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Expert Group Meeting on the Preparation for the MDGs 2007
Amman, 26-27 February 2007

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday, 26 February 2007

- 8:30-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-9:15 Opening speech, Tarik Alami (ESCWA-EAD)
- 9:15-10:00 **Human Rights and Rights-Based Approach to Achieving the MDGs**
Presenter: Fateh Azzam (UN-OHCHR)
- Integrating a Gender perspective in the MDG's**
Presenter: Rania Jazairi (ESCWA-Center for Women)
- Gender empowerment and participation**
Presenter: Dana Malhas (UNIFEM)
- 10:00-10:30 Discussions
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:00 **Demographic Profile in the Arab World and Youth Development**
Presenter: Jad Chaaban (AUB)
- Youth Employment and Education**
Presenter: Heba Nassar (AUC)
- 12:00-12:30 Discussions
- 12:30-13:45 Lunch
- 14:00-15:00 **Health Issues and the Youth**
Presenter: Rima Afifi-Suweid (AUB)
- Social, Cultural and Political Participation of Male and Female Youth**
Presenter: Mona Fayad (Lebanese University)
- Trends in health issues and the Youth**
Presenter: Krishna Belbase (UNICEF)

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- 15:00-15:30 Discussions
- 15:30-17:30 **Roundtable with Youth NGOs**
Moderator: Adib Nehmeh (UNDP)

Tuesday, 27 February 2007

- 9:00-10:00 **Environmental Issues and the Youth**
Presenter: Iyad Abumoghli (UNDP)
- Governance in MDG-Based National Development Strategies**
Presenter: Khalil Gebara (Lebanese Transparency Association)
- 10:00-10:30 Discussions
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:00 **Social and Economic Development Strategies that Lead to Rapid Economic and Human Development**
Presenter: Hatim Hatim (ESCWA-EAD)
- Youth Friendly Policies to Address the Key Concerns of Arab Youth: Youth Employment, Decent Work, Social Protection**
Presenter: Tariq Haq (ILO)
- MDG-based Development Strategies in Conflict and Post-Conflict Countries**
Presenter: Ingo Pitterle (ESCWA-EAD)
- 12:00-12:30 Discussions
- 12:30-13:45 Lunch
- 14:00-15:30 **Policy Outlook from a Government Perspective: A Discussion Session**
Moderator: Tarik Alami (ESCWA-EAD)
- 15:30-15:45 Closing
- 16:00-17:30 **Meeting of drafting committee of the UN MDGs Report in the Arab World 2007**