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Lebanese Parliament

## **Parliament and the Process of Reform The Arab Mashreq and the Italian Experiences**

### **Regional Seminar**

#### *Agenda*

**23-25 July, 2007**  
Beirut – Lebanon

## **Day One: Monday July 23, 2007**

9:30 10:00 *Registration*

10:00 11:00 **Opening Session: Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar**

**Dr. Salim Nasr**

Senior Advisor, UNDP-Programme on Governance in the Arab Region

**Hon. Gianni DE MICHELIS**

President of IPALMO

**Hon. Abdellatif EL-ZEIN**

Chairman, Foreign Affairs and Emigrants Committee, Lebanese Parliament

11:00 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 13:00 **Session 1: Decentralization and Regional Development: Challenges and Issues for Parliaments**

**Moderator**

**Hon. Abdellatif EL-ZEIN**

Chairman, Foreign Affairs and Emigrants Committee, Lebanese Parliament

**Presentations**

The Experience of Italy

**Mr. Gianluca ANSALONE**

IPALMO Researcher, Italian Deputy Prime Minister Staff Member

The Experience of Lebanon

**Dr. Issam MOUBARAK**

Professor of Law, Lebanese University

The Experience of Jordan

**Mr. Hussein ABU RUMMAN**

Executive Director,  
Urdun Al Jadid Research Center (UJRC)

The Experience of Iraq

**Mr. Hayder Muthanna MOHAMMAD**

Researcher, Research Directorate in the Iraqi Council of Representatives

**Discussants**

The Italian model of representing the cultural, linguistic, territorial and social differences within economic development

**Hon. Enzo Giorgio GHIGO**

Senator and Deputy Chairman of Regional Affairs Committee of the Italian Senate, Former President of the Piedmont Region

13:00 15:00 *Lunch*

15:00 16:30 **General Discussion on Decentralization and Regional Development**

**Moderator**

**Hon. Robert GHANEM**

Chairman, Committee of Justice and Administration, Lebanese Parliament

**Discussion and exchange of opinions among Jordanian, Iraqi, Lebanese and Italian MPs**

20:00 *Dinner hosted by UNDP-POGAR at the Mounir Restaurant, Broumana*

## **Day Two: Tuesday July 24, 2007**

9:00 10:30 **Session 2: The Representative Functions of Parliaments and the Relations with Constituencies**

**Moderator**

**Hon. Hussam AL-AZAWI**  
Member of the Iraqi Parliament

**Presentations**

The Experience of Italy

**Dr. Eszter SALGÒ**  
Italian Researcher (IPALMO)

The Experience of Lebanon

**Dr. Tony ATALLAH**  
Professor of Law and Political  
Science, Lebanese University

The Experience of Jordan

**Dr. Nizam BARAKAT**  
Professor of Political Science,  
Yarmouk University, Jordan

The Experience of Iraq

**Mr. Mustafa Najy WAHED**  
Researcher, Research Directorate in  
the Iraqi Council of Representatives

**Discussants**

The Experience of a Member of  
the European Parliament and a  
Member of the Euromed  
Parliamentary Assembly

**Hon. Cristiana MUSCARDINI**  
Member of the European Parliament,  
Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee  
on International Trade

10:30 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 11:30 **Press conference held by President of IPALMO, a representative of UNDP-POGAR, one MP from each of the participating delegations and the Project Coordinator**

11:30 13:00 **General Discussion on Parliamentary Representation**

**Moderator**

**Hon. Eman AL-FADHELY**  
Member of the Iraqi Parliament

**Discussion and exchange of opinions among Jordanian, Iraqi, Lebanese and Italian MPs**

13:00 15:00 *Lunch*

15:00 16:30 **Session 3: The Role of Parliaments in Promoting Transparency and Fighting Corruption**

<b>Moderator</b>		<b>Hon. Adab AL SAOUD</b> Member of the Jordanian Parliament
<b>Presentations</b>	The Experience of Italy	<b>Mr. Roberto CAJATI</b> IPALMO Researcher, Analyst for the Italian Institute for Africa and the Orient
	The Experience of Lebanon	<b>Dr. Khalil GEBARA</b> Executive Director, Arab Region Parliamentarians Against Corruption
	The Experience of Jordan	<b>Dr. Hani HOURANI</b> Director General, Urdun Al Jadid Research Center (UJRC)
	The Experience of Iraq	<b>Mr. Firas Jasim MOUSA</b> Researcher, Research Directorate in the Iraqi Council of Representatives
<b>Discussants</b>	The importance of fighting counterfeiting	<b>Hon. Cristiana MUSCARDINI</b> Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on International Trade

16:30 17:00 *Coffee Break*

17:00 18:30 **General Discussion on the Parliament and the Fight against Corruption**

<b>Moderator</b>		<b>Hon. Nabil SALEEM</b> Member of the Jordanian Parliament
<b>Discussion and exchange of opinions among Jordanian, Iraqi, Lebanese and Italian MPs</b>		

### **Day Three: Wednesday July 25, 2007**

9:00 10:30 **Session 4: Round Table: The Parliament and Civil Society: A Parliamentary and Civil Society Perspective**

**Moderator**

**Sen. Gian Guido FOLLONI**  
IPALMO Parliamentary Advisor  
and Vice President of IPALMO

**Presentations**

Lebanese Civil Society and the  
Parliament

**Dr. Kamel MOHANNA**  
President, Amel Association

Jordanian Civil Society and the  
Parliament

**Mr. Ziyad AL-ALAWNEH**  
Chairman, Land and Human to  
Advocate Progress, Jordan

Iraqi Civil Society and the  
Parliament

**Mr. Saad AL DUROOBY**  
Director, Larsa Center for Legal  
Studies and Human Rights, Iraq

Politics and civil society in the  
market economy: values vs.  
interests

**Prof. Alessandro COSTA**  
Professor of International  
Economic Law, University  
Parthenope, Naples. Project  
Coordinator of IPALMO

The organized civil society, the  
political forces and the parliament.  
Independence in making choices,  
desirable synergies, necessary  
synergies

**Dr. Sergio MARELLI**  
President of the Italian Association  
of NGOs

**General Discussion**

10:30 11:00 **Closing Session: Concluding Remarks by President of IPALMO and Representative of UNDP-POGAR**

11:00 12:30 **Visit of the Parliamentary Delegates to the Speaker of the Lebanese Parliament, H.E. Mr. Nabih Berry**

12:30 14:30 *Lunch hosted by the Lebanese Parliament at "Bayti" Restaurant, Verdun*