Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
Expert Group Meeting
Financing for Sustainable Development—Illicit Financial Flows & Trade Mis invoicing
Beirut, 8-9 May 2017

Provisional Agenda
(Updates furnished through the designated web page on ESCWA web site)

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**Monday, 8 May 2017**

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<td>- Mr. Samir Hammoud, Chairman of the Banking Control Commission of Lebanon (BCCL)</td>
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<td>- Mr. Mohamed El-Hacene, Director, Economic Development and Integration Division (EDID), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA)</td>
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11:00-12:30  Session 1: Regional Perspectives: Illicit Financial flows & Trade Misinvoicing

Moderator: Mr. Paul Cochrane, Director of Media, Journalist and Co-Founder, Triangle Consultants

Speakers:

➢ Illicit Financial Flows from Africa: The Economic Commission for Africa Perspective, Mr. Gamal Ibrahim, Chief, Finance and Private Sector, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

➢ Overview of Illicit Capital Outflows in the Arab Region, Mr. Khaled Hussein, Chief Forecasting Section, Macroeconomic Policy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

➢ Illicit Financial Flows: Case Study of Lebanon, Mr. Jassem Ajaka, Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon

Discussion

12:30-13:30  Session 2: Legal Definitions and Parameters of Illicit financial Flows

Moderator: Mr. Gamal Ibrahim, ECA

Speakers:

➢ Combating Illicit Financial Flows as a Means to Economic Growth: Legal Challenges and Suggested Regulatory Mechanisms to Tackle Illicit Financial Flows, Mr. Ali Zbeeb, President, Development Association for Nurturing Arab Leadership and Innovation (DANALI)

➢ The Impact of Compliance on Illicit Financial Flows, Mr. Paul Cochrane, Director of Media, Journalist and Co-Founder, Triangle Consultants

Discussion

13:30-14:30  Lunch Break- Cafeteria (ESCWA Cafeteria-Ground Floor)

14:30-15:15  Session 3: Illicit Financial Flows & Trade Misinvoicing in the Arab Region

Moderator: Mr. Jassem Ajaka, Professor at the Lebanese University

Speakers:

➢ Report on Illicit Financial Flows and Trade Mis invoicing in the Arab Region: Background, Objectives and Methodology, Mr. Joseph Curry Spanjers, Senior Economist, Global Financial Integrity (GFI), Washington D.C., USA

15:15-15:45  Coffee Break

15:45-16:30  Discussion

End of Day 1
Tuesday, 9 May 2017

09:30-11:30  Session 4: Illicit Financial Flows and Trade Misinvoicing in the Arab Region
   Moderator: Mr. Hisham Taha, Economic Advisor EDID, UN ESCWA
   Speaker:
   ➢ Outcomes of Report on Illicit Financial Flows and Trade Misinvoicing in the Arab Region, Mr. Joseph Curry Spanjers, Economist, Global Financial Integrity, Washington D.C., USA
   Discussion

11:30-12:00  Coffee Break

12:00-13:00  Session 5: The Arab Financing for Development Score Card
   Moderator: Mr. Khaled Hussein, UN ECA
   Speakers:
   ➢ Finance in Reverse: The Arab Score Card, Mr. Hisham Taha, UN ESCWA and Ms. Angelic Salha, Expert, EDID, UN ESCWA
   Discussion

13:00-13:30  Session 6: Recommendations and Future Steps
   Moderator: Mr. Hisham Taha, ESCWA

13:30  Closing Remarks