



Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

**Expert Group Meeting on Transport and Connectivity to GVCs
Tuesday 15th November 2016**

CR 1, ESCWA,

Beirut, Lebanon

Agenda

- 09:00 – 9:30** Registration of Participants
- 09:30 – 10:00 *Opening Session*:** Welcoming Remarks and objectives of the EGM
Mohamed El-Hacene, Director EDID
Economic Development and Integration Division - ESCWA
- 10:00 – 11:30 *Session One*:** - **Impediments to connecting to GVCs and the role of transport**
Chair: Mr. Mohamed Chemingui
Chief Regional Integration Section (RIS),
Economic Development & Integration Division (EDID),
ESCWA
- **Challenges facing developing countries in connecting to GVCs**
Mr. Raed Safadi, Chief Economist, Dubai government
 - **The role of transport in connecting to GVCs**
Mr. Adel Al Ghaberi, First Economic Affairs Officers, Regional
Integration Section, ESCWA
 - **Discussion**



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11:30-12:00

Coffee Break

12:00-13:30 *Session Two*: - Transport performance and connectivity to GVCs

Chair: Mr. Raed Safadi

Chief Economist, Dubai government

- **Transport and connectivity to GVCs: Illustrations for Africa**
Mr. Ochozias Gbaguidi,
Economic Affairs officer, Chief Sub regional Initiative ECA
- **Transport cost and International Trade**
Dr. Yarob Badr, Regional Advisor on Transport & Logistics
EDID- ESCWA
- **Discussion**

13:30- 14:30

Lunch break

14:30-15:30 *Session Three*: - Arab integration in Services

Chair: Adel Alghaberi

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- **Transport services in international & Regional Trade negotiations: identification of regulations**
Ms. Nathalie Grand, Economic Affairs officer,
Regional Integration section EDID- ESCWA
- **Discussion**

15:30 – 16:00

- Wrap-up of the Day