



## Press Release

### Subject: Assistant Secretary General and Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States pays an official visit to Lebanon.

**(Beirut, 16 June 2006).** UN Assistant Secretary General and Director of UNDP's Regional Bureau for Arab States, Ms. Amat Al Alim Alsoswa, is undertaking her first official visit to Lebanon since taking up her position in March 2006.

Her visit to Lebanon is the third leg of a 5 country official visit to the region (Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen).

She arrives to Lebanon on the 18<sup>th</sup>, which coincide with the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Regional Coordination Group Meeting convened by ESCWA that Ms. Alsoswa will also be attending.

During her visit, Ms. Alsoswa will meet some government and public officials, civil society organization, the UN Country Team, and number of the diplomatic corps.

Ms. Amat Alsoswa (Yemen) holds a B.A. in Mass Communications from Cairo University and an M.A. in International Communications from the American University in Washington, D.C.

Before Joining UNDP, Ms. Amat Alsoswa was appointed as Minister of Human Rights, at cabinet level, in Yemen, in May 2003; she was the first-ever appointed a Minister in Yemen's history. She also served as Yemen's ambassador to Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands, between the years 2000 and 2003.

In the international arena, Ms. Alsoswa has worked as a consultant to UNDP and has published several studies.

Ms. Amat Alsoswa leaves Lebanon Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, heading to New York.

Enclosed, Please find the biography of the Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States.

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