



High Level Meeting and workshop

Following the Successful Conclusion of Yemen National Dialogue: The Work Begins

Work Programme

Day 1: Wednesday 11 June 2014	
9:00 – 9:45	<p>Official Opening</p> <p>Dr. Rima Khalaf, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - His Excellency Dr. Ali Ahmed AlDailmi, Ambassador of the Yemen Republic in Lebanon - His Excellency Dr. Abubakr A. Al-Qirbi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Yemen Republic
9:45 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 12:00	<p>Main Session: The overall context of the National Dialogue: Outcomes and Challenges</p> <p>This session will focus on the overall context of the National Dialogue conference, the role of national parties and international support, and on the factors that led to its success. It will also shed light on the challenges that still face the progress in achieving its outcomes.</p> <p>The session will discuss the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How was the mandate or responsibilities of the national dialogue decided? And how was the agenda of the national dialogue set? What determined it? • What were the formulas for inclusion and representation in dialogue initiatives beyond political the key political parties? Was there a quota system to ensure participation of women and youth? How was it established? • After agreeing on the National Dialogue outcomes, what are the challenges of implementing them and how can national consensus be ensured after the transitional period?

	<p>Discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Dr. Abdel Karim El-Eryani, Former Prime Minister and current Advisor to the President of the Yemen Republic - H.E. Mrs. Hooria Kaid, Minister of Human Rights of the Yemen Republic - H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al Mikhlafi, Minister of Legal Affairs of the Yemen Republic - Dr. Ahmed Bin Mubarak, Secretary General of the National Dialogue Conference <p>General Discussion</p>
12:00 – 13:30	Break
13:30 – 13:45	<p>Opening of the Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Frank Hagemann, Deputy Regional Director of the ILO Regional Office for Arab States - Mr. Karam Karam, Head of Research in the Common Space Initiative
13:45 – 15:15	<p>Session I: Implementing the outcomes of the National Dialogue</p> <p>This session will focus on implementation, especially the implementation of twenty and eleven successive points: confidence-building, reconciliation, transitional justice, security reform ... etc.</p> <p>The session will address the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did the National Dialogue deal with the political polarization and communal tensions accompanying the conference, especially in light of regional attempts to employ these tensions? • In light of regional power politics, how will the national dialogue outcomes be protected and implemented, in particular pertaining transitional justice and human rights? • What is the role of multilateral bodies and especially the United Nations in supporting national cohesion, national reconciliation and transitional justice? What are the mechanisms put in place to ensure the implementation what was agreed upon? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Abdulmalik AlMikhlafi (Member, Consultative Council) - Mrs. Nadia El Kawkabani (Member, National Dialogue Conference and Member, Guarantees Committee) <p>General Discussion</p>

15:15– 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:15	Session II: The Political Transformation to a Democratic Governance System
	<p>This session will focus on the dimension of the constitutional, legal and institutional path to build the state.</p> <p>The session will focus on the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the most important points of disagreement that faced the state building team inside the conference? How were they overcome? How as agreement on the federal state system achieved? How will this system ensure the implementation of the National Dialogue outcomes? • How will national reconciliation be achieved in light of continuous disagreement on the nature of the state? What are the mechanisms in place to attain consensus? • How will social and political coalitions be built in light of the existing balance of power among different political actors? Given these realities how will the outcomes be realized? What is the role of constitution in this context? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Khaled El-Obali (Member, National Dialogue conference) - Dr. Ali Assarari (Member, National Dialogue conference) <p>General Discussion</p>

Day 2: Thursday 12 June 2014

8:30 – 10:00	<p>Session III: Lessons Learned from the Arab Region</p> <p>This session is dedicated for presentations of Arab countries that underwent political transformation, with a special focus on Tunisia, in particular the Quarter Committee that managed the national dialogue between different political parties and resolve the political crisis.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Mohamed Mselmi (Deputy secretary-general in charge of labour education and workers culture)- Mr. Salaheddine Jourchi (Journalist, Al Hakaek Magazine) <p>General Discussion</p>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Session IV: Securing a Post National Dialogue Consensus</p> <p>This session will focus on the real challenges that could impede the implementation of the National Dialogue outcomes, focusing on the effective means to address them and improve the chances of achieving the goals. This session will focus on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the most significant successes of Yemen in achieving the national alignment during the transitional phase? How can national alignment continue without having the pre-revolution elite and other affected undermined groups resort to arms?• What are contingencies in place in case of failure or partial success in implementing National Dialogue outcomes by all parties?• What is the role of civil society and other components and national resources to ensure the implementation of the National Dialogue’s outcomes? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Ali El-Bkyty (Ansar Allah representative)- Mr. Ali Ashal (Member of Parliament) <p>General Discussion</p>
12:30-14:00	Break

14:00 – 17:00	Session V: Furthering National Development Efforts and Moving Forward: Needs and Ideas
	<p>In the case of Yemen, the economic and social development is considered a key component in the process of state-building, and cannot be separated in any way from the political, institutional and legislative path. The failure of development, or the inability to formulate effective economic and social policies and to achieve the Yemenis' demand for justice, equality and decent living, would be sufficient to thwart any political or institutional reform plan. This session will examine these issues in light of the National Dialogue deliberations. Four speakers representing the governments, public sector, labor federation and civil society will present their thoughts on the themes.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Othman Kako (Deputy Chairman of the General Federation of Yemen Workers' Trade Unions) - Mrs. Jamila Rajaa (Minister Plenipotentiary) - Mr. Yousuf El-Kuraimi (Businessman) <p>Second part of this session is a general discussion.</p> <p>During the meeting, the facilitation team shall take notes and submit at the beginning of the last session a recap of the issues raised. Some participants might be asked to submit a brief presentation about a specific experience perceived to be useful but which was presented during the meeting. The facilitation team will also review the priorities raised at the end of each session. It will discuss how to empower the public sector, particularly the ministries involved in development, in coordination with the prime minister's office, the Ministry of Planning and Civil Society Organizations, all of which will contribute in addressing the priorities of the national dialogue outcomes as well as pre-empt any potential conflict or mitigate its ramifications.</p> <p>This session concludes with future recommendations and suggestions.</p> <p>General Discussion and Recommendations</p>