

Doing Business Advisory Workshop Comparing Business Regulation in 181 economies

Thursday, November 13, 2008

Serail, Beirut

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00am	Registration
9:00 – 9:30am	<i>Welcome Address and Introductory Remarks</i> H.E. Dr. Mohamad Chatah, Minister of Finance Demba Ba, Lebanon Country Manager, World Bank
9:30 – 10:00am	<i>Key Findings of "Doing Business 2009" With focus on Lebanon</i> Dahlia Khalifa, Senior Strategy Advisor, Doing Business Project, World Bank-IFC
10:00 – 10:30am	<i>Panel Discussion</i> Kamal S. Shehadi, Chairman, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority Robert Fadel, Vice Chairman, ABC - President, Bader Dahlia Khalifa, Senior Strategy Advisor, Doing Business Project, World Bank-IFC Moderator: Georges Nicolas, Projects Officer, IFC - Lebanon
10:30 – 10:45am	<i>Q&A Session</i> Moderator: Georges Nicolas, Projects Officer, IFC - Lebanon
10:45 – 11:00am	<i>Coffee Break</i> Media will leave
11:00am – 12:00pm	<i>Overview of Doing Business Methodology</i> Dahlia Khalifa, Senior Strategy Advisor, Doing Business Project, World Bank-IFC Karim Ouled Belayachi, Doing Business Analyst, World Bank-IFC
12:00 – 12:30pm	<i>Q&A Session</i>
12:30 – 1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>

1:30 – 2:30pm	<p><i>Showcase of Global Best Practices</i></p> <p>Starting A Business: Challenges in implementing reforms (15min) Georges Nicolas, Projects Officer, IFC-Lebanon Q&A session (5min)</p> <p>Building Permits: Challenges in implementing reforms (15min) Thomas Moullier, Operation Officer, IFC PEP MENA, IFC-Cairo Q&A session (5min)</p> <p>Property Registration: Case Study (15min) Penelope Fidas, Private Sector Development Specialist, World Bank-IFC Q&A session (5min)</p> <p>Moderated by: Dahlia Khalifa, Senior Strategy Advisor, Doing Business Project, World Bank-IFC</p>
2:30 – 2:40pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>
2:40 – 3:00pm	<p><i>Challenges in Implementing Reforms</i> Thomas Moullier, Operation Officer, IFC PEP MENA, IFC</p>
3:00 – 3:15pm	Q&A session
3:15 – 4:30pm	<p><i>Reform Doing Business in Lebanon – Developing an implementation plan</i></p> <p>Breakout session Participants will identify possible areas for reform and will discuss proposals for reform implementation/action plan with the Doing Business team</p> <p>Starting a Business session, moderator: Georges Nicolas Building Permits session, moderator: Thomas Moullier Enforcing Contracts, moderator: (tbc) Closing a Business, moderator: (tbc)</p> <p>Presentation of Group Action Plan/Timeline All groups will reconvene. Each group will present their timeline of their reform action plan</p> <p>Moderated by: Georges Nicolas, Thomas Moullier, Dahlia Khalifa, Penelope Fidas, and Karim Ouled Belayachi</p>
4:30 – 5:00pm	<p><i>Closing Remarks</i> H.E. Dr. Mohamad Chatah, Minister of Finance</p>