AGENDA

Regional Consultation
to Prepare ESCWA Member Countries
for the Follow-up International Conference on
Financing for Development

29-30 April, 2008

Millennium Hotel
Doha – Qatar
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### Tuesday 29th April, 2008

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| 09:00 - 09:30 | **Opening Session:**  
|              | • H.E. Mr. Badr Omar Al-Dafa, UN-Under Secretary General, Executive Secretary, UN-ESCWA  
|              | • H.E. Mr. Maged Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations  
|              | • H.E. Mr. Yousef Hussain Kamal, Minister of Finance and Acting Minister of Economy and Commerce, State of Qatar |
| 09:30 - 09:45 | **Coffee Break** |
| 09:45 - 10:45 | **Session One:**  
|              | **Progress Made Since Monterrey Conference**  
|              | **Chair:**  
|              | H.E. Mr. Maged Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations  
|              | **Speakers:**  
| 09:45 - 10:00 | • Mr. Hazem Fahmy, UN-DESA  
| 10:00-10:15   | • Mr. Abulgism Abdullah, UN-ESCWA  
| 10:15:10:45   | **Interactive Debate**  
| 10:45 - 11:30 | **Break** |
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### Session Two:

**Review Chapter I of the Monterrey Consensus:**
Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Development

**Chair:**
Mr. Hazem Fahmy, UN-DESA

**Speakers:**
- Mr. Mushtaq Khan, University of London, UK
  *Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Development in Arab Countries*
- Ms. Rima Turk Arris, Lebanese American University
  *The Role of Tax Revenues in Development Finance in ESCWA Region*
- Mr. Fawzi Behzad, Securities and Commodities Authority, United Arab Emirates
  *The Role of Arab Stock Markets in Financing for Development*

**Interactive Debate**

**Review Chapter IV of the Monterrey Consensus:**
Increasing International Financial and Technical Cooperation for Development

**Chair:**
Ms. Fawzya Al-Mubarak, Abu Dhabi Fund for Development

**Speakers:**
- Mr. Talaat Abd ElMalek, PEMA and Consultant to the World Bank
  *Official Development Assistance to and from ESCWA Region*
- Shaikh Hamad bin Nasser Al-Theni, Qatar Development Bank
  *The Experience of Qatar Development Bank in Development Finance*
- Mr. Mohamed Al-Salem, Islamic Development Bank
  *The Islamic Development Bank Experience in Financing for Development*
- Mr. Mohamed Al-Hadidi and Mr. Khaled Al-Khaled, Kuwait Fund
  *The Role of Kuwait Fund for Economic Development in Development Finance*

**Interactive Debate**

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| 13:15 - 14:30| **Session Three:**  
Review Chapter II of the Monterrey Consensus:  
Mobilizing International Resources for Development  

**Chair:**  
Mr. Adel Khalil, Council of Arab Economic Unity  

**Speakers:**  
- Mr. Riad Meddeb, UNCTAD  
*Foreign Direct Investment: Mobilizing International Resources for Development in ESCWA Region*  
- Ms. Mona Abu Elkheir, General Authority for Investment and Free Zones, Egypt  
*Business Environment Benchmarking: Public Policy Tool to Attract FDI*  
- Ms. Nada Al-Hashmi, Ministry of Economy, UAE  
*Financing for Development in United Arab Emirates*  

**Interactive Debate** |

| 13:15 - 13:30 | Review Chapter V of the Monterrey Consensus:  
Debt and Debt Management  

**Chair:**  
Mr. Khaled Derbesti, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Qatar  

**Speakers:**  
- Mr. Salah Abusdra, Lebanese American University  
*External Debate in ESCWA Member Countries*  
- Ms. Amal Shebaro, Ministry of Finance, Lebanon  
*Internal Debt in ESCWA Member Countries*  

**Interactive Debate** |

| 14:30 - 15:30 | Lunch |
### Session Four:

Review Chapter III of the Monterrey Consensus: International Trade as an Engine for Development

**Chair:**
Mr. Talaat Abd ElMalek, PEMA

**Speakers:**
- Mr. Adel Khalil, Council of Arab Economic Unity  
  *Trade as an Engine for Growth*
- Mr. Mehdi Al-abduwani, Ministry of National Economy, Oman  
  *Financing for Development in Oman*
- Ms. Mona Abdel-Hafiz, Ministry of Planning, Palestine  
  *Financing for Development in Palestine*

### Review Chapter VI of the Monterrey Consensus:

Enhancing the Coherence and Consistency of the International Monetary, Financial and Trading Systems in Support of Development

**Chair:**
Mr. Fawzi Behazad, Securities and Commodities Authority, United Arab Emirates

**Speakers:**
- Mr. Aldo Caliari, Center of Concern, Washington.  
  *The International Monetary, Financial and Trading Systems in Support of Development*
- Ms. Rafif Berro, Ministry of Economy, Lebanon *(15Min)*  
  *Financing for Development in Lebanon*
- Ms. Mahy Abdellatif, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt  
  *Financing for Development in Egypt*

### Coffee Break

09:30 - 10:00
### Session Four (continued)

**Review Chapter III of the Monterrey Consensus: International Trade as an Engine for Development**

**Chair:**
Mr. Talaat Abd ElMalek, PEMA

**Speakers:**
- Mr. Ahmed El-Kawaz, Senior Economist, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait  
  *Trade Performance in ESCWA Member Countries*
- Mr. Fadlala Garzaldeen, State Planning Commission, Syria  
  *Financing for Development in Syria*

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**Chair:**
Mr. Fawzi Behazad, Securities and Commodities Authority, United Arab Emirates

**Speakers:**
- Mr. Khaled Derbesti, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Qatar  
  *The Impact of International Economic Environment on GCC Countries*
- Mr. Mohamad Al-Hamouri, Ministry of Finance, Jordan  
  *Financing for Development in Jordan*

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**Round Table to discuss Emerging Issues, Recommendations and the Adoption of the Declaration**

**Chair:**
H.E. Mr. Badr Omar Al-Dafa, ESCWA

**Lunch**