

MENA Infrastructure Forum of Regulators Conference – Draft Agenda

Day I – December 7, 2009

<i>Session</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Time</i>
	Registration	8.30 - 9.00
	Opening Session	9.00 - 9.40
	Welcoming Remarks - The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan H.E. Ms. Suhair Al-Ali, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation	9.00 - 9.20
	Opening Remarks - The World Bank Hedi Larbi, Country Director for Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq, World Bank	9.20 - 9.40
	Break	9.40 - 10.00
Session I	Introduction	10.00 - 11.00
	Objectives of the Conference Paul Nomba Um, Lead Economist, World Bank	10.00 - 10.10
	Keynote Address - <i>The Importance of Infrastructure and the Crucial Role of Regulation for Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction in MENA</i> Jose Luis Guasch, Senior Advisor World Bank	10.10 - 10.40
	Open Discussion	10.40 - 11.00
	Coffee Break	11.00 - 11.10
Session II	Infrastructure in the MENA Region - The Present State of Play	11.10 - 12.30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MENA's Infrastructure stock, and the need for Increased Infrastructure Investment to sustain future growth prospects. Infrastructure Reform Progress made so far Main Findings of the "<i>MENA Infrastructure Forum of Regulators Background Paper</i>" Moderator: Paul Nomba Um, Lead Economist, World Bank Rosalind Carey, IPA Energy + Water Economics	

	Open Discussion		12.00 - 12.30
	Lunch		12.30 - 1.30
Session III	What are the key Infrastructure Challenges in MENA?	Moderator: Omar Kittaneh, Minister, Palestinian Energy Authority	1.30 - 3.15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening the Policy, Institutional, Legal and Regulatory Framework 	Ian Benfield, IPA Energy + Water Economics	1.30 - 1.50
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobilizing Increased Private Sector Participation 	Moazzam Mekam, Regional Manager, IFC Advisory Services for MENA	1.50 - 2.10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing the Financial and Capital Market to Raise Adequate Levels of Infrastructure Financing 	Abraham Akkawi, Head of Infrastructure and PPP Advisory Services – Middle East, Ernst & Young	2.10 - 2.30
	Open Discussion		2.30 - 3.10
	Coffee Break		3.10 - 3.25
Session IV	Moving the Infrastructure Agenda Forward	Moderator: Mohamed Mustafa, CEO and Chairman, Palestinian Investment Fund	3.25 - 5.00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Benefits of Enhanced Regional Integration 	Marco Franco, Head of Delegation/Ambassador, Delegation of the European Commission in Cairo (TBC)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcoming the Weaknesses of the Financial Sector 	George Makhoul, Morgan Stanley (TBC)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building the Institutional Capacity 	Mohamed El-Sobki, Professor, University of Cairo	4.25 - 4.50
	Open Discussion		4.50 - 5.00
	Day 1 - Closing Remarks	Paul Noumba Um, Lead Economist, World Bank	
	Dinner – Sponsored by IFC		7:30

Day II – December 8, 2009

<i>Session</i>	<i>Subject</i>		<i>Time</i>
	Introduction and Objectives	Paul Noumba Um, World Bank	08.30 - 8.40
Session I	Keynote Address – <i>How Improved Regulatory Cooperation can serve to Overcome Infrastructure Challenges</i>	Pippo Ranci, Professor of Economic Policy at the Università Cattolica in Milan	8.40 - 9.10
Session II	Listening to the Regulators – Realities and Challenges	Moderator: Samia Melhem, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank	9.10 -10.40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water, Urban Transport and Other Utilities (Morocco) 	Mohamed Kadiri, Governor, Direction des Régies et services concédés	9:10 - 9:25
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telecommunication (Egypt) 	TBD	9:25 - 9.40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity (Jordan) 	TBD	9:40 – 9.55
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Transport Modes – Civil Aviation, Ports, Inter-Urban (GCC) 	TBD	9.55 – 10.10
	Open Discussion		10.10 - 10.40
	Coffee Break		10.40 - 10.50
Session III	Integrated Regional Regulatory Forums - Experiences Worldwide	Moderator: Mohamed El-Sobki, Professor, University of Cairo	10.50 - 12.30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAPIRF in East-Asia and the Pacific 	Katharina Gassner, Senior Economist, and Nima Heschmat, Jr. Professional Associate, World Bank	10.50 - 11.10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of AREGNET in the telecommunications sector 	Kamal Shehadi, Chairman and CEO, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, Lebanon	11.10 – 11.25
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of AERF in the power sector 	TBD	11.25 – 11.40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Others? ACWUA and water utilities 	TBD	11.45 – 12.00
	Questions & Answers		12.00 - 12.30
	Lunch		12.30 – 1.30
Session IV	Options For Infrastructure Regulatory Forum in MENA	Jose Luis Guasch, Senior Advisor World Bank	1.30 - 2.45

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Benefits of a Cross Sectoral Forum in the MENA Region • Scope • Organizational Structure • Funding 	Rosalind Carey, IPA Energy + Water Economics	1.30 - 2.00
	Open Discussion		2.00 - 2.45
	<i>Coffee Break</i>		2.45 - 3.00
<i>Session V</i>	Defining the Roadmap for a Regulatory Forum	Moderator, Paul Noumba Um, Lead Economist, World Bank	3.00 - 4.30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominate a committee to organize and facilitate communications among the group. • Agree on nature of future forum and broadly define scope and organizational structure • Set date and location for the first meeting of the new forum • Agree on a common Baseline Resolution defining next steps 		
	Closing Remarks	Hedi Larbi, Country Director for Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq- World Bank	4.30 - 4.45
	<i>Cocktail Reception</i>		4.45 – 5.45