Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Expert Group Meeting on Regional Financial Integration
24 November 2016
UN House
Beirut, Lebanon

08:30 – 09:00  Registration of Participants

09:00 – 09:15  Opening Session: Welcoming Remarks
Mr. Moctar Mohamed El Hacene
Director
Economic Development and Globalization Division (EDID)


Chairperson:  Mr. Mohamed Chemingui
Chief
Regional Integration Section
EDID

Presentation on the Concept Note of the “Assessing Arab Economic Integration Report 2: the missing role of trade in services”

Ms. Nathalie Grand
Regional Integration Section
EDID

Discussant:  Mr. Riadh Ben Jelili
Director Research and Studies Department
Arab Investment & Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (DHAMAN)

10:00 – 10:30  Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00  Session Two: Arab Financial Integration and Stability

Chairperson:  Mr. Saad Andary
Second Vice-Governor
Banque du Liban
Financial Integration in the Arab region: a focus on monetary coordination and a presentation of new ideas and developments

**Mr. Wassim Shahin**  
Professor of Economics/Assistant Provost for Special External Projects  
Lebanese American University

The Global Financial Crisis and Regional and International Financial Integration of Arab Financial Markets

**Mr. Simon Neaime**  
Professor of Economics and Finance  
Director, Institute of Financial Economics  
American University of Beirut

**Discussants:**  
Mr. Sami Ben Naceur  
Deputy Director  
International Monetary Fund  
Middle East Center for Economics and Finance

Ms. Layal Mansour  
Professor of Finance and Economics  
American University of Beirut

Mr. Riad Al Khouri  
Director, Middle East  
GeoEconomica GmbH

12:00 – 13:00  
Lunch

13:00 – 14:30  
Session Three: The role of Banking Integration in facilitating Arab Economic Integration

**Chairperson:**  
Ms. Riwa Nasreddine  
Regional Integration Section  
EDID

Cross-Border Banking Issues, Supervisions and Regulations

**Mr. Saad Andary**  
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View from Private Financial Institutions

Mr. Nassib Ghobril
Chief Economist and Head of the Economic Research & Analysis Department
Byblos Bank Group

Financial Dependence Patterns among Arab Banking Sectors in the Aftermath of the 2007 Global Financial Crisis

Mr. Amir Armanious
Lecturer
Macquarie University and University of Technology Sydney

Discusants:

Mr. Salim Chahine
Professor of Finance and MBA Director
American University of Beirut

Mr. Mohamed Safouane Ben Aissa
Professor of Economics
Head of the Research Laboratory of Quantitative Economics of Development
University of Tunis El Manar

14:30 – 15:00
Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:30

Session Four: Harnessing the role of the financial sector in the Arab Economic Integration Initiatives: Methodological aspects for a policy-oriented research

Chairperson: Mr. Mohamed Chemingui
Chief
Regional Integration Section

From trade negotiations to impacts analysis of alternative financial liberalization scenarios: a methodological view

Mr. Mehmet Eris
Regional Integration Section
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Identification and Classification of Regulations on Financial Services Integration and Liberalization

Ms. Nathalie Grand
Regional Integration Section
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Discussants:  

Mr. Musa Shteiwi  
Director  
Center for Strategic Studies  

Mr. Nabil Jedlane  
Professor  
Université Abdelmalek ESSAADI  

16:30 – 16:45  Wrap up and Concluding Remarks  
Mr. Moctar Mohamed El Hacene  
Director  
EDID