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**Press Release**

**Within the framework's preparation of the forthcoming UN Summit on "Financing for Development" to be held in Qatar in 2008, the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Social Watch, are organizing a workshop on "Financing for Equity and Development" on March 12, 2006, at 10:00 a.m, at the Meridian Commodore Hotel, Hamra, Beirut.**

**The workshop aims to promote discussion on how the international and national financial architecture might need to be shaped in order to achieve equitable and sustainable development, including poverty eradication and gender equity.**

**It also aims to elaborate a platform from the perspective of civil society organizations, and to illustrate the mechanisms for civil society participation at the Doha forthcoming Summit.**

**The programme's methodology will focus on shaping the international financial architecture, which include aid, debt and new financial mechanisms, in addition to shedding the light on the role of donors in supporting emerging Democracies and civil Society.**

**Please find enclosed the workshop's agenda.**

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