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# ▶ Iraq's Labour Market: Realities and Aspirations

July 4, 2021 - Babylon Rotana Hotel

Agenda

09:00 - 09:40	<b>▶ Opening</b>	
	<b>▶ Opening ceremony - Holy Qur'an and National Anthem</b>	
	Representative of the Prime Minister	
	<b>Dr. Adel Al-Rikabi</b> Minister of Labour and Social Affairs	
	<b>Dr. Maher Johan</b> Technical Deputy of the Ministry of Planning	
	<b>Ms. Irena Vojáčková-Sollorano</b> UN Deputy Special Representative and Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq	
	<b>Mr. Martin Huth</b> European Union Ambassador to Iraq	
<b>Dr. Maha Kattaa</b> Country Coordinator of the International Labour Organization in Iraq		
09:40 - 09:45	<b>▶ Introductory Video</b>	
09:45 - 11:15	<b>▶ Labour Market in Iraq - Challenges and Opportunities</b>	
	<b>Moderator: Dr. Falah Hasan Thwini</b> - Al Mustansareh University	
	<b>Speaker 1</b>	<b>Barbara Egger</b> Head of Cooperation- EUD The role of the international community in supporting an effective labour market, capable of creating decent work opportunities in Iraq
	<b>Speaker 2</b>	<b>Dr. Maher Johan, Dr. Maha Abdel Kareem and Alia Ismael</b> Ministry of Planning The role of economic reform in reducing unemployment and creating jobs for youth
	<b>Speaker 3</b>	<b>Dr. Amjad Rabi</b> International Labour Organization Labour market and social protection in Iraq
	<b>Speaker 4</b>	<b>Dr. Nidhal Shakir Jouda and Dr. Hanaa Abdulghafour Hammoud</b> Al Mustansareh University Measuring the informal economy and integrating it into the formal labour market
	<b>Speaker 5</b>	<b>Hayder Salim Kareem and Zayd Khalil Ismael</b> Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Unemployment in Iraq's economy: causes and solutions
	<b>Speaker 6</b>	<b>Tewodros Kebede and Svein Erik Stave</b> The Fafo Institute for Labour and Social Research Impact of COVID-19 on the labour market, focusing on the informal economy
11:15 - 11:30	<b>▶ Coffee break</b>	
11:30 - 13:00	<b>▶ The role of the private sector and investment in creating decent employment</b>	
	<b>Moderator: Dr. Safaa Al Shummary</b> - Legal and Economic Advisor for the Federation of the Chamber of Commerce	
	<b>Speaker 1</b>	<b>Julia Smith</b> International Organization for Migration Supporting the private sector: from training and financial services to the creation of decent jobs
	<b>Speaker 2</b>	<b>Hussein Alaa Jaafar</b> Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs The role of investment in achieving economic development
	<b>Speaker 3</b>	<b>David Cordobés</b> International Trade Center Improving economic development and creating employment opportunities through developing trade policies and value chains

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	<b>Speaker 4</b>	<b>Nebras Mohammed Abbas</b> Middle Technical University FDI and SMEs - Selected Experiences
	<b>Speaker 5</b>	<b>Dr. Kareem Abd Sajer, Dr. Eiad Hussein Mohammed Ali and Abdulsalam Jwad Akdhem</b> Middle Technical University Ways to develop and promote effective communication between Iraqi universities and the labour market
13:00 - 14:00	► <b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 - 15:30	► <b>Active labour market policies and programmes in Iraq</b>	
	<b>Moderator: Dr. Kazem Shamkhi</b> - Labour and workers union advisor	
	<b>Speaker 1</b>	<b>Elaf Kandouo</b> GIZ Youth Employment Promotion program – Approaches and Measures
	<b>Speaker 2</b>	<b>Yousra Hamed</b> International Labour Organization Advancing livelihoods through financial inclusion in Iraq
	<b>Speaker 3</b>	<b>Dr. Ebtihaj Ismael Yacoub, Dr. Buthaina Rashed Hameedi and Zeina Khodour Abbas</b> Al Mustansareh University Applying modern financial technologies to enhance financial inclusion to support SMEs in the Iraqi environment in light of the COVID-19 pandemic
	<b>Speaker 4</b>	<b>Dr. Abdulmohsin Naji Almohaysen and Dr. Fareed Majid Abd</b> Middle Technical University The framework of Iraqi professional and technical qualifications and its connection with the requirements of the labour market
	<b>Speaker 5</b>	<b>Aqeel Abdulnabi Aldelphi</b> Al Mustansareh University The role of industrial policy in the development of small businesses in Iraq post- 2003
	<b>Speaker 6</b>	<b>Mahab Madani</b> UNDP Comprehensive approach to livelihoods by UNDP Iraq
15:30 - 17:00	► <b>Towards the development of an integrated and comprehensive national employment policy</b>	
	<b>Moderator: Dr. Wafaa Jaffar Al Mahdawi</b> - Al - Mustansareh University - Economic advisor at the Ministry of Planning	
	<b>Speaker 1</b>	<b>Dr. Mahdi Al Allak</b> Economic researcher and advisor Towards an employment policy that responds to the needs and ambitions of youth
	<b>Speaker 2</b>	<b>General Supervision: Mr Raed Jabar Majida Mane'</b> Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs The vision of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs for the future of work in Iraq
	<b>Speaker 3</b>	<b>Bashar El Samarneh</b> International Labour Organization <b>Mohammed Ezzat and Samera Yousef</b> Independent Researchers Employment and job creation from the perspective of the White Paper and the UN Framework for Sustainable Development
	<b>Speaker 4</b>	<b>Zahraa Mohammed Hasan al Waseti</b> Ministry of Planning Review of employment policies in selected Arab States
	<b>Speaker 5</b>	<b>Sattar Danbous</b> President of the General Federation of Trade Unions in Iraq National employment policy between the dialectics of reality monitoring and the loss of opportunities
	<b>Speaker 6</b>	<b>Dr. Tariq Haq and Jad Yaseen</b> International Labour Organization Developing the capacity of national entities to design and implement a national employment policy that complies with international standards
17:00 - 17:15	► <b>Recommendations and the way forward - Closing remarks</b>	
17:15 - 17:30	► <b>Honoring distinguished participants</b>	