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(ESCWA)  
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Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

## **AGENDA**

**Regional Consultation  
to Prepare ESCWA Member Countries  
for the Follow-up International Conference on  
Financing for Development**

*29-30 April , 2008*

*Millennium Hotel  
Doha – Qatar*



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**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2008**

<i>Time</i>	<i>Details</i>
<b>08:00 - 09:00</b>	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	<b>Opening Session :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Mr. Badr Omar Al-Dafa, UN-Under Secretary General, Executive Secretary, UN-ESCWA</li><li>• H.E. Mr. Maged Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations</li><li>• H.E. Mr. Yousef Hussain Kamal, Minister of Finance and Acting Minister of Economy and Commerce, State of Qatar</li></ul>
<b>09:30 - 09:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>09:45 - 10:45</b>	<b>Session One:</b> <b>Progress Made Since Monterrey Conference</b>  <b>Chair:</b>  H.E. Mr. Maged Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations  <b>Speakers:</b>  09:45- 10:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Hazem Fahmy, UN-DESA <i>Progress Made Since Monterrey Conference: Global Prospective</i></li></ul> 10:00-10:15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Abulgasim Abdullah, UN-ESCWA <i>Overview of the Progress made by ESCWA Member Countries</i></li></ul> 10:15:10:45 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Interactive Debate</b></li></ul>
<b>10:45 - 11:30</b>	<b>Break</b>



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<b>11:30 - 13:00</b>	<p><b>Session Two:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Review Chapter I of the Monterrey Consensus: Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Development</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Hazem Fahmy, UN-DESA</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mushtaq Khan, University of London, UK <i>Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Development in Arab Countries</i></li> <li>• Ms. Rima Turk Arris, Lebanese American University <i>The Role of Tax Revenues in Development Finance in ESCWA Region</i></li> <li>• Mr. Fawzi Behzad, Securities and Commodities Authority, United Arab Emirates <i>The Role of Arab Stock Markets in Financing for Development</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interactive Debate</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Review Chapter IV of the Monterrey Consensus: Increasing International Financial and Technical Cooperation for Development</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Fawzya Al-Mubarak, Abu Dhabi Fund for Development</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Talaat Abd ElMalek, PEMA and Consultant to the World Bank <i>Official Development Assistance to and from ESCWA Region</i></li> <li>• Shaikh Hamad bin Nasser Al-Thani, Qatar Development Bank <i>The Experience of Qatar Development Bank in Development Finance</i></li> <li>• Mr. Mohamed Al-Salem, Islamic Development Bank <i>The Islamic Development Bank Experience in Financing for Development</i></li> <li>• Mr. Mohamed Al-Hadidi and Mr. Khaled Al-Khaled, Kuwait Fund <i>The Role of Kuwait Fund for Economic Development in Development Finance</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interactive Debate</b></p>
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<b>13:15 - 14:30</b>	<p><b>Session Three:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Review Chapter II of the Monterrey Consensus: Mobilizing International Resources for Development</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Adel Khalil, Council of Arab Economic Unity</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Riad Meddeb, UNCTAD <i>Foreign Direct Investment: Mobilizing International Resources for Development in ESCWA Region</i></li> <li>• Ms. Mona Abu Elkheir, General Authority for Investment and Free Zones, Egypt <i>Business Environment Benchmarking: Public Policy Tool to Attract FDI</i></li> <li>• Ms. Nada Al-Hashmi, Ministry of Economy, UAE <i>Financing for Development in United Arab Emirates</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interactive Debate</b></p>
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	<p><b>Review Chapter V of the Monterrey Consensus: Debt and Debt Management</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b></p> <p>Mr. Khaled Derbesti, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Qatar</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Salah Abusdra, Lebanese American University <i>External Debt in ESCWA Member Countries</i></li> <li>• Ms. Amal Shebaro, Ministry of Finance, Lebanon <i>Internal Debt in ESCWA Member Countries</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interactive Debate</b></p>
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**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2008**

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<b>08:30- 9:30</b>	<b>Session Four:</b> <b>Review Chapter III of the Monterrey Consensus: International Trade as an Engine for Development</b> <b>Chair:</b> Mr. Talaat Abd ElMalek, PEMA <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Adel Khalil, Council of Arab Economic Unity <i>Trade as an Engine for Growth</i></li><li>Mr. Mehdi Al-abduwani, Ministry of National Economy, Oman <i>Financing for Development in Oman</i></li><li>Ms. Mona Abdel-Hafiz, Ministry of Planning, Palestine <i>Financing for Development in Palestine</i></li></ul>
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	<b>Review Chapter VI of the Monterrey Consensus: Enhancing the Coherence and Consistency of the International Monetary, Financial and Trading Systems in Support of Development</b> <b>Chair:</b> Mr. Fawzi Behazad, Securities and Commodities Authority, United Arab Emirates <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Aldo Caliarì, Center of Concern, Washington. <i>The International Monetary, Financial and Trading Systems in Support of Development</i></li><li>Ms. Rafif Berro, Ministry of Economy , Lebanon (15Min) <i>Financing for Development in Lebanon</i></li><li>Ms. Mahy Abdellatif, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt <i>Financing for Development in Egypt</i></li></ul>
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<b>10:00 - 11:30</b>	<p><b>Session Four (continued)</b></p> <p><b>Review Chapter III of the Monterrey Consensus: International Trade as an Engine for Development</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Talaat Abd ElMalek, PEMA</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Ahmed El-Kawaz, Senior Economist, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait <i>Trade Performance in ESCWA Member Countries</i></li><li>• Mr. Fadlala Garzaldeen, State Planning Commission, Syria <i>Financing for Development in Syria</i></li></ul> <p><b>Interactive Debate</b></p>
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<b>12:00 - 13:30</b>	<p><b>Round Table to discuss Emerging Issues, Recommendations and the Adoption of the Declaration</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> H.E. Mr. Badr Omar Al-Dafa, ESCWA</p>
<b>13:30 - 15:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

