

**Conference**

# Political & Economic Impacts of Lower Oil Prices on the Middle East

**TIME AND VENUE**

Wednesday, 16 September 2015  
9:00 to 17:30  
Mövenpick Hotel – Beirut

**ORGANIZED BY**

**The Lebanese Center for Policy Studies  
Natural Resource Governance Institute**

**AGENDA**

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

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9:00–10:30      **Introduction & Keynote**

**SPEAKERS**

**Adnan Al-Janabi**

Member of Parliament and Chair of the Oil and Energy Committee,  
Iraq

**Lene Lind**

Ambassador of Norway in Lebanon

**Daniel Kaufmann**

President, Natural Resource Governance Institute, USA

**Sami Atallah**

Executive Director, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Lebanon

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10:30 – 11:00      **Coffee Break**

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

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11:00-12:30

## **Oil Price Dynamics & Regional Impact**

SPEAKERS

### **Titus Erker**

Associate, Crystol Energy, UK and UAE

### **Rabah Arezki**

Chief of the Commodities Unit, Research Department, International Monetary Fund, USA

### **Carole Nakhle**

Director, Crystol Energy & LCPS Research Fellow, UK

### **Walid Khadduri**

Consultant, Middle East Economic Survey, Lebanon

MODERATOR

### **Nisreen Salti**

Professor of Economics, AUB & LCPS Research Fellow, Lebanon

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12:30-13:00

## **Coffee Break**

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13:00-14:00

## **Governance and Economic Diversification**

SPEAKERS

### **Farouk Al-Kasim**

President, Petroteam A S, Norway

### **Adeel Malik**

Research Fellow in Economics and Islamic Centre Lecturer in Development Economics, University of Oxford, UK

MODERATOR

### **Sami Atallah**

Executive Director, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Lebanon

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14:00-15:00

## **Lunch**

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15:00-17:30

## **Country Perspectives**

SPEAKERS

### **Ahmed Jehani**

Former Minister of Rehabilitation, Stabilisation and Reconstruction, Libya

### **Slim Besbes**

Head of Finance Committee in Parliament & Former Minister of Finance, Tunisia

### **Luay Al-Khatteeb**

Founding Director of the Iraq Energy Institute and Nonresident Fellow at the Brookings Doha Center, Iraq & UK

### **Ahmed Mousa Jiyad**

Oil and Energy Expert, Iraq & Norway

### **Nasser Hoteit**

Lebanese Petroleum Administration Board Member, Lebanon

MODERATOR

### **Patricia Karam**

Director, MENA Programs, NRG, USA

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