

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	



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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
12.00 - 15.00	Lunch

13:00 - 14:30

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

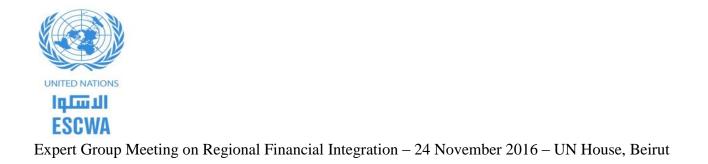
Chairperson: Ms. Riwa Nasreddine Regional Integration Section EDID

Cross-Border Banking Issues, Supervisions and Regulations *Mr. Saad Andary Second Vice-Governor Banque du Liban*



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	View from Private Financial Institutions <i>Mr. Nassib Ghobril</i>		
	Chief Economist and Head of the Economic Research & Analysis Department Byblos Bank Group		
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	Financial Dependence Patterns among Arab Banking Sectors in the Aftermath of the 2007 Global Financial Crisis		
	Mr. Amir Armanious		
	Lecturer		
	Macquarie Unive	rsity and University of Technology Sydney	
	Discussants:	Mr. Salim Chahine	
		Professor of Finance and MBA Director	
		American University of Beirut	
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		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		
	EDID		
	Identification and Classification of Regulations on Financial Services Integration		
	and Liberalization		
	Ms. Nathalie Grand		
	Regional Integration Section		
	EDID		



Discussants:

Mr. Musa Shteiwi 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