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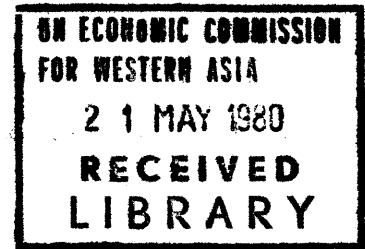


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Seminar on the Arab Brain Drain
4 - 8 February 1980
Beirut, Lebanon



Information to Participants

1. Venue of the Seminar

The Seminar on the Arab Brain Drain will be held at the Carlton Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon, from 4 - 8 February 1980.

The opening session will be held on Monday, 4 February 1980, at 11 a.m.

2. Registration

A Registration Desk will be set up in the foyer of the Carlton Hotel on 3 February 1980. Participants are requested to call at the desk on Monday, 4 February between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. for filling the registration cards and collecting their badges.

3. Accommodation

Arrangements have been made with the management of the Carlton Hotel to give reduced rates to the Seminar participants.

The rates are:	Single room with bath	50 Lebanese Pounds (L.P.)
	Continental Breakfast	10 Lebanese Pounds
	Lunch/Dinner	20 Lebanese Pounds

The above rates are inclusive of service charges.

4. Entry Visa

All participants should have a valid entry visa into Lebanon. Participants having visa problems should notify the representatives of the ECWA Secretariat as soon as possible.

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5. Travel Facilities

Most international airlines have regular flights into and out of Beirut International Airport. However, participants are advised to confirm their return travel arrangement as early as possible.

During the Seminar, a travel desk will be set up in the foyer of the Carlton Hotel to assist participants in making their travel arrangements.

6. Telephone and Telex Facilities at Carlton Hotel

The telephone numbers of the Carlton Hotel are 800 240/1/2/3/4/5.

The telex number of the Carlton Hotel is CARLITN 20396 LE.

7. Addresses of ECWA

Postal Address: Seminar on the Arab Brain Drain
Natural Resources, Science and Technology Division
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Cable Address: UNATIONS ECWA BEIRUT

Telex Address: 20624 LE

Telephone Numbers: 278226/7 (Ext. 160/1/2/3)

8. Banking Facilities

A large number of local and foreign banks are available in Beirut and notably in Hamra area, about 10 minutes by car from the Carlton Hotel. The working hours of the banks are from 8.30 to 12.30. In addition, a large number of exchange dealers/houses, located mainly in Hamra area, provide currency exchange services, daily from 9.00 to 18.00.

The national currency used is the Lebanese Pound (L.P.), the value of which is approximately given by the following average exchange rates:

1US\$ = 3.29 LP
1£ = 7.50 LP
1FF = 0.81 LP

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9. Working Languages

The working languages of the Seminar are essentially Arabic and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be made from each language into the other. Moreover, discussions which are initiated in French will be simultaneously interpreted into English.

10. Documentation

Two types of documentation will be made available to the seminar participants: Seminar Papers and Background Documents.

All Seminar papers will be distributed in their original language. The English version of Seminar papers prepared originally in French or Arabic, will to the extent feasible, be made available to participants during the Seminar.

Other reports, and position papers on the subject received from Arab States, regional and international organizations, will be circulated as background documents.

