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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES – SESSION III

H.E MRS. KHOLOUD MOHAMMAD SAQQAF

Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Jordan, Amman

Having began her career at the Jordan Mines Company's Research Department, Mrs. Kholoud Saqqaf, began her career at the Central Bank in 1993. Mrs. Saqqaf held several positions at the Central Bank of Jordan during the periods 1993 – 2004, 2006 – present. To add to Mrs. Saqqaf's diverse experience, Her Excellency served as a director for the Research Department at the Insurance Commission of Jordan during the period 2004 – 2006.

Being a Deputy Governor, Mrs. Saqqaf now serves in different capacities on the Board of several local organizations, Chairman of the Jordan Mortgage Refinance Company and Deputy Chairman of the National Committee for Anti-Money Laundering.

As a student, Mrs. Saqqaf completed her undergraduate and graduate studies in economics at the University of Jordan.

BUDI ROCHADI

Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India

Born in Sala, on 24 March 1951. Completed his Bachelor's degree in Economics at Gajah Mada University, Yogyakarta, in 1975, as Budi Rochadi obtained his Master's Degree in Economics at Michigan State University, United States of America.

His career at Bank Indonesia started in 1975; he was the Head of Bank Indonesia in Semarang, Head of Bank Indonesia in Medan, and Head of Bank Indonesia Representative Office in Tokyo. His last position was Senior Director of Bank Supervision.

He holds the position as Deputy Governor of Bank Indonesia based on the Republic of Indonesia Presidential Decree Number 69/P/2006 and was inaugurated on January 11, 2007.

JOÃO EVANGELISTA DE SOUSA FILHO

Head of Public Interest Information Division, Central Bank of Brazil

Joao Evangelista is the head of the Public Interest Information Division in Banco Central do Brasil (BCB). His main task at BCB is managing a division which receives a quarter million inquiries a year about the rules and agents of the national financial system and about Banco Central and its activities. Among his responsibilities, he is in charge of the Citizen's Portal in BCB's website. He is also a member of the working group composed of governmental institutions for the purpose of devising a national strategy for financial education/literacy in Brazil.

OMAR RAZZAZ

Director General of the Social Security Corporation (SSC) in Jordan - Ex-officio

Dr. Omar Razzaz until recently served as the Director General of the Social Security Corporation (SSC) in Jordan. During his four year tenure, he developed and fully implemented a three year strategy aimed at passing a Social Security Law; and revamping internal processes; HR rules; IT systems; and customer service. The new SSC Law was passed in April 2010 and achieved financial sustainability as well as new benefit schemes such as maternity, unemployment, and expanded coverage of uninsured segments of society (micro-enterprises, self employed, housewives, students). Internal processes were revamped and IT systems introduced to improve data management and speed up service delivery to beneficiaries. HR regulations were revised to reduce hierarchy; institutional balance scorecard and KPIs were introduced and reflected in organizational and individual bonus schemes. During this period SSC received a number of national and international awards for expanding coverage and improving services.

Prior to joining SSC, he worked for the World Bank for ten years in the Private Sector Development, and the Infrastructure and Finance Departments, with country experience in Eastern Europe Central Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. His last assignment with the World Bank was Country Manager for the Lebanon Office.

Prior to joining the World Bank, Dr. Razzaz was an Assistant Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology holding the Ford International Chair.

He received his PH.D. in Public Policy and Planning with concentration in Economics from Harvard University in 1991, a Post Doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1995, and Masters in International Development and Regional Planning from MIT in 1987.

Dr. Razzaz has won several merit and academic awards; he has several publications in refereed journals, and serves on the boards of several academic, international, private, and not-for-profit institutions.

DUSAN HRADIL

Head of Financial Market Analyses Unit, Czech Ministry of Finance

Mr Hradil graduated at the University of Economics in Prague, majoring in Finance, and experienced a short term college at the University of Erlangen/Nürnberg in Germany.

He is being concerned with financial markets since 2001, first as a financial editor and later in commercial banking sector. Since 2005 he has been working for the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic at various positions within the Financial Market Section.

His agenda covers distribution in the financial market and financial education as well. In 2007 he led an expert team that formulated the first Financial Education Strategy in the Czech Republic in 2007 and its update in 2010 which was approved by the Czech government as the National Strategy for Financial Education.

Currently, he is the chairman of the national Working Group on Financial Education which serves as a platform for exchange of information and experience between representatives of relevant government institutions, financial industry, financial education projects providers and experts on education.

Mr Hradil is also a member of the European Commission Expert Group on Financial Education.

AMINE AWAD

Executive Director of the Banking Control Commission of Lebanon

Dr. Awad is currently the Executive Director of the Banking Control Commission of Lebanon (BCCL). He is also member of the Higher Banking Council at the Central Bank of Lebanon. Since February 2000, he is the representative of the Association of Banks in the BCCL.

Between 1984 and 2000, Dr. Awad was a banker in Lebanon and France.

He also has a long academic career as he started teaching Economics, Statistics, Mathematics and Operational Research at Saint-Joseph University of Beirut in 1973, while he was preparing his PhD in Economics.

He was appointed Professor in 1980, and was Dean of the "University Institute of Technology" until 1983.

Since he started his Banking career in 1984, he never stopped his academic activity, until today.

Dr. Awad is also the Coordinator of the "Basel II Implementation and Enhancement Task Force in Lebanon". He is the Representative of the BCCL at the "Groupe des Superviseurs Bancaires Francophones".

Dr. Awad is the author of many articles in the specialized press; he has been a speaker in many Seminars and Conferences on Risk Management, Corporate Governance, Basel II Implementation etc... in many countries, including International Organizations.