

Conference

## How Are Resource-Dependent MENA Countries Coping with Low Oil Prices? Governance, Macroeconomics and Diversification

### TIME AND VENUE

Thursday, 2 November 2017

9:00 to 18:30

Mövenpick Hotel – Beirut

### ORGANIZED BY

**Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS)**

**Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI)**

### AGENDA

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8:30–9:00      **Registration and Coffee**

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9:00–9:30      **Opening Remarks**

#### SPEAKERS

#### **Cesar Abi Khalil**

Minister of Energy and Water, Lebanon

#### **Emmanuelle Lamoureux**

Ambassador, Embassy of Canada, Lebanon

#### **Laury Haytayan**

Acting MENA Regional Program Manager, Natural Resource Governance Institute, Lebanon

#### **Sami Atallah**

Executive Director, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Lebanon

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The working languages of the conference are Arabic and English, with simultaneous translation.

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9:30-11:00

**Keynote Panel: Macroeconomics, Diversification and Governance**

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Responding to the New Normal: Oil and Mineral Economies and the New Macroeconomic Frontier**

**Ibrahim Elbadawi**

Managing Director, Economic Research Forum, Egypt

**Kuwait's Strategy Toward an Inclusive, Innovative and Resilient Economy**

**Khaled Al Roudan**

Minister of Commerce and Industry, Kuwait

**What Kind of Sovereign Wealth Fund Lebanon Should Have?**

**Yassine Jaber**

Member, Lebanese Parliament, Lebanon

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**Mohamed Y. Alem**

Senior Partner, Alem & Associates and LCPS Chairperson, Lebanon

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11:00-11:30

**Coffee Break**

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11:30-13:00

**What are the Political Economy Challenges of Diversification?**

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**Economic Diversification in Resource-Dependent Countries: An Impossible Challenge?**

**Mustapha Nabli**

International Consultant and former Governor of the Central Bank, Tunisia

**Energy Pricing Reforms in the GCC: Striking the Right Balance**

**Bassam Fattouh**

Director, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies and LCPS Research Fellow, United Kingdom

**Why Trade Reform still Matters**

**Adeel Malik**

Globe Fellow in the Economies of Muslim Societies and University Research Lecturer in Development Economics, University of Oxford and LCPS Research Fellow, United Kingdom

**Global Lessons on Diversification: What Have Latin America and South East Asia Done Right and What does it Mean for MENA?**

**Andrew Bauer**

Consultant, Natural Resource Governance Institute, USA

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**Carole Nakhle**

Director, Crystol Energy and LCPS Research Fellow, United Kingdom

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13:00-14:00

**Lunch**

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14:00-15:30

**What to Expect of the Diversification and Reforms Currently Underway?**

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**Achieving Economic Diversification through Local Content Policies**

**Yahya Anouti**

Principal, Strategy&, Lebanon

**Elite Capture in MENA: Examples and Implications for Diversification**

**Bob Rijkers**

Economist, World Bank, USA

**What Impact will Diversification and Reforms have on the Labor Market?**

**Zafiris Tzannatos**

Research Fellow, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Jordan

**Between Iraq and a Hard Place: The Challenges of Diversifying Iraq's Economy**

**Ali Al-Saffar**

Energy Analyst, International Energy Agency, France

M O D E R A T O R

**Patricia Karam**

Principal, Middle East Alternatives and Senior Fellow at Georgetown University, USA

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15:30-16:00

**Keynote Speech: Transformation, Not Diversification?**

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**Rabah Arezki**

MENA Chief Economist, World Bank, USA

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16:00-16:30

**Coffee Break**

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16:30-18:30

**Panel Discussion: What are Lebanon's Challenges in  
Becoming an Oil Producer?**

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**Wissam Chbat**

President, Lebanese Petroleum Administration, Lebanon

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Fellow, United Kingdom

**Alexandra Gillies**

Advisor, Natural Resource Governance Institute, USA

**David Mihalyi**

Economic Analyst, Natural Resource Governance Institute, United  
Kingdom

**Daniel Garrote Sanchez**

Senior Researcher, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Lebanon

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