director, Employment, Labor, and Social Affairs, OECD  
(10 minutes)

#### General Discussion

**12:30 - 14:00 p.m. LUNCH**

**14:00 - 16:00 p.m. SESSION III**  
*COUNTRY EXPERIENCE II*

**Chair:** *Ana Revenga*, Sector Director, World Bank

**Speakers:**

(3 x 15 minutes)

*Alan Hirsch*, Deputy Head, Policy Coordination and Advisory Services, Presidency, South Africa

*Myra Maria Hanartani*, Director General of Industrial Relations and Workers' Social Security, Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, Indonesia

*Ahmed Benrida*, Director of Employment, Ministry of Labor, Morocco

**Discussant:** *Peter Auer*, Chief, Labor Market Analysis Branch, ILO  
(10 minutes)

**General Discussion**

**16:00 - 16:30 p.m. COFFEE BREAK**

**16:30 - 18:00 p.m. CLOSING POLICY PANEL DISCUSSION**  
*THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF LABOR REFORM:  
FROM THEORY TO IMPLEMENTATION*

**Chair:** *Robert Holzmann*, Sector Director, World Bank

**Speaker:** *Stefano Scarpetta*, OECD/IZA

**Panelists:** *Abdelouahid Khouja*, General Secretary, Ministry of Employment, Morocco  
(3 x 10 minutes)

*Pierre Jacquet*, Chair of OECD Network on Poverty Reduction

*Martha Chen*, Professor, Harvard University and WIEGO Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)

**Lead Question for the Panelists:** What are the binding constraints for creating more and better jobs? How can we reach coherent policy responses? **What are the next steps?**

**19:00 p.m. Dinner**  
**Hosted by the Government of Morocco**

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