



**Regional Bipartite Workshop on
Workers' and Employers' Organizations and the United Nations:
Promoting Social Justice in a Changing Arab Region**

Beirut, 13-14 December 2011 – Golden Tulip Hotel

Provisional Agenda

Day 0:

Parallel meetings for workers' and employers' representatives in preparation for the workshop

Day 1:

08.30 -09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.20	Opening Remarks <i>Maurizio Bussi</i> , Deputy Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Arab States (ROAS) <i>Robert Watkins</i> , United Nations Special Coordinator a.i. and United Nations Resident Coordinator, Lebanon
09.20 – 10.30	Session I: The strategic role of the United Nations in a changing Arab region <i>Chairperson: Maxwell Gaylard,</i> <i>United Nations Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process</i> <i>United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, UNSCO, Jerusalem</i> - Regional United Nations Development (R/UNDG) Strategy for the Arab States, including diagnosis of lessons learnt <i>Mona Hammam</i> , Senior Adviser, Policy and Strategy, WFP and Former Deputy Regional Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States Discussant: <i>Ahmad Al Najjar</i> , Director of Al Ahram Center for Economic Studies -Open discussion
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.40	Session II: The Arab Region at a crossroads <i>Chairperson: Maurizio Bussi, Deputy Regional Director, ILO ROAS</i> - Overview of Development Challenges in the Arab Region: A Decent Work perspective <i>Zafiris Tzanattos</i> , Senior Regional Adviser, Macroeconomics and Employment Policy, ILO ROAS <i>Khalid Abu-Ismaïl</i> , Regional Poverty and Macroeconomics Adviser, UNDP Regional Centre, Cairo Discussants: <i>Obeid Briki</i> , Trade Unions, Tunisia (Workers' perspective) <i>Ihab Khaled Magableh</i> , Director, Consultation and Training Centre and Head, Department of Management Sciences, The German-Jordanian University (Enterprise and employment growth) -Open discussion

12.40-13.40	Session III: Freedom of association as a prerequisite for promoting social justice in a changing Arab region The Workers' Perspective <i>Chairperson: Fateh Azzam, OHCHR Regional Representative for the Middle East</i> Speaker: <i>Hadja Kadous, Director of Institute for Research and Studies, General Trade Unions, Algeria ad Workers' Member of the ILO Governing Body</i> Discussant: <i>Walid Hamdan, Regional Desk Officer, Arab States, ILO Geneva (Bureau for Workers' Activities)</i> -Open discussion
13.40 – 14.40	Lunch break
14.40-15.20	Session IV: Sharing the collaborative experiences of the UN and the social partners in the Middle East and in other regions <i>Chairperson: Mona Hammam, Senior Adviser, Policy and Strategy WFP</i> An Introduction to UN Reform – Shaza G. Al Jondi, UN Reform Analyst, ILO ROAS Case studies: - Iraq: Engagement of Social partners in the UN Development Assistance Framework <i>Georges Georgi, UNFPA Representative, Iraq</i>
15.20 – 15.40	Coffee break
15.40-16.15	Session IV continued - Other Regions: Mainstreaming Decent Work in the UN Development frameworks <i>Anita Amorim, Senior Specialist, Partnerships and Development Cooperation Department, ILO Geneva</i> <i>Sanchir Tugchimgee, Senior Employers' Specialist, ILO Bureau for Employers' Activities, Geneva</i> - Open discussion
16.15 – 16.45	Wrap up of the first day <i>Jean Francois Klein, Chief Regional Programming Services, ILO ROAS and Anita Amorim, ILO Geneva</i>

Day 2:

09.00 – 10.30 **Session V: National Development Frameworks and UN Country Programming in Support of National Plans and Priorities**

Chairperson: TBC

Overview of UN Development frameworks and country programming in relation to national development plans

Shaza G. Al Jondi, UN Reform Analyst, ILO ROAS and *Anita Amorim*, ILO Geneva

- Case studies:

Occupied Palestinian territory: Alignment of the UN strategy with the national development framework

Maxwell Gaylard, United Nations Deputy Special Coordinator,

United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, UNSCO, Jerusalem

Anwar Kabaja, Director of Finance and Private Sector Department,

Ministry of Planning & Administrative Development, Palestinian Authority

Jordan: The national application of the ILO Global Jobs Pact

Maher Al-Mahrouq, Manager of Employment, Training and HRD Department, Jordan Chamber of Indust

Ahmad Shawabkeh, General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions

- Open discussion

10.30 – 11.45 **Session VI: Mainstreaming Decent Work in the Work of the UN: The Role of Social Partners**

Chairperson: Simel Esim, Senior Gender Specialist, ILO ROAS

UN Chief Executives Board - Toolkit on Mainstreaming Employment and Decent Work

Shaza G. Al Jondi, UN Reform Analyst, ILO ROAS

- Case Studies:

Opt: Experiences from the Gender MDGF Project

Mounir Kleibo, Representative, ILO Jerusalem Office

Eman Salah, Director of the Social Dimension Unit, Ministry of Labour, Palestinian Authority

Amneh Abu Ein, Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions

Lebanon: Assessing the Green Jobs potentials

Rana Tebcharani, Association of Lebanese Industrialists (ALI)

Boutros Saadeh, Member of the CGTL Executive Board.

- Open discussion

11:45-12.10 **Coffee Break**

12.10-13.10 **Session VII - Moving Forward: Grasping New opportunities for collaboration between the UN system and the social partners**

Chairperson: Jean-Francois Klein, Chief Regional Programming Services, ILO ROAS

Initiatives to ensure better engagement of the social partners with the UN in the Arab region

The ILO Workers' Literacy Programme

Mustapha Said, Senior Workers' Specialist, ILO ROAS

The Social Protection Floor

Ursula Kulke, Senior Social Protection Specialist, ILO ROAS

- Open discussion

13:10-14:00 **Workshop conclusions and pointers for future action**

Maurizio Bussi, ILO ROAS

Ghassan Ghosn, President of CGTL

Association of Lebanese Industrialists (speaker to be confirmed)

14:00 **Lunch**
