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IRAQ-JORDAN-LEBANON

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

Final Seminar

Agenda

15 - 16 July, 2008
Beirut, Lebanon

Day One: July 15, 2008

9:00 9:30 *Registration*

9:30 10:00 **Opening Session: Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar**

Mr. Abdellatif EL-ZEIN
*Chairman, Foreign Affairs and Emigrants
Committee, Lebanese Parliament*

Mr. Gabriele CHECCHIA
Ambassador of Italy in Lebanon

Mr. Gianni DE MICHELIS
*President of IPALMO, Member of the
European Parliament, Former Minister of
Foreign Affairs*

Mr. Salim NASR
*Senior Advisor, UNDP-Programme on
Governance in the Arab Region*

10:00 10:30 *Coffee Break*

10:30 12:30 **Session 1: Results and Outputs of the Project - Studies**

Moderator

Mr. Habis AL-SHABEEB
*Member of the House of Representatives,
Jordan*

Presentations

Review and Assessment of
Study Results – Italy

Mr. Carlo G. CERETI
*Professor of Iranian studies, University of
Rome 'La Sapienza', IPALMO Project
Coordinator*

Review and Assessment of
Study Results – Arab
Region

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

Discussants

Mr. Dario RIVOLTA
*Delegated for Foreign Affairs of 'Forza
Italia' Political Party, Italy*

Ms. Iman AL-FADHLI
*Member of the Council of Representatives,
Iraq*

Mr. Mohammad AL-SHARAH
*Member of the House of Representatives,
Jordan*

Mr. Mohammad KABBANI
Member of Parliament, Lebanon

General Discussion

12:30 14:30 *Lunch*

14:30 16:30 **Session 2: Results and Outputs of the Project - Regional Workshop and Study Tour**

Moderator		Ms. Iman AL-FADHLI <i>Member of the Council of Representatives, Iraq</i>
Presentations	Review and Assessment of the Regional Workshop Beirut, 23-25 July 2007	Ms. Rima HABASCH <i>Programme Specialist, UNDP-Programme on Governance in the Arab Region</i>
	Review and Assessment of the Study Tour Rome, 4-10 February 2008	Mr. Carlo G. CERETI <i>Professor of Iranian studies, University of Rome 'La Sapienza', IPALMO Project Coordinator</i>
Discussants		Mr. Fabio MELLONI <i>UTL Lebanon, Cooperation for Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy</i>
		Mr. Habis AL-SHABEEB <i>Member of the House of Representatives, Jordan</i>
		Mr. Michel MOUSSA <i>Chairman, Human Rights Committee, Lebanese Parliament</i>

General Discussion

20:00 *Dinner Hosted by UNDP-POGAR at Bsateh Restaurant, Beirut*

Day Two: July 16, 2008

9:30	11:30	Session 3: Round Table on the Role of the Media in the Parliamentary Work
		Moderator Ms. Iman AL-FADHLI <i>Member of the Council of Representatives, Iraq</i>
		Presentation Ms. Rita CHARARA <i>Journalist, Annahar Newspaper, Lebanon</i> Mr. Jihad MANSI <i>Journalist, Al-Ghad Newspaper, Jordan</i> Mr. Methaq Hekmat ADIL <i>Journalist, Iraqi Media Network, Iraq</i>
		General Discussion
11:30	12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
12:00	12:30	Concluding Session: The way forward
		Mr. Salim NASR <i>Senior Advisor, UNDP-Programme on Governance in the Arab Region</i> Mr. Gianni DE MICHELIS <i>President of IPALMO, Member of the European Parliament, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs</i> Mr. Cesare Maria RAGAGLINI <i>Director General for the Mediterranean and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy</i>
12:30	13:30	Press Conference
13:30		<i>Lunch</i>