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**Workshop on International Migration and Development in the ESCWA Region:
Integrating International Migration into Development Strategies**

Beirut, Lebanon
19-22 July 2010

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday, 19 July 2010

Morning Session (09:00 – 13:00)

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

Opening Ceremony: Welcome and introduction

9:30 – 9:50 *Opening remarks of Mr Bader Al-Dafer, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia*

9:50 – 10:10 *Opening remarks of Ms. Maureen Achieng, Migration Policy Officer, International Organization for Migration*

10:10 – 10:30 *Opening remarks of Mr. Hassan Ibrahim Al-Mohannadi, Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Population, Qatar*

10:30 – 11:00 *Break*

Session 1. International Migration and Development in the Arab Mashreq and the GCC Countries: Challenges and Opportunities.

11:00 – 11:30 *I. The Core Issues of International Migration and Development in the GCC – Labour Migration (Mr. Magdi Abdelkader Ibrahim, Cairo Demographic Centre)*

11:30 – 11:40 *Discussant: Mr. Ibrahim Awad (American University of Cairo)*

11:40 – 12:00 *Discussion*

12:00 – 12:30 *II. Remittances and their Impact on Development in the Arab Mashreq Countries (Mr. Mohammed Khachani, Université Mohamed V)*

12:30 – 12:40 *Discussant: Mr. Munther Sharé (Social Development Division, ESCWA)*

12:40 – 13:00 *Discussion*

13:00 – 15:00 *Lunch*

Afternoon Session (15:00 – 17:00)

15:00 – 15:30 *III. Key Issues on International Migration: Transnational Communities and Development (Mr. Boutros Labaki, Lebanese Institute for Economic and Social Development)*

15:30 – 15:40 *Discussant: His Excellency Mr. Haitham Jumaa (Directorate of Emigrants, Lebanon)*

15:40 – 16:00 *Discussion*

16:00 – 16:30 *IV. Brain Drain in the Arab Mashreq Countries (Mr. Salam Kawakibi, Arab Reform Initiative)*

16:30 – 16:40 *Discussant: Ms. Batool Shakoori (Social Development Division, ESCWA)*

16:40 – 17:00 *Discussion*

Tuesday, 20 July 2010

Morning Session (09:30 – 13:00)

Session 2. Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning

09:30 – 10:00 *I. Mainstreaming Migration into Development: Theories and Practices (Ms. Maureen Achieng, International Organization for Migration)*

10:00 – 10:30 *Discussion*

- 10:30 – 11:00 *Break*
- 11:00 – 11:30 *II. Mainstreaming Migration into Development: Measuring the Brain Drain in the OECD Region (Mr. Jean-Christophe Dumont, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development)*
- 11:30 – 12:00 *Discussion*
- 12:00 – 12:30 *III. Mainstreaming Migration into Development: Experiences in Regional Consultative Processes from the Region (Mr. Julien Simon, International Centre for Migration Policy Development)*
- 12:30 – 13:00 *Discussion*
- 13:00 – 15:00 *Lunch*
- Afternoon Session (15:00 – 17:30)*
- 15:00 -15:30 *IV. Mainstreaming Migration into Development: The Nature and Importance of Regional Consultative Processes on Migration (Ms. Maureen Achieng, International Organization for Migration)*
- 15:30 – 16:00 *Discussion*
- 16:00 – 16:30 *Break*
- 16:30 – 17:00 *V. Mainstreaming Migration into Development: Means and Mechanisms of Regional Consultative Processes on Migration (Mr. Nedhal Al-Banna, Labour Market Regulatory Authority, Bahrain)*
- 17:00 – 17:30 *Discussion*

Wednesday, 21 July 2010

Morning Session (09:30 – 13:00)

Session 3. Presentation of Reports on International Migration Statistics and Policies

- 09:30 – 10:00 *I. Report on the Existing Institutional Arrangements and Migration Policies in the ESCWA Region Mr. Ahmed Ghoneim, Cairo University)*
- 10:00 – 10:10 *Discussant: Ms. Heba Nassar (American University of Cairo)*

10:10 – 10:30 *Discussion*

10:30 – 11:00 *Break*

11:00 – 13:00 *II. Presentation of the Country Reports*

Free Afternoon

Thursday, 22 July 2010

Morning Session (09:30 – 13:00)

Session 4. Hands-On Session on Integrating Migration into Development Strategies

09:30 – 11:30 *I. Working Group Session*

11:30 – 12:00 *Break*

12:00 - 12:40 *II. Presentation of Working Group Results*

12:40 – 13:00 *III. Discussion*

13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch**

Afternoon Session (15:00 – 16:30)

15:00 – 16:30 **Session 5. Conclusions and Recommendations**
Chairperson: TBD

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