



**Arab Initiative on Governance for Development  
(GfD)**

**Theme on**

“Citizens, Civil Society, and Public Sector Reform within the Arab Region”

**First Regional Meeting of the Working Group**

Under the Patronage of  
H.E. Mr. Fouad Saniora, Prime Minister of Lebanon

**Draft Agenda**

29 and 30 September 2005  
Gefinor Rotana Hotel, Beirut – Lebanon

## **Day One: Thursday 29 September 2005**

- 8.30 – 9.30                      *Registration*
- 9.30 – 11.00                    **Opening Session**
- Opening Statements by:
- Ms. Mona Hammam, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UN Resident Coordinator – Lebanon
  - H.E. Mr. Patrick Renault, Head of the European Delegation
  - H.E. Mr. Jean Oghassabian  
Minister of State for Administrative Reform (OMSAR), Lebanon
  - H.E. Mr. Fouad Saniora, Prime Minister of Lebanon
  - The participating Arab ministers
- 11.00 – 11.30                    *Coffee Break*
- 11.30 – 12.30                    First Session  
**Review of the GfD Initiative, Workshop Objectives and Expected Outcomes**
- Chair:                      H.E. Minister Jean Oghassabian, OMSAR
- Speaker:                    Mr. Salim Nasr, Senior Advisor, UNDP POGAR
- 12.30 – 14.00                    *Lunch*
- 14.00 – 16.00                    Second Session  
**Citizens as Partners: European Experiences on Citizens' Information, Consultation and Public Participation in Policy Making**
- Chair:                      -----
- Speaker:                    Mr. Robert Bonwitt, Director, SIGMA Project, OECD
- 16.00 – 16.30                    *Coffee Break*
- 16.30 – 18.00                    Third Session  
**Open Government: European Experiences in Fostering Dialogue with the Civil Society**
- Chair:                      -----
- Speaker:                    Mr. Marc Grambereger, Consultant with GBN Europe
- 20.30                                *Dinner hosted by the Ministry of State for Administrative Reform, Lebanon  
(At Al-Halabi Restaurant, Downtown Beirut)*

## **Day Two: Friday 30 September 2005**

9.00 – 11.00

### Fourth Session

#### **The Lebanese Experience in Access of Citizens to the Public Sector and Civil Society Consultation**

Chair: Judge Georges Awwad  
President, Central Inspection Bureau  
Office of the Prime Minister, Lebanon

#### Speakers:

- The Initiatives of OMSAR:
  - o Mr. Atef Merhi, Director General, OMSAR
- AFKAR Project (OMSAR and EU):
  - o Ms. Youmna Ghoraieb, Project Manager
- The Lebanese Parliamentary Committees:
  - o Mr. Riad Ghannam, Director  
Committees Department, Lebanese Parliament

11.00 – 11.30

*Coffee Break*

11.30 – 13.00

### Fifth Session

#### **Arab Experiences in Citizens' Access to the Public Sector and Participation in Policy Making**

Chair: -----

- Introductory Remarks:
  - o Mr. Musa Shteivi, General Director, Jordan Center for Social Research
  - o Mr. Nader El-Moumni, ---, Morocco
  - o Ms. Fethia Bent Ali Saiidi, ---, Tunisia

13.00 – 14.30

*Lunch*

14.30 – 16.00

### Sixth Session

#### **Arab Experiences in Civil Society's Consultation and Partnership with the Public Sector**

Chair: -----

- Introductory Remarks:
  - o Ms. Amani Kandil, Executive Director, Arab Networks for NGO's
  - o Mr. Nader Said, Director  
Development Studies Programme, Birzeit University, Palestine
  - o Mr. Abel Nasser Djabi, Professor of Sociology, University of Algeria

16.00 – 16.30

*Coffee Break*

16.30 – 18.00

### Closing Session

#### **Citizens, Civil Society, and Public Sector's Reform – Stock-taking and Next Phase of the Working Group**

20.30

*Dinner hosted by UNDP – POGAR (Venue to be determined)*