



# AGENDA

→ **Monday 13 December 2004**  
**Pre-Conference Activities**

## Parallel Meetings Morning Meetings

ERF Research Project	GDN	ERF-IDRC Research Project
<b>Medium and Small Enterprises (MSE)</b>	<b>The Impact of Rich Countries Policies on Poverty: A Global View</b>	<b>Assessment of Implementation of Regional Trading Agreements in the Arab Countries</b>
<b>Location: The Sanawbar Room</b>	<b>Location: The Pierre Room</b>	<b>Location: The Cedars Room</b>
<b>Chair:</b> Nader Fergany	<b>Chair:</b> Gary McMahon	<b>Chair:</b> Hana Kheir ElDin
<b>09:15-9:45 - Opening Session: Regional Overview of the Competitiveness of the SME in the MENA countries</b>	<b>09:00 – 09:45 - Iran Trade:</b> The Impacts of OECD Country Trade Liberalization on Agriculture and Food Security in Iran	<b>09:00 – 09:45</b> Presentation of Egypt case study
<b>Speaker:</b> Antoine Mansour	<b>Speaker:</b> Mohammed Bakhshoodeh	
	<b>Discussant:</b> Javad Sadegi	
<b>Chair: Heba Handoussa</b>	<b>9:45 – 10:30 - Tunisia/Regional Trade:</b> The Impact of common agriculture policy reform on poverty in Tunisia	<b>09:45 – 10:30</b> Presentation of Jordan case study
<b>09:45-10:30 - The Dynamic status of the MSE project in Egypt</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Mohamed Chemingui	
<b>Speaker:</b> Alya El Mahdy	<b>Discussant:</b> Ali Bayar	
<b>Discussant:</b> Tamer El-Meehy		
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b> Coffee Break	<b>10:30 – 11:00</b> Coffee Break	<b>10:30 – 11:00</b> Coffee Break
<b>Location: Foyer</b>	<b>Location: Foyer</b>	<b>Location: Foyer</b>
ERF Research Project	GDN	ERF-IDRC Research Project
<b>Location: The Sanawbar Room</b>	<b>Location: The Pierre Room</b>	<b>Location: The Cedars Room</b>
<b>Chair:</b> Erol Taymaz	<b>Chair:</b> Gary McMahon	<b>Chair:</b> Hana Kheir ElDin
<b>10:45-11:30 - Following up on the status of the MSE project in Turkey</b>	<b>11:00 – 11:45 - Morocco Aid, Investment, Migration, and Trade:</b> Impact of the European Union Policies on Economic Growth and Poverty in Morocco	<b>11:00 – 11:45</b> Presentation of Morocco case study
<b>Speaker:</b> Semsar Ozar	<b>Speaker:</b> Brahim Mansouri	
<b>Discussant:</b> Insan Tunali	<b>Discussant:</b> Sidi Mokamed Rigar	
<b>Chair: Azzeldin Azzam</b>	<b>11:45 – 12:30: Turkey Migration:</b> The effects of economic developments and policies in host countries on workers' remittance receipts of developing countries	<b>11:45 – 12:30</b> Presentation of Tunisia case study
<b>11:30-12:15 - The follow up survey of Morocco: where does MSE stand?</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Serdar Sayan	
<b>Speaker:</b> Bachir Hamdouch	<b>Discussant:</b> Aysit Tansel	
<b>Discussant:</b> Jacques Charmes		
<b>Chair: (to be confirmed)</b>	<b>12:30 – 13:00: Discussion</b>	
<b>12:15 - 13:00 - Preliminary results of the main survey of the MSE project in Lebanon</b>		
<b>Speaker:</b> Kamal Hamdan		
<b>Discussant:</b> Fehrad Mehran		
<b>13:00 - 13:15- Closing Session: What's next in the MSE project?</b>	<b>14:30: Closed Meeting Steering Committee Meeting</b>	
<b>Speaker:</b> Nader Fergany		
<b>13:00 – 14: 30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Location: Al Shindagah Restaurant</b>		

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## Afternoon Meetings

### ZEF Research Project

#### Governance and Law-Making Process for Economic Reform in Selected Arab Countries

**Location: The Sanawbar Room**

**Chair:** Taher Kanaan

**14:30 - 16:00 – Session One**

#### Law making for economic reform beyond technicalities: A process of transparency and accountability

**Speaker:** Noha El-Mikawy

**Topics:** Legislation and its relevance to governance; inclusiveness; knowledge society

#### Globalization & political economy of legislation for economic reform

**Speakers:** Mouna Cherkaoui and Ahmed Ghoneim

**Topics:** Trends of legislation to cope with globalization, scope of legislative & regulatory change since advent of liberalization; private sector and international pressure as drivers of legislative reform for liberalization

#### Information & knowledge creation: transparency of economic reform

**Speaker:** Lahcen Achy

**Topics:** Supply and demand for information supply and knowledge creation; Interface of knowledge networks with parliament, executive, & civil society

**16:00 – 16:30 - Coffee Break**

**Location: Foyer**

### ZEF Research Project

**Location: The Sanawbar Room**

**Chair:** Taher Kanaan

**16:30 – 18:00**

#### Special zones & parallel structures: a case for accountability

**Speaker:** Marwan Kardoosh

**Topics:** Parallel Structures as a way of dealing with the will to reform and resistance thereof; Evaluation of Parallel Structures as a locomotive of reform

#### Parliaments as legislators of economic reform

**Speaker:** Ali El-Sawi

**Topics:** Parliaments reactive to presidential & Monarchical power; Parliaments' power structures and culture; Parliaments as engines of societal inclusion; Parliaments as engines of knowledge creation, dissemination, application

#### Civil society & political parties: the participative dimension

**Speaker:** Driss Ben Ali

**Topics:** Their role in economic legislation: included or excluded stakeholders? Their role in knowledge creation, dissemination, application; Contextualizing civil society and political parties: culture and power structures

### SIA/EMFTA Meeting

#### Sustainability Impact Assessment of the Euro –Mediterranean Free Trade Area











**Location: The Pierre Room**

**16:30 – 19:00**

- Introduction by chair
- Presentation of the phase 1 report
- Open discussion
- Summary and conclusions from the discussion
- Next steps and closing remarks

# AGENDA

## Tuesday 14 December 2004

08:00 – 09:00 09:00 – 09:30	<b>Registration</b> <b>Opening Ceremony</b> <b>Location: Dubai Hall B</b>  - Samir Radwan, <i>Managing Director, ERF</i> <b>Keynote Speakers:</b> - Abdelatif Al-Hamad, <i>Director General and Chairman, AFESD</i> - François Bourguignon, <i>Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, World Bank</i>
09:30 – 11:00	<b>Plenary Session: Governance Challenges in Post Conflict Iraq: The Way Forward</b> <b>Location: Dubai Hall B</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Amb. Mervat Tellawy, <i>Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary, ESCWA, Lebanon</i> <b>Speakers:</b> - H.E. Mehdi Hafez, <i>Planning Minister, Iraq</i> - Paul Collier, <i>Director, Centre for the Study of African Economies, UK</i> - Ali Abdel Gader Ali, <i>Economic Adviser, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait</i> - Samir Makdisi, <i>Director of Institute of Financial Economics, AUB, Lebanon</i> - Saleh Nsouli, <i>Deputy Director, IMF Institute</i> - Fadhil Mahdi, <i>Chief of Economic Analysis Division, ESCWA, Lebanon</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>Location: Foyer</b> 
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
	<div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>Location: The Sanawbar Room</b> </p> <p>Session on: Ownership structure</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Labor Markets</b></p> <p><b>Location: The Pierre Room</b> </p> <p>Session on: Gender inequality</p> </div>
11:30 – 12:15	<div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Chair:</b> Hasan Ersel <i>Ownership structure, firm performance and corporate governance: evidence from selected Arab countries</i></p> <p><b>By:</b> Ali Bolbol, Mohamed Omran and Ayten Fatheldin</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Mouna Cherkaoui</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Chair:</b> Heba Handoussa <i>Women's participation in paid work in urban Turkey: do local demand factors matter?</i></p> <p><b>By:</b> Ragui Assaad &amp; Bengi Yanik</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Insan Tunali</p> </div>
12:15 – 13:00	<div style="width: 45%;"> <p><i>Ownership structure and bank performance: evidence from Middle Eastern and North African</i></p> <p><b>By:</b> Nada Kobeissi</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Sam Hakim</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><i>Private and group tutoring in Egypt: where is the gender inequality?</i></p> <p><b>By:</b> Ragui Assaad &amp; Asmaa Elbadawy</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Djavad Esfahani</p> </div>
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Location: Dubai Hall A</b> 
	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
14:30 – 15:30	<div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>Location: The Sanawbar Room</b> </p> <p>Session on: Mortgage markets</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Labor Markets</b></p> <p><b>Location: The Pierre Room</b> </p> <p>Session on: Food insecurity</p> </div>
	<div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Chair:</b> Sultan Abou Ali <i>Prospects of mortgage markets in MENA countries: with emphasis on the Egyptian case study</i></p> <p><b>By:</b> Mahmoud Mohieldin, Ziad Bahaa El Din &amp; Sahar Nasr</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Saleh M. Nsouli</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ali Abdel Gadir Ali <i>Measuring hunger and food insecurity in Yemen</i></p> <p><b>By:</b> Nader Kabbani &amp; Yassin Wehelie</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Mine Cinar</p> </div>
17:00 – 19:00	<b>Research Fellows Meeting</b> <b>Location: The Bray Room</b> 
20:30	<b>Welcome Dinner</b> <b>Location: Dubai Hall A</b> 

**Opening Ceremony**  
**Location: Dubai Hall B**

**Keynote Speakers:**

-H.E. Mahmoud Mohieldin, *Minister of Investment Development, Egypt*  
-Guest of Honor from the Republic of Lebanon

**Plenary Session**

**Location: Dubai Hall B**

This session aims at initiating a forum for the engagement of academics and policymakers in the region in identifying and debating governance challenges in post-conflict Iraq. Different approaches to policies and institutions for reconstruction drawing on international and regional experience will be presented.

**Coffee Break**  
**Location: Foyer**

<b>Macroeconomics</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions Sectoral</b>	<b>Trade</b>
<b>Location: The Cedars Room</b> Session on: Financial markets integration Foreign exchange regime in Turkey  <b>Chair:</b> Jeffrey Nugent <i>Financial market integration and macroeconomic volatility in the MENA region: an empirical investigation</i> <b>By:</b> Simon Neaime  <b>Discussant:</b> Magda Kandil  <i>Foreign exchange regime, the real exchange rate &amp; current account sustainability: the case of Turkey</i> <b>By:</b> Subidy Togan & Hasan Ersel  <b>Discussant:</b> Fadle Naqib	<b>Location: The Sindyan Room</b> Session on: Private insurance regulation Analysis of flexibility  <b>Chair:</b> Taher Kanaan <i>Regulating private insurance to serve the public interest: policy issues for developing countries</i> <b>By:</b> Neelam Sekhri, William Savedoff & Shivani Tripathi <b>Discussant:</b> Azzeddine Azzam  <i>How flexible are small firms? an analysis on the determinants of flexibility</i> <b>By:</b> Güven Sak & Erol Taymaz  <b>Discussant:</b> Alia El Mahdy	<b>Location: The Bray Room</b> Session on: Non-tariff barriers assessment Industrial zones & development  <b>Chair:</b> Ahmed Galal <i>Assessing non-tariff barriers in Syria</i> <b>By:</b> Mohamed Chemingui & Sebastien Dessus <b>Discussant:</b> Samir Aita  <i>Qualifying industrial zones and sustainable development in Jordan</i> <b>By:</b> Marwan A. Kardoosh & Riad Al Khouri <b>Discussant:</b> Eric Yeldan

**Lunch**  
**Location: Dubai Hall A**

<b>Macroeconomics</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions Sectoral</b>	<b>Trade</b>
<b>Location: The Cedars Room</b> Session on: Tax policy reform  <b>Chair:</b> Mongi Boughzala <i>Tax policy reform in Saudi Arabia: a general equilibrium analysis</i> <b>By:</b> Mohamed Chemingui & Hans Lofgren <b>Discussant:</b> Marwan Kardoosh	<b>Location: The Sindyan Room</b> Session on: Environment & world system  <b>Chair:</b> Zeki Fattah <i>The world system and state environmentalism: a cross-national analysis</i> <b>By:</b> Mohamed M. Mohieddin <b>Discussant:</b> Atif Kubursi	<b>Location: The Bray Room</b> Session on: Import competition  <b>Chair:</b> Hana Kheir El Din <i>Markup pricing and import competition: has import disciplined Tunisian manufacturing firms?</i> <b>By:</b> Riadh Ben Jelili <b>Discussant:</b> Raed Safadi

# AGENDA Wednesday 15 December 2004

- 09:00 – 15:00** **Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Location: Noura Room**   
Closed Meeting
- 09:00: 11:30** **Parallel Sessions**
- | <b>Finance</b>   | <b>Labor Markets</b>   |
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| <b>Location: The Sanawbar Room</b>  | <b>Location: The Pierre Room</b>  |
| <b>Chair:</b> Saleh Nsouli<br>Discussions of background papers   | <b>Chair:</b> Jackline Wahba<br>Discussions of background papers   |
- 11:30 – 12:00** **Coffee Break**  
**Location: Foyer** 
- 12:00 - 13:30** **Parallel Sessions**
- | <b>Finance</b>  | <b>Labor Markets</b>  |
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| <b>Location: The Sanawbar Room</b>                                   | <b>Location: The Pierre Room</b>                       |
| Session on:<br>The need for a single currency   | Session on:<br>Women empowerment<br>Child labor   |
| <b>Chair:</b> Nasser Saidi<br><i>Do the AGCC economies need a single currency? Some potential costs &amp; benefits of a monetary union for the AGCC</i> | <b>Chair:</b> Tarik Yousef<br><i>Intrahousehold allocation in Egypt: does women's empowerment lead to greater investment in children?</i> |
| <b>By:</b> Badr-El Din Ibrahim  | <b>By:</b> Rania Roushdy  |
| <b>Discussant:</b> Izak Atiyas  | <b>Discussant:</b> Fatma El-Hamidi  |
- 12:00 – 12:45**
- 12:45 – 13:30**
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|  | <i>Analyses microéconométrique du processus d'appariement sur le mrache du travail qualifié au Maroc</i> |
|  | <b>By:</b> Aomar Ibourk & Mohammed Bougroum  |
|  | <b>Discussant:</b> Brahim Mansouri   |
- 13:30** **Lunch: followed by free social activity**  
**Location: Dubai Hall A** 
- 15:00 – 17:00** **Plenary Session: Consultation on the World Development Report 2006 "Equity and Development"**  
**Location: Dubai Hall B**   
**Chair:** Samir Makdisi, *Director of Institute of Financial Economics, AUB, Lebanon*  
**Speakers:**  
- François Bourguignon, *Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, Development Economics, WB*  
- Tamar Manuelyan, *Lead Specialist, Poverty Reduction & Economic Management Sector Unit, East Asia & Pacific Region, World Bank*
- 20:00** **Dinner**  
**Location: "Bourj-Al Hamam" Restaurant – Movenpick Hotel** 



Macroeconomics	Parallel Sessions Sectoral	Trade
<b>Location: The Cedars Room</b>	<b>Location: The Sindyan Room</b>	<b>Location: The Bray Room</b>
<b>Chair:</b> Ibrahim El Badawi Discussions of background papers	<b>Chair:</b> Zeki Fattah Discussions of background papers	<b>Chair:</b> Raed Safadi Discussions of background papers

**Coffee Break**  
**Location: Foyer**

Macroeconomics	Parallel Sessions Sectoral	Trade
<b>Location: The Cedars Room</b>	<b>Location: The Sindyan Room</b>	<b>Location: The Bray Room</b>
Session on: Inflation targeting with case studies for Tunisia and Morocco	Session on: Tunisian manufacturing sector	Session on: Multinationals & labor Regional integration
<b>Chair:</b> Subidey Togan <i>Exchange rate and inflation targeting in Morocco and Tunisia</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Atif Kubursi <i>Impact of trade liberalization on firm's labor demand by skill: The case of Tunisian manufacturing</i>	<b>Chair:</b> Bernard Hoekman <i>Multinationals and the training of workers in the developing countries</i>
<b>By:</b> Vincent Dropsy & Nathalie Grand <b>Discussant:</b> Simon Neaime	<b>By:</b> Rim Mouelhi <b>Discussant:</b> Erol Taymaz	<b>By:</b> Abdelhakim Hammoudi & Wadii Hatit <b>Discussant:</b> Adel Beshai & Insan Tunali
<i>Would inflation targeting strategy be relevant for Tunisia?</i>	<i>Total factor productivity within the Tunisian manufacturing sectors and international convergence with OECD countries</i>	<i>The effects of regional integration: impact on real effective exchange rate volatility, institutional quality and growth for MENA countries</i>
<b>By:</b> Adel Boughrara <b>Discussant:</b> Mohamed Chemingui	<b>By:</b> Mohamed Chaffai & Patrick Plane & Dorra Triki <b>Discussant:</b> Bachir Hamdouch	<b>By:</b> Leonardo Becchetti & Iftekhar Hasan <b>Discussant:</b> Serdar Sayan

**Lunch**  
**Location: Dubai Hall A**



# AGENDA Thursday 16 December 2004

09:00 – 10:30

## Plenary Session: Social Dimension of Globalization, World Commission Report

**Location: Dubai Hall B** 

**Chair:** Robert Mabro, *President of the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, UK*

### Speakers:

- Heba Handoussa, *Professor of Economics, AUC, Egypt*
- Eddy Lee, *Director, International Policy Group, ILO, Switzerland*

### Response from the Region:

- Jawad Anani, *Albaseera Media & Economic Consultancy, UAE*
- Ahmed Galal, *Executive Director and Director of Research, ECES, Egypt*
- Hasan Ersel, *Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabanci University Turkey*
- Abdallah Dahlan, *President, Arab Switzerland Center on Employment & Human Rights, Saudi Arabia*

10:30 – 11:00

## Coffee Break

**Location: Foyer** 

11:00: 13:00

## Parallel Sessions

### Finance

**Location: The Sanawbar Room** 

Session on:  
Shari'a compliance and investors

**Chair:** Abdullah Dahlan

*Is Shari'a compliance costing investors?*

**By:** Sam Hakim & Manochehr Rashidian

**Discussant:** Syed Ahsan

### Labor Markets

**Location: The Pierre Room** 

Session on:  
Wage compression  
Income inequality

**Chair:** Tayseer Abdel Jabir

*Wage compression and the returns to schooling for Palestinian men from 1995 to 2001*

**By:** Edward Sayre & Katherine Miller

**Discussant:** Abdel Fattah Abou Shokor

11:00 – 11:45

11:45 – 12:30

12:30 – 13:00

13:00 – 14:30

## Lunch

**Location: Dubai Hall A** 

14:30 - 16:00

## Round Table Discussion: Future Plans

**Location: Dubai Hall B** 

### Chair:

- Abdel Latif Al Hamad, *Director General and Chairman, AFESD, Kuwait*

### Speakers:

- Jawad Anani, *Albaseera Media & Economic Consultancy, UAE*
- Samir Radwan, *Managing Director, ERF, Egypt*

16:00 – 16:30

## Coffee Break

**Location: Foyer** 

16:30 – 17:30

## Closing Session:

**Location: Dubai Hall B** 

- Prize Ceremony for the best policy oriented paper in each theme
- Conference Conclusion



## Plenary Session

**Location: Dubai Hall B**

The presentation will focus on the view taken by the World Commission on the nature and impact of the current process of globalization and the institutional and policy changes required to make it more inclusive and fair. It will discuss the recommendations made for the reform of global and national governance as well as the processes envisaged for mobilizing action for change. The progress made since the launch of the Commission's report in February will be described and assessed.

## Coffee Break

**Location: Foyer**

Macroeconomics	Parallel Sessions Sectoral	Trade
<b>Location: The Cedars Room</b> Session on: Macroeconomic policies Equity and policy effectiveness  <b>Chair:</b> Ibrahim El Badawi <i>Private capital formation and macroeconomic policies in Sudan: application of a simple cointegrated vector autoregressive model</i> <b>By:</b> Ahmed Badawi  <b>Discussant:</b> Adel Bougrara	<b>Location: The Sindyan Room</b> Session on: Structure, competitiveness Uncertainty and Risk aversion  <b>Chair:</b> Najib Harabi <i>Structural change, productivity and competitiveness in MENA countries</i>  <b>By:</b> Yilmaz Kilicaslan & Erol Taymaz <b>Discussant:</b> Zeki Fattah	<b>Location: The Bray Room</b> Session on: Trade agreements and unemployment  <b>Chair:</b> Gamal Bayoumi <i>The impact of the multifiber agreement phaseout on unemployment in Tunisia: a prospective dynamic analysis</i>  <b>By:</b> Mohamed A. Marouani <b>Discussant:</b> Ali Bayar
<i>Equity and policy effectiveness with imperfect targeting</i> <b>By:</b> Sami Bibi & Jean-Yves Duclos <b>Discussant:</b> Jacques Charmes	<i>Uncertainty and risk aversion: implication for Tunisian cereals crop</i> <b>By:</b> M.Adel Dhif & M.Mekki Ben Jemaa <b>Discussant:</b> Samir Makary	
<b>Discussion of projects</b>	<b>Discussion of projects</b>	<b>Discussion of projects</b>

## Lunch

**Location: Dubai Hall A**

## Coffee Break

**Location: Foyer**

## Closing Session

**Location: Dubai Hall B**