Expert Group Meeting on Transport and Connectivity to GVCs  
Tuesday 15th November 2016  
CR 1, ESCWA,  
Beirut, Lebanon  

Agenda

09:00 – 9:30 Registration of Participants

09:30 – 10:00 Opening Session: Welcoming Remarks and objectives of the EGM  
Mohamed El-Hacene, Director EDID  
Economic Development and Integration Division - ESCWA

10:00 – 11:30 Session One: - Impediments to connecting to GVCs and the role of transport  
Chair: Mr. Mohamed Chemingui  
Chief Regional Integration Section (RIS),  
Economic Development & Integration Division (EDID),  
ESCWA

- Challenges facing developing countries in connecting to GVCs  
Mr. Raed Safadi, Chief Economist, Dubai government

- The role of transport in connecting to GVCs  
Mr. Adel Al Ghaberi, First Economic Affairs Officers, Regional Integration Section, ESCWA

- Discussion
11:30-12:00  
*Coffee Break*

**12:00-13:30  Session Two:** - Transport performance and connectivity to GVCs  
Chair: Mr. Raed Safadi  
Chief Economist, Dubai government

- Transport and connectivity to GVCs: Illustrations for Africa  
Mr. Ochozias Gbaguidi,  
Economic Affairs officer, Chief Sub regional Initiative ECA

- Transport cost and International Trade  
Dr. Yarob Badr, Regional Advisor on Transport & Logistics EDID- ESCWA

- Discussion

**13:30-14:30  Lunch break**

**14:30-15:30  Session Three:** - Arab integration in Services  
Chair: Adel Alghaberi  
Regional Integration Section, EDID- ESCWA

- Transport services in international & Regional Trade negotiations: identification of regulations  
Ms. Nathalie Grand, Economic Affairs officer, Regional Integration section EDID- ESCWA

- Discussion

**15:30 – 16:00** - Wrap-up of the Day