



Draft Agenda
UfM Informal Economy Workshop
Opportunities, Trends and Best Practices
Istanbul, Türkiye – 16-17 September 2025

Time	Day 1: 16 September 2025
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Welcome Coffee and Registration</i>
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Welcoming Remarks</i>
10:00 – 10:20	Scene Setter Main lessons learnt from good practices and innovative approaches to addressing informality and promoting transition to formality
10:20 – 10:30	Family Photo
10:30 – 12:00	Session I: Trends and Tendencies in Informal Employment Scene Setter: <i>Panel discussion</i> The ever-expanding spectrum of work arrangements, coupled with new forms of doing work and labour market disruptions, are among the trends affecting informality. This session will shed light on many phenomena that affect informality and how to tackle them in a way conducive to a meaningful transition.
12:00 – 12:30	Coffee break
12:30 – 14:00	Networking Discussions
14:00 – 15:30	Networking Lunch
15:30- 17:00	Session II: Pathways for Transition from Informal to Formal Economy Scene Setter Panel discussion Several obstacles get in the way of a smooth and sustainable transition away from informality. The economic and social gains to realize from such transition are not always clear to all the labour market parties, and hence the need the need to engage in a multistakeholder dialogue aimed at identifying the shared opportunities that would make this transition “win-win”.
19:30 – 21:00	Networking Dinner



Time	Day 2: 17 September 2025
09:30-10:00	<i>Welcome coffee and Registration</i>
10:00-10:30	<i>Success stories</i>
10:30 –12:00	Session III: Best Practices in Transition from Informal to Formal Economy Scene Setter Panel discussion The informal economy remains to be a structural issue in many economies in the region, over the past decade, there have been successful practices in addressing informality. This session will present some of the success stories from the region, exploring the potential for scaling up and/or replicability.
12:00 –12:30	Concluding Remarks and Lesson Learned
12:30 – 14:00	Networking Lunch