



## 7<sup>TH</sup> MoU CONFERENCE



# Seventh United Nations MoU Universities Conference

## *The power of languages in times of crisis*

### **Provisional agenda**

1. Opening video.
2. Opening remarks:
  - (a) Rola Dashti, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA;
  - (b) Movses Abelian, Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management and Coordinator for Multilingualism of the United Nations.
3. Update on MoU network activities.
4. Impact of recent developments on implementing MoUs:
  - (a) Short introduction to the breakout sessions based on input provided by universities in a consolidated paper;
  - (b) Interactive breakout sessions on the future of the interpreting and translation professions.
5. Language professions: the voice of a universal mandate.
6. United Nations competitive examinations for language positions (CELP) and the Global Language Roster.
7. Interpreting in today's world: new skills, different tools and daunting challenges.
8. Leveraging language technologies and machine translation: the new profile of professional translators.
9. Outcomes and way forward:
  - (a) Presentation on the outcomes of the breakout sessions;
  - (b) Presentation, discussion and adoption of the proposed conclusions of the MoU Conference.
10. Closing remarks.