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ECONOMIC
GROWTH
AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT
IN LEBANON

11TH TO 13TH JANUARY 2000. BEIRUT. LEBANON

AGENDA

January 11th, 2000

Welcoming Session

9h00 - 10h00

- Ü H.E. Mr. Nasser El-Saidi, *Minister of Economy and Trade and of Industry*
- Ü H.E. Mr. Michel Moussa, *Minister of Social Affairs and of Labour*
- Ü Mr. Yves de San, *Resident Representative, UNDP, Beirut - Lebanon*

SESSION 1 Which Economic Growth Model for the Next Decade?

10h30 - 12h30

Chairperson

- Ü Mr. Salim Nasr, *General Director, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Lebanon*

Presentations

- Ü Mr. Charbel Nahhas, *Economic Consultant*
- Ü Mr. Marwan Iskandar, *Chairman, Marwan Iskandar & Associates*

Discussant

- Ü Mr. Fady Osseirane, *Directeur Général, Banque d'Affaires du Liban et d'Outre-Mer (BALOM)*

SESSION 2 Financing Development: Reformed Fiscality, Debts and Capital Markets

2h00 - 4h00

Chairperson

- Ü Mr. Samir Makdisi, *Professor of Economy and Director Institute for Money & Banking - American University of Beirut*

Presentations

- Ü Mr. Jihad Azhour, *Advisor to the Minister - Ministry of Finance*
- Ü Mr. Ghassan Deebeh, *Professor of Economics, Lebanese American University (LAU)*

Discussant

- Ü Mr. Youssef El-Khalil, *Senior Director, Financial Operations' Department, Central Bank*

SESSION 3 Public Expenditures and Social Development: Budget Analysis and Budgetary Choices

4h20 - 6h20

Chairperson

- Ü Mr. Khalil Hraoui, *President, Finance and Budgetary Committee, National Assembly*

Presentations

- Ü Mr. Najib Issa, *Lecturer, Lebanese University*
- Ü Mr. Joey Ghaleb, *Senior Researcher, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Lebanon*

Discussant

- Ü Mr. John Wetter, *Resident Representative ai, World Bank, Lebanon*

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SESSION 4 Toward a Regionally Balanced Development

7h30

Chairperson

Ü Mr. Rachid Ayadi, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP

Presentations

Ü Ms. Mona Harb El-Kak, Lecturer in Urban Planning, American University of Beirut (AUB)

Ü Ms. Wafa' Charafeddine, Senior Planner, Program Department, Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR)

Discussant

Ü Mr. Antoine Ghossein, Chairman, Department of Geography, Section II, Lebanese University

SESSION 5 Labor Markets and the Development of Employment Policies

11h15 - 1h15

Chairperson

Ü Mr. Moussa Gedeon, Director-General, National Office for Employment

Presentations

Ü Mr. Nicholas Nahhas, General Manager, Cimenterie Sibline

Ü Mr. Albert Dagher, Professor of Economics, Lebanese University

Discussant

Ü Ms. Azita Berar-Awad, Deputy Director, Regional Office for Arab States, ILO

SESSION 6 National Choices in Education and Health: Their Functions, Costs and Social Effects

2h45 - 4h45

Chairperson

Ü Mr. Nemr Freiha, Director-General, Centre National de Développement et Recherches Pédagogiques (CNDRP)

Presentations

Ü Mr. Adnane El-Amine, President, Lebanese Association for Educational Studies (LAES)

Ü Ms. Suzanne Azar, Associate Professor of Sociology, Lebanese University

Discussant

Ü Mr. Roger Melki, Consultant, Etudes et Consultations Economiques (ECE), Lebanon

SESSION 7 Is the Social Gap Increasing: The Alleged Crisis of the Lebanese Middle Classes in the Nineties

5h00-6h30

Chairperson

Ü Mr. Sateh Arnaout, Development Consultant, Delegation of the European Union (EU)

Presentation

Ü Mr. Ibrahim Maroun, Professor of Sociology, Institut des Sciences Sociales, Lebanese University

Discussant

Ü Mr. Kamal Hamdane, Director of the Economic Division, Consultation & Research Institute (CRI)

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SESSION 8 Social Insurance for the Lebanese: The Social Security, Private Providers and Safety Nets

9h00 - 11h00

Chairperson

Ü Mr. Boutros Labaki, Vice-President, Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR)

Presentation

Ü Mr. Kamal Hamdane, Director of the Economic Division, Consultation & Research Institute (CRI)

Discussants

Ü Mr. Adib Nehmeh, Consultant - Sustainable Human Development UNDP/ Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA)

Ü Mr. Vincent De Peigne, Second Secretary, Delegation of the European Union (EU)

SESSION 9 Globalization: Social and Economic Challenges and Opportunities

11h30 - 1h30

Chairperson

Ü Mr. Yves de San, United Nations Resident Coordinator - Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Presentations

Ü Mr. Iskandar Moukarbel, Economic Consultant, Lebanese Association of Banks, Lebanon

Ü Ms. Mona Haddad, Senior Economist, ESCWA

Discussant

Ü Mr. Louis Hobeika, Chairman of the Board, SODETEL

SESSION 10 Round Table: Towards a National Development Strategy

3h00 - 5h00

Chairperson

Ü Mr. Elie Assaf, Director General, Presidency of the Republic of Lebanon

Panelists

Ü Mr. Christian de Clercq, Special Advisor to the United Nations Resident Coordinator

Ü Mr. Kamal Hamdane, General Manager, Consultation and Research Institution

Ü Mr. Kamal Shehadeh, Advisor to the Minister of Economy

Ü Mr. Makram Sader, Secretary-General, Lebanese Banks Association

CLOSING SESSION

5h00 - 5h30

Ü Mr. Salim Nasr, General Director, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies

Ü Mr. Yves de San, Resident Representative, UNDP, Beirut - Lebanon