



**Expert Group Meeting on
Strengthening Accountability & Transparency
and Fighting Corruption in the Arab Region
Beirut, 23 -24 October 2003**

Agenda

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23, 2003

WELCOME & OPENING SESSION

9:00 – 10:00 Introductory Remarks by:

- **H. E. Mr. Karim Pakradouni**, Minister of State for Administrative Reform – Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform (OMSAR), Lebanon
- **Dr. Joseph Torbey**, Chairman – Union of Arab Banks
- **Mr. Rolf Alter**, Deputy Director of Public Governance and Territorial Development Unit & Head of Programme on Regulatory Reform - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Mr. Adel Abdellatif**, Regional Coordinator of the Programme on Governance in the Arab Region - The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

SESSION I: OECD PRESENTATION

10:30– 12:30

Moderator: H. E. Mr. Boutros Harb - Member of Parliament, Lebanon

Subject: Overview/Presentation on the International experiences on Strengthening Accountability & Transparency and Fighting Corruption.

Questions & Discussion

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch Break

SESSION II: LEGAL ASPECTS OF TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY AND FIGHTING CORRUPTION

14:00 – 16:00

Moderator: H. E. Mr. Youcef Zainal - Member of Shura Council, Bahrain

Subject: Discussion on Legal Structures in the Arab Countries and the International Level in the Field of Transparency & Accountability and Fighting Corruption (Laws, Procedures, Administrative control, Transparency in Fiscal, Procurement in Public Biddings, Bribery as a Crime...).

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee Break

SESSION III: INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY AND FIGHTING CORRUPTION

16:15 – 18:15

Moderator: H. E. Mr. Suleiman Traboulsi – Former Minister of Hydraulics Resources, Lebanon

Subject: Discussion on the Role of Public Organizations in the Field of Accountability & Transparency and Fighting Corruption (Integrity, Organizational Framework, Developing the Public Sector...).

20:30

Dinner hosted by the Minister Of State for Administrative Reform H. E. Mr. Karim Pakradouni in honor of the Participants.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24, 2003

SESSION IV: THE PRIVATE SECTOR/ INVESTMENT AND TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY AND FIGHTING CORRUPTION

9:30 – 12:00

Moderator: Dr. Fouad Chaker – Secretary General , The Union of Arab Banks

Subject: Discussion on the Relationship between Investment and Accountability & Transparency and Fighting Corruption (The Role of the Banking Sector, the Role of Companies, Effectiveness & Efficiency of Public Administration...).

12:00 – 12:30

Coffee Break

CLOSING SESSION

12:30 – 14:00

Recommendations and Future Actions

- H. E. Mr. Karim Pakradouni, Minister of State for Administrative Reform – Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform (OMSAR), Lebanon
- Mr. Adel Abdellatif, Regional Coordinator of the Programme on Governance in the Arab Region - The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

14:00 **Lunch hosted by the United Nations Development Programme in honor of the Participants**

Afternoon: Free time and departure