

# WB to help groups working for disabled



TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK - DOHA World Bank's senior economist Gustavo Demarco presented his organisation's prospective on disability in the Middle East region during the session on 'Breaking the Poverty Cycle: Promoting Inclusion for People with Disability' at the 4th Annual International Shafallah Forum here on Tuesday.



Demarco said part of World Bank's support programme is partnering with many institutions working for people with disabilities and reducing poverty through policy and action. "The World Bank's Social Protection Agenda (SPA) in the Middle East region includes social safety nets, social insurance and labour market analysis. We are also working together in the human development department. The SPA in the Middle East is moving towards a multi-sectoral approach which integrates policies to create employment or what we call 'employability', skills development, active labour market policies and social protection," he said.

He added that the objectives and dimensions of the SPA for persons with disability included employability with focus on enhancing skills development policies and increased professional guidance.

Another World Bank official, Daniel Month lectured on 'Disability and Poverty: Measuring the Connection', which highlighted Shafallah's goal of inclusion of disabled people in the society by trying to get the right data through the use of proper measurement techniques.