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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>I. The Core Issues of International Migration and Development in the GCC – Labour Migration (Mr. Magdi Abdelkader Ibrahim, Cairo Demographic Centre)</i>
11:30 – 11:40	<i>Discussant: Mr. Ibrahim Awad (American University of Cairo)</i>
11:40 – 12:00	<i>Discussion</i>
12:00 – 12:30	<i>II. Remittances and their Impact on Development in the Arab Mashreq Countries (Mr. Mohammed Khachani, Université Mohamed V)</i>
12:30 – 12:40	<i>Discussant: Mr. Munther Sharé (Social Development Division, ESCWA)</i>
12:40 – 13:00	<i>Discussion</i>
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon Session (15:00 – 17:00)</i>	
15:00 – 15:30	<i>III. Key Issues on International Migration: Transnational Communities and Development (Mr. Boutros Labaki, Lebanese Institute for Economic and Social Development)</i>
15:30 – 15:40	<i>Discussant: His Excellency Mr. Haitham Jumaa (Directorate of Emigrants, Lebanon)</i>
15:40 – 16:00	<i>Discussion</i>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>IV. Brain Drain in the Arab Mashreq Countries (Mr. Salam Kawakibi, Arab Reform Initiative)</i>
16:30 – 16:40	<i>Discussant: Ms. Batool Shakoory (Social Development Division, ESCWA)</i>
16:40 – 17:00	<i>Discussion</i>

Tuesday, 20 July 2010

Morning Session (09:30 – 13:00)

Session 2. Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning

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

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

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

10:10 – 10:30	<i>Discussion</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:00 – 13:00	<i>II. Presentation of the Country Reports</i>
	<i>Free Afternoon</i>

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>I. Working Group Session</i>
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Break</i>
12:00 - 12:40	<i>II. Presentation of Working Group Results</i>
12:40 – 13:00	<i>III. Discussion</i>
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>

Afternoon Session (15:00 – 16:30)

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