



# CONCEPT NOTE

Ministry of Social Affairs

Ministry of Health

« *Innovation and population with specific needs* »

International Center for Studies, Research,  
Documentation and Training  
AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## **1. Context of Ministry of Social Affairs**

The Ministry of Social Affairs has an advanced legislative Framework for promoting the rights of people with disabilities. Orientation Law 83 of 2005 on the promotion and protection of persons with disabilities aims to strengthen their inclusion in society through direct support measures and mechanisms that target positive discrimination. The Tunisian Constitution guarantees the protection of persons with disabilities against any discrimination. Tunisia has also ratified the International Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), which reaffirm the commitment of States to the implementation of all necessary measures for the inclusion of people and children with disabilities. Beyond the legislative framework, a strategic framework has been under development since the end of 2019. An inter-ministerial working group led by the Ministry of Social Affairs is in place to develop the action plan relating to the national strategy. economic and social inclusion of people with disabilities.

## **2. Objective**

The objective of this event is to present the human and logistical capacities available to serve people with specific needs, including the targeted training of field workers and the use of modern means for the care of disabled people and those with behavioral disorders to facilitate the effective socio-economic integration.

## **3. Expected results:**

- 1- Facilitation and insurance of the social and economic integration of people with special needs; the efforts of these institutions have been directed towards the exploration of new technologies in care and inclusive participation,
- 2- The insurance of the integration of the disabled person to participate in social, educational, training and professional, cultural and other areas of public life.
- 3- The guarantee of the full enjoyment of all human rights by persons with disabilities and enable their effective participation in development, without exclusion and discrimination.
- 4- The involvement of all relevant stakeholders, public institutions, associations and organizations of persons with disabilities in action to prevent disabilities, protect and integrate people with disabilities.

## **1. Context of Ministry of Health**

The health sector, considered since independence as a priority sector, occupies a privileged place in the economic and social policy of Tunisia. On the eve of independence, the Tunisian health system

succeed to extend health coverage to all regions of the country, to eradicate several communicable diseases, to generalize compulsory vaccination and to improve the quality of life of citizens.

Based on the constitutional right to health, Tunisia is engaged in the National Health Policy for 2030. With a large-scale participatory approach over 10 years, the societal dialogue is the tool to implement complementary, concerted and dynamic approach.

The 2023-2025 three-year development plan, which being recently validated, constitutes part of the operationalization of the national health policy in the period devoted to the plan.

The implementation of this plan, based on a result-oriented approach, makes it possible to evaluate the causes of the weakness of the health system. The plan draws up strategic objectives centered on the citizen by improving the system of health coverage and the health services in order to ensure available, accessible and quality health services and by promoting research / innovation in the medical, biomedical and pharmaceutical fields in the context of the knowledge society and global competitiveness for an enhancement of the society-oriented research.

With a view to achieve the objectives of sustainable development and in particular the 3rd objective "the health and well-being of all" and by placing the citizen at the center of the health system, the Ministry of Health will participate in the 8th edition of the Tokyo International Conference on Development in Africa (TICAD).

## 2. Objective

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- Presentation of the experiences of participatory science and the interaction between scientific research and society.
- Promotion of the development of skills to guarantee the quality and continuity of care services.
- Upgrade the skills development mechanisms and tools to facilitate the international mobility of Tunisian health skills.
- Highlight successful Tunisian experiences in care and reproductive health.

## 3. Expected results:

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- 1- Promotion of the new participatory approach to scientific research.
- 2- Upgrade the target partnership opportunities and seek joint research projects.
- 3- Relaunch Tunisian-Japanese bilateral cooperation (technical and financial support).

## 4. Organization and side event format

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- **Panel** : Innovation and population with specific needs
- **Number of participants**: about 100 participants
- **Venue**: International Center for Studies, Research, Documentation and Training about disability "Basma".
- **Duration**: 04 hours

## 5. Participants and target audience

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**National partners** (to be invited):

- Ministry of health
- Ministry of education,
- Ministry of higher education,
- Ministry of employment and professional training,
- Ministry of transportation,
- Ministry of communication technologies,
- Ministry of equipment and housing,
- Ministry of youth and sports,
- Higher Institute of Special Education
- National Institute Of Work And Social Studies.
- Pasteur Institute.
- The National Office for Family and Population

**Civil society partners** (to be invited):

- Tunisian Organization for the Defense of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,
- Tunisian Union for Aid to the Mentally retarded
- Association of OF Parents and Friends of Disabled People,
- Tunisian association for the deaf,
- Association of hearing deficient support,
- National Union of the Blind of Tunisia.
- "Ichara" association

**International partners** (to be invited):

- American embassy representative
- Handicap International – H I
- United Nations Children's Fund – UNICEF
- The organization A I FO
- The Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development (AICS),
- "Entreprendre au Maghreb" Association.

## 6. Speakers

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The moderators

- Ibrahim BEN DRISS
- Maha MEZRIOUI
- Dr. Nadia FNINA

**President**

- Ministry of Social Affairs
- Ministry of Health

### Honor Guest: (to be invited)

- Handicap International – H I
- United Nations Children's Fund – UNICEF
- Director UNICEF Tokyo

### Panellists/Speakers expected from:

- General Committee of Social Promotion
- Higher Institute of Special Education
- National Institute Of Work And Social Studies.
- Pasteur Institute.
- The National Office for Family and Population
- UNICEF
- Entreprendre au maghreb association

## 7. Preliminary/Draft Agenda

Friday 26 AOUT 2022	
08 :30 to 09 :00	- Online Registration / Login
Seminar opening	
09 :00 to 09 : 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Opening</li><li>- Words of Welcome:</li><li>- President of the general committee for social promotion</li><li>- General Director for the Promotion of Persons with Disabilities</li><li>- Opening words The Minister of Social Affairs</li><li>- Opening words The Minister of Health</li></ul>
	<b>Ministry of Social Affairs</b>
	<b>New Technology at the service of vulnerable populations :</b>
09 :15 to 10 :30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Modern technology: a tool for the full inclusion of people with disabilities; Mr Brahim Ben Driss- President of the General Committee for Social Promotion: <b>15 mins</b></li><li>- The training of social workers and the prospects for collaboration with</li></ul>

**10:30 to 11 :00**

**11:00 to 11 :30**

**11 :30to 12:45**

African countries; Mr Laasad Labidi-teacher at INTES: **15 mins**

- The social for better care: Training - Transform Mrs Marilena VIVIANA representative of UNICEF - Tunisia: **15 mins**
- New methods of care and the effective participation of people with disabilities in the development process; Dr. Naila Bali- Director General of ISES: **15 mins**
- The digital a tool and accelerator for access to the rights of people with disabilities for full citizenship, Ms. Samira Labidi- President of the “Entreprendre au Maghreb” association- company director: **15 mins**
- **Q&A session**
- **Coffee break :**

### Ministry of Health

#### Citizen science serving the needs of society

- The Science Shop: A collaborative device between Science and Society and multidisciplinary; Mr. Hichem Ben Hassine, Coordinator of the Science Shop of the Pasteur Institute of Tunis: **15 mins.**
- Participatory approach for hearing health; Partnership between the IPT and the Ichara Association; Pr Sonia Abdelhak, Principal Biologist at the Institut Pasteur in Tunis: **15 mins.**
- Hepitate “A” in rural schools; Partnership between the IPT and the Association Scouts Without Borders; Dr. Dorra Rezig, Lecturer at the Higher Institute of Applied Biological Sciences in Tunis: **15 min.**

#### Developing the skills of health professionals

- Skills development: a factor in the sustainable promotion of health professionals: Nozha Moussa, general manager of the central training unit for health executives: **15 mins**
- Promoting reproductive health through south-south and triangular cooperation: the Tunisian experience, the National Family and Population Office: **15 mins**

12:45 to 13 :15

Q&A session

Closing remarks and thanks

13 : 15 to 13 : 45

You can join us on the following link ( soft ware : teams)

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## Participation of the Ministries of Social Affairs and Health

### TICAD 8

**Theme of the conference:** Innovation and population with specific needs:  
Ministry of Social Affairs - Ministry of Health

**Responsible structure:** Ministry of Social Affairs.

**Location:** International Center for Studies, Research, Documentation and training on Disability "Basma" in Gammarth.

**Date:** 26 august 2022.

**Number of attendees:** 150

**Duration:** 4 hours

### Ministry of Social Affairs

Subject of the conference: New Technology at the service of  
vulnerable populations

#### Event description:

- **1. First presentation:** Modern technology: a tool for the full inclusion of people with disabilities; President of General Committee for Social Promotion: **15 mins**



2. **Second presentation** The training of social workers and the prospects for collaboration with African countries, Mr Laasad Labidi-teacher at INTES: **15 mins**
3. **Third presentation** The social for better care: Training - Transport Mr Samir Bouzekri representative of UNICEF - Tunisia: **15 mins**
4. **Fourth presentation**: New methods of care and the effective participation of persons with disabilities in the development process,  
Dr. Naila Bali- Director General of ISES: **15 mins**
5. **Fifth presentation**: The digital a tool and accelerator for access to the rights of people with disabilities for full citizenship,  
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The Tunisian policy concerning the advancement of persons with disabilities is based on the following principles:

- 1- Facilitation and insurance of the social and economic integration of people with special needs; the efforts of these institutions have been directed towards the exploration of new technologies in care and inclusive participation,
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- 4- The involvement of all relevant stakeholders, public institutions, associations and organizations of persons with disabilities in action to prevent disabilities, protect and integrate people with disabilities.

With this view, the efforts of the Ministry of Social Affairs and its academic institutions have focused to meet the expectations and needs of vulnerable people, especially persons with disabilities and their families.

Since the first objective of care system is to facilitate and ensure the social and economic integration of people with disabilities, the efforts made by the Tunisian institutions have been directed towards the exploration of new technologies in the care and inclusive participation.

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