



The ILO Regional Office for Arab States (ILO-ROAS), in collaboration with the Association of Lebanese Industrialists, is pleased to invite you to a round-table discussion on the role of the agro-food and cooperatives sectors in advocating for the development of a comprehensive national vision for the agriculture and agro-food sectors, in addition to their potential in creating sustainable and decent jobs across the country, in particular in rural areas.

The event will take place at the Gefinor Rotana Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon on 19 July, 2017

Meeting Agenda:

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| 9:00-9:30 | Welcome coffee and registration |
| 9:30-9:45 | Welcome speech |
| 9:45-10:00 | Introductory session on ILO Project: Role of Employers' Organizations in decent and sustainable job creation in the agro-food sector in Lebanon |
| 10:00- 10:20 | Presentation of the sector report: Overview of the agro-food sector prospects and challenges |
| 10:20-11:00 | Discussion |
| 11:00-11:20 | Coffee break |
| 11:20-12:20 | Discussion on skills gaps and the need for technological turn |
| 12:20-13:20 | Discussion on cooperative legal reform: Based on the cooperative movement principle and governance of the sector, regulate and facilitate cooperative creation |
| 13:20-13:45 | Wrap up and conclusions |