



## **Press Release**

### **Mrs. Mona Hammam: United Nations Resident Coordinator and Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Lebanon**

Mrs. Mona Hammam, recently appointed as United Nations Resident Coordinator and Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Lebanon, will arrive Beirut on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2004. Mrs. Hammam will begin her assignment on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Oct 2004 and present her credentials official to the Lebanese Government soon thereafter.

Holder of a PhD Degree from University of Kansas in USA, Mrs. Hammam, an Egyptian national has a rich experience as a high-ranking civil servant of the United Nations. Mrs. Hamman has occupied senior positions in both the World Food Programme and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), most recently being seconded to the UN Development group office in New York.

At the national level in her capacity as United Nations Resident Coordinator in Lebanon, Ms. Hammam is the designated representative of the Secretary General. She assumes, on behalf of the United Nations System and in consultation with other representatives of the UN organizations, overall responsibilities for the coordination of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system at the country level. The United Nations Resident Coordinator in Lebanon promotes and supports effective dialogue and interaction between the different organizations of the system and the government on development policy to ensure that the objective of sustainable human development is the center of all development cooperation programmes.