## Tentative Agenda:
Regional Consultation Meeting on
**Corridors for Vital Connectivity in the Arab Region**
Beirut, UN House, 23 April 2018

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| 8:30-9:00     | **SESSION (1)**
Opening Speeches
Moderator: Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene (ESCWA) | Welcome Coffee and Registration                                                  |
| 9:00-9:30     | **SESSION (2)**
Present Situation of Networks and the Energy and Transport Corridors for Vital Connectivity in the Arab Region
Moderator: Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene (ESCWA) | - LAS Experience in Transport and Logistics Connectivity between the Arab Countries (HE Dr. Kamal Hassan Ali, Assistant Secretary General, LAS).
- Oil and Gaz (HE Eng. Sufian Al Alao, Former Minister of Oil and Mineral Resources in Syria) |
| 9:30-11:00    | **SESSION (3)**
Related Experiences and Success
Moderator: Mahmoud ABDULLAT (AULT) | - Related Experience of Gulf Cooperation Council (Dr. Mohammad Al Rashidi, Director of Electricity and Water, GCC,)
- Related Experience of Arab Maghreb Union (Dr. Lotfi Sebouai, Director of Infrastructure, AMU).
- Success stories of regional transport corridors (Konstantinos Alexopoulos, ECE). |
| 11:00-11:15   | **Coffee Break**                                                         |                                                                                   |
| 11:15-12:15   | **SESSION (4)**
Perspectives for Future
Moderator: Khaled HANAFY (UAC) | - Regulatory and Technical Requirements for the Connectivity of Transport and Logistics Networks in the Arab Region (HE Dr. Lina Shbeeb, Former Minister of Transport in Jordan)
- IDB Approach to Regional Connectivity (Mr. Syed Quadry, Acting Director, Country Strategy and Cooperation Department, IDB)
- ESCWA Project on the formulation of Common Vision for Transport Connectivity in the Arab Region (Yarob Badr, Regional Advisor on Transports & Logistics, ESCWA) |
| 12:15-13:30   | **LUNCH**                                                                |                                                                                   |
| 13:30-15:00   | **SESSION (5)**
Future Directions
Moderator: [Name] (Institute) | - [Describe the content of the session if provided] |
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| **15:15-16:15** | SESSION (5)  
Open Discussion  
Moderators:  
Yarob BADR (ESCWA)  
Nazar Diab (IDB) | Presentations by the Representatives of invited institutions such as WB, IRU, CETMO, EBRD, etc. (TBD).  
- Corridors for Connectivity In Africa: Current initiatives (Mr. Soteri GATERA, Chief, Industrialization & Infrastructure Section, UNECA)  
- The Trans-Maghreb Multimodal Corridor: the backbone of the Maghreb transport system. (Mr. Oscar OLIVER, Director General, CETMO).  
- World Bank approach to vital connectivity in the Arab region, (Ms. Mira MORAD, World Bank, Beirut). |
| **16:15-16:45** | SESSION (6)  
Conclusions and Closing | - Mr. Syed Quadry (IDB)  
- Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene (ESCWA) |