



ESCWA

FRIEDRICH
EBERT
STIFTUNG

FES



ERF

C-3
Distr.
LIMITED
E/ESCWA/ID/1997/WG.1/1
19 June 1997
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Expert Group Meeting on the Impact
of the Peace Process on Selected Sectors
23-25 June 1997
Amman

AGENDA*

CO-SPONSORED BY:

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)
Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran & Turkey (ERF)

HOSTED BY:

Amman Chamber of Industry

* Issued as submitted.

Marriot Hotel, Amman, Tel: 607607, Fax: 607100

23-25 June 1997

Day (1) Monday 23 June 1997	18:00 - 9:00		Registration
	9:00 - 9:30		Inauguration
	Coffee Break		
	10:00 - 11:45	SESSION (1):	* ESCWA Introductory note
	Break		* The changing international environment: WTO and Euro-Med initiative
	12:00-13:00	SESSION (2):	
	Lunch Break		Prospects of trade relations
	14:30 - 16:00	SESSION (3):	
	Coffee Break		Prospects of trade relations, continued
	16:15-17:45	SESSION (4):	State of industrial sector in Palestine National Authority area

Day (2) Tuesday 24 June 1997	9:00 - 11:00	SESSION (5):	Industrial relations in selected industrial sectors	
	Coffee Break		TRACK 1	TRACK 2
	11:30 - 13:15	SESSION (6):	Industrial relations in selected industrial sector: Textile and garment	Industrial relations in selected industrial sector: Electronics and software, Country studies
	Lunch Break			
	14:45 - 16:15	SESSION (8):	Industrial relations in selected industrial sector: Textile and garment, country studies	Industrial relations in selected industrial sector: Electronics and software, Country studies, continued
	Coffee Break			
	16:30 - 17:45	SESSION (10):	Industrial relations in selected industrial sector: Textile and garment, country studies, continued	

Day (3) Wednesday 25 June 1997	10:00 - 12:00	SESSION (11):		
			* ESCWA concluding note * Meeting findings and conclusions/panel discussion	

DAY (1): Monday, 23 June 1997

8:00 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 9:30 Inauguration

- Ahmed Farahat
- Khaldoun Abu Hassan
- Heba Handoussa
- Manfred Haack
- Hazem El-Beblawi

9:30 - 10:00 Coffee Break

10:00 - 11:45 **SESSION (1)**
Chairperson: *Ahmed Farahat*

- **ESCWA Introductory Note**
- **The changing international environment: WTO and Euro-Med initiative**
 - Links between bilateral and multilateral economic agreements for the countries of the ESCWA region
 - The proposed free trade agreement between Lebanon and the European Union countries: Evaluation and recommendations

Hassan Charif

Lorenza Jachia

Iskandar Moukarbel

11:45 - 12:00 Break

12:00 - 13:00 **SESSION (2)**
Chairperson: *Heba Handoussa*

- **Prospects of trade relations**
 - Prospects of trade in manufactured products: the case of ESCWA countries and Israel

Samiha Fawzi

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 16:00 ● **SESSION (3)**
Chairperson: *Tayseer Abdel Jaber*

- **Prospects of trade relations, continued**
 - The political economy of liberalization and privatization in the Israeli economy
 - Economic exchange under asymmetrical options: the challenge of peace with Israel

Fadle Naquib

Atef Kubursi

16:00 - 16:15 Coffee Break

16:15 - 17:45 **SESSION (4)**
Chairperson: *Fadle Naqib*

- **State of industrial sector in Palestine National Authority area**
 - Palestinian industrial sector in light of peace and closures
 - Investment of the Palestinian Diaspora in the manufacturing sector in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip

Radwan Shaban

Sari Hanafi

DAY (2): Tuesday, 24 June 1997

9:00 - 11:00 SESSION (5)

Chairperson: *Atef Kubursi*

● **Industrial relations in selected industrial sectors:**

- Impact of peace process on high-tec industries: the case of electronics and software
- Impact of the peace process on labor-intensive industries: the case of textile and garments

Hassan Charif

Antoine Mansour

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

TRACK 1

11:30 - 13:15 SESSION (6)

Chairperson: *Atef Kubursi*

● **Industrial relations in selected industrial sector:
Textile and garment**

- The relation between the impact of the WTO and the Euro-Mediterranean initiative, and the impact of the peace process on the industrial sector in selected ESCWA countries
- International trade in textiles and clothing under WTO
- The restructuring process of the Israeli garment industry

*Maamoun Abdel Fattah
Umayma Yamut*

Blandine Destremau

13:15 - 14:45 Lunch Break

14:45 - 16:15 SESSION (8)

Chairperson: *Alwalid Elshafei*

● **Industrial relations in selected industrial sector:
Textile and garment, country studies**

- The case of Egypt
- The case of West Bank and Gaza Strip

*Hana'a Kheireddine
Mohammed Nasr*

16:15 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 17:45 SESSION (10)

Chairperson: *Alwalid Elshafei*

● **Industrial relations in selected industrial sector:
Textile and garment, country studies, continued**

- The case of Jordan and Lebanon
- The case of Syria

*Riad Khoury
Shawkat Mourad*

DAY (2): Tuesday, 24 June 1997

9:00 - 11:00 **SESSION (5)**

Chairperson: *Atef Kubursi*

● **Industrial relations in selected industrial sectors:**

- Impact of peace process on high-tec industries: the case of electronics and software
- Impact of the peace process on labor-intensive industries: the case of textile and garments

Hassan Charif

Antoine Mansour

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

TRACK 2

11:30 - 13:15 **SESSION (7)**

Chairperson: *Kamel Jabbar*

● **Industrial relations in selected industrial sector:**

Electronics and software, country studies

- The Israeli electronic industry
- The case of Egypt
- The case of West Bank and Gaza Strip

Ribhi Abu El-Haj

Rushdi El-Hadidi

Salah Abdel Shafi

13:15 - 14:45 Lunch Break

14:45 - 16:15 **SESSION (9)**

Chairperson: *Ribhi Abu El-Haj*

● **Industrial relations in selected industrial sector:**

Electronics and software, country studies, *continued*

- The case of Lebanon
- The case of Syria
- The case of Jordan

Mohammed Mekdashi

Shawkat Mourad

Riad Khoury

16:15 - 16:30 Coffee break

DAY (3): Wednesday, 25 June 1997

10:00 - 12:00 **SESSION (11)**

Chairperson: *Hassan Charif*

- **ESCWA concluding note**
- **Meeting findings and conclusions/panel discussion**

Note: - Time allocation for presentation is 20-30 min/paper.
- Discussion time will be decided each session by the chairperson.

LIST OF SPEAKERS

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Hazem El-Beblawi
Executive Secretary

Ahmed Farahat
Chief
Sectoral Issues and Policies Division (SIPD)

Hassan Charif
Chief
SIPD/Industry Section

Antoine Mansour
Industrial Development Officer
SIPD/Industry Section

Umayma Yamut
Industrial Development Officer

Amman Chamber of Industry

Khaldoun Abu Hassan
President

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

Manfred Haack
Managing Director

Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey (ERF)

Heba handoussa
Managing Director

Azza Shinnawi
Research Officer

Experts

Alwalid Elshafei
General Manager
Score Consultants
Egypt

Atef Kubursi
Professor of Economics
Mc Master University, Canada

Blandine Destremau
Research Manager
Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, France

Fadle Naquib
Professor of Economics
University of Waterloo, Canada

Shawkat Mourad
Arthur Andersen
Syria

Hana'a Kheireddine
Professor of Economics
Cairo University, Egypt

Iskandar Moukarbel
Lebanese Centre for Policies Studies, Lebanon

Lorenza Jachia
Associate expert
Technical Cooperation Project for the Mediterranean Region
UNCTAD

Maamoun Abdel Fattah
Egypt

Mohammed Mekdashi
Director General
TEAM International

Mohammed Nasr
Dean of Faculty of Economics
Birzeit University

Radwan Shaban
Research Fellow (ERF)
Associate Professor of Economics
Georgia Institute of Technology

Riad Khoury
Director
Middle East Business Associates

Ribhi Abu El-Haj

Rushdi El-Hadidi

Salah Abdel Shafi
Director
The Development Resource Centre

Samiha Fawzi
Professor of Economics
Faculty of Economics and Political Science
Cairo University, Egypt

Sari Hanafi
Researcher
Centre d'études et de documentation économique et juridique, CEDEJ

