

## **Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

Expert Group Meeting on Regional Financial Integration  
24 November 2016  
UN House  
Beirut, Lebanon

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration of Participants
- 09:00 – 09:15 *Opening Session: Welcoming Remarks*  
**Mr. Moctar Mohamed El Hacene**  
*Director*  
*Economic Development and Globalization Division (EDID)*
- 09:15 – 10:00 *Session One: Assessing Financial Integration in the Second Edition of ESCWA's Flagship Publication "Assessing Arab Economic Integration Report 2: the missing role of trade in services"*
- Chairperson:** **Mr. Mohamed Chemingui**  
*Chief*  
*Regional Integration Section*  
*EDID*
- Presentation on the Concept Note of the "Assessing Arab Economic Integration Report 2: the missing role of trade in services"
- Ms. Nathalie Grand**  
*Regional Integration Section*  
*EDID*
- Discussant:** **Mr. Riadh Ben Jelili**  
*Director Research and Studies Department*  
*Arab Investment & Export Credit Guarantee Corporation*  
*(DHAMAN)*
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 12:00 *Session Two: Arab Financial Integration and Stability*
- Chairperson:** **Mr. Saad Andary**  
*Second Vice-Governor*  
*Banque du Liban*

Financial Integration in the Arab region: a focus on monetary coordination and a presentation of new ideas and developments

**Mr. Wassim Shahin**

*Professor of Economics/Assistant Provost for Special External Projects  
Lebanese American University*

The Global Financial Crisis and Regional and International Financial Integration of Arab Financial Markets

**Mr. Simon Neaime**

*Professor of Economics and Finance  
Director, Institute of Financial Economics  
American University of Beirut*

**Discussants:**

**Mr. Sami Ben Naceur**

*Deputy Director  
International Monetary Fund  
Middle East Center for Economics and Finance*

**Ms. Layal Mansour**

*Professor of Finance and Economics  
American University of Beirut*

**Mr. Riad Al Khouri**

*Director, Middle East  
GeoEconomica GmbH*

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 14:30

*Session Three: The role of Banking Integration in facilitating Arab Economic Integration*

**Chairperson:**

**Ms. Riwa Nasreddine**

*Regional Integration Section  
EDID*

Cross-Border Banking Issues, Supervisions and Regulations

**Mr. Saad Andary**

*Second Vice-Governor  
Banque du Liban*

View from Private Financial Institutions

**Mr. Nassib Ghobril**

*Chief Economist and Head of the Economic Research & Analysis Department  
Byblos Bank Group*

Financial Dependence Patterns among Arab Banking Sectors in the Aftermath of the 2007 Global Financial Crisis

**Mr. Amir Armanious**

*Lecturer  
Macquarie University and University of Technology Sydney*

**Discussants:**

**Mr. Salim Chahine**

*Professor of Finance and MBA Director  
American University of Beirut*

**Mr. Mohamed Safouane Ben Aissa**

*Professor of Economics  
Head of the Research Laboratory of Quantitative  
Economics of Development  
University of Tunis El Manar*

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:30

*Session Four: Harnessing the role of the financial sector in the Arab Economic Integration Initiatives: Methodological aspects for a policy-oriented research*

**Chairperson:**

**Mr. Mohamed Chemingui**

*Chief  
Regional Integration Section*

From trade negotiations to impacts analysis of alternative financial liberalization scenarios: a methodological view

**Mr. Mehmet Eris**

*Regional Integration Section  
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Identification and Classification of Regulations on Financial Services Integration and Liberalization

**Ms. Nathalie Grand**

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*Discussants:*                    **Mr. Musa Shteivi**  
*Director*  
*Center for Strategic Studies*

**Mr. Nabil Jedlane**  
*Professor*  
*Université Abdelmalek ESSAADI*

16:30 – 16:45

*Wrap up and Concluding Remarks*  
**Mr. Moctar Mohamed El Hacene**  
*Director*  
*EDID*