ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review

Regional Preparatory meeting for Western Asia on "Innovative approaches to reach women, girls and the marginalized in the Arab region"

9 December 2010

Doha, Qatar

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Opening Session

11:15 – 11:35 a.m. **Welcoming remarks:**

H.E. Mr. Saad Bin Ibrahim Al Mahmoud, Minister of Education and Higher Education, State of Qatar

Dr. Fathy Saoud, President, Qatar Foundation, Qatar

Opening remarks:

H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali, President, United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations, New York

Mr. Thomas Stelzer, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), New York

Panel discussion: Innovative approaches to reach women, girls and the marginalized in the Arab region

11:35 a.m.-1 p.m. **Panelists:**

H.E. Dr. Hassan Mneimneh, Minister of Education and Higher Education, Lebanon

Dr. Yasar Jarrar, Partner, Advisory Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Middle East

Ms. Shahinaz Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer, Education for Employment Foundation, Egypt

Dr. Amin Amin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Change Agent for Arab Development & Education Reform (CADER), Jordan

Moderator:

Mr. Abdel Moneim Osman, Director of UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States, UNESCO Representative to Lebanon & Syria, Beirut

For discussion:
- *What are some of the innovative approaches used in the region to reach girls and women to increase not only their attendance but also learning?*
- *What can education policy makers do to scale-up and replicate existing innovative approaches?*
- *How can policy-makers ensure that innovative non-formal education approaches are integrated with the education systems?*
- *What are necessary enabling factors in other sectors to implement innovative approaches, especially non-formal education approaches?*
- *How can regional and/or international mechanisms promote the sharing and exchange of good practices?*