REGIONAL WORKING GROUP ON

Citizens, Civil Society, and Public Sector Reform in the Arab Region

Second Meeting

2 - 3 May 2006
Gefinor Rotana Hotel, Beirut – Lebanon

Agenda

Day One: Tuesday 2 May 2006

8:00	9:00	*Registration*	
9:00	9:30	**Opening Session: Welcome Speech and Introduction to the Workshop**	
		Welcome Speech	**H.E. Mr. Jean OGHASABIAN** Minister of State for Administrative Reform, Lebanon
		Introduction to the Workshop	**Dr. Salim NASR** Senior Advisor, UNDP - Programme on Governance in the Arab Region
9:30	10:00	*Coffee Break*	
10:00	12:00	**Session 1: Citizens, Civil Society and Public Sector Reform: National Assessment for Lebanon and Jordan**	
		Chair:	**Mr. Abdellah INRHAOUN** Director of Studies and Administrative Research Department, Ministry of the Modernization of Public Sectors, Morocco
		Presentations:	
		The Case of Lebanon	**Dr. Tony ATALLAH** Professor of Law and Political Science, Lebanese University, Lebanon
		The Case of Jordan	**Dr. Musa SHTEIWI** Director, Jordan Center for Social Research, Jordan
		General Discussion	
12:00	12:30	*Coffee Break*	
12:30	14:30	**Session 2: Citizens, Civil Society and Public Sector Reform: National Assessment for Morocco and Tunisia**	
		Chair:	**Dr. Mona GHALY** Following-up General Manager, Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Development, Egypt
		Presentations:	
		The Case of Morocco	**Dr. Nadir ELMOUMNI** Professor of Political Sciences, Faculty of Law, Economy and Social Sciences, Mohamed V University, Morocco
		The Case of Tunisia	**Dr. Fethia SAIIDI** Assistant Professor of Sociology, Higher Institute for Human Sciences, Tunisia
		General Discussion	
14:30	16:30	*Lunch Break*	

16:30	18:30	**<u>Session 3:</u> Citizens, Civil Society and Public Sector Reform: National Assessment for Algeria and Yemen**	
		Chair:	**Dr. Khleef AL-KHAWALDEH** Executive Director, Public Sector Development, Ministry of Public Sector Development, Jordan
		Presentations:	
		The Case Algeria	**Dr. Abdenasser DJABI** Professor of Sociology, University of Algeria, Algeria
		The Case of Yemen	**Dr. Mohamed Abdo MUGHRAM** Senior Legal Consultant and Assistant Professor of Public Law, Faculty of Law and Sharia'a, Yemen
		General Discussion	
20:30		*Dinner hosted by the United Nations Development Programme at the Gefinor Rotana Hotel*	

Day Two: Wednesday 3 May 2006

10:00	12:00	**Session 4: Citizens, Civil Society and Public Sector Reform: National Assessment for Egypt and Palestine**	
		Chair:	**Mr. Fethi ESSID** Director General, Prime Ministry, Tunisia
		Presentations:	
		The Case of Egypt	**Dr. Ali ABOU LIELA** Professor of Sociology, University of Ain Chams, Egypt
		The Case of Palestine	**Dr. Nader SAIID** Director, Development Studies Program, Birzeit University, Palestine
		General Discussion	
12:00	12:30	*Coffee Break*	
12:30	13:30	**Session 5: Citizens, Civil Society and Public Sector Reform: National Assessment for Bahrain**	
		Chair:	**Mr. Choukri AL-CHARGABI** Executive Director, Civil Service Fund, Minister of Civil Service and Insurance, Yemen
		Presentation:	
		The Case of Bahrain	**Dr. Baqer AL-NAJJAR** Professor of Sociology, University of Bahrain, Bahrain
		General Discussion	
13:30	15:30	*Lunch Break*	
15:30	17:00	**Closing Session: Moving Forward on the Reform Agenda**	
		Chair:	**Mr. Rahif HAJJ ALI** ARLA Executive Manager, Senior Policy Analyst, Institutional Development Unit, Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform, Lebanon
		General Discussion and Conclusions: Towards a Platform for Action on Citizens, Civil Society and Public Sector Reform	