# National Dialogues on the Implementation of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development in Lebanon

**Beirut - April 4 & 5, 2017**

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**American University of Beirut**

## DAY ONE: April 4, 2017

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<td><strong>Dialogue One: “End Poverty”</strong></td>
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<td>- Review of poverty definitions and national indicators</td>
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<td>- Social protection systems and measures on the national level</td>
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<td>- Ensuring the enjoyment of men and women of the same rights to access economic resources</td>
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<td>- Resource mobilization and drafting proper policy frameworks on the national, regional, and international levels, based on pro-poor and gender based development strategies</td>
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**Presentation from the Report: Dr. Nasser Yassine (7 min)**

**Discussants:**

**Civil Society:**
- Nabil Abdo, Economic Expert and University Lecturer
- Manar Zaiter, Lawyer and Legal Activist

**UN:**
- Adib Nehme, Regional Consultant - ESCWA

**Unions:**
- Dr. Ghassan Slaibi, International Union Expert

## DAY TWO: April 5, 2017

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<td>- Economic growth, human development, labor, and informal labor indicators in Lebanon</td>
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<td>- Development-oriented policies that support productive activities</td>
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<td>- Achieving full and productive workforce and providing decent work for all women and men</td>
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- Protection of workers’ rights and promotion of a safe work environment for all, including migrant workers and workers in unstable jobs

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**Discussants:**

**Ministries:**
- Dr. Iman Khazaal, Head of the Labor Department, Ministry of Labor – Southern Mount Lebanon
- Mr. Razi El Hage, Economic Expert, Ministry of Economy and Trade

**Civil Society:**
- Dr. Ahmad Dirani, Lebanese Observatory for the Rights of Workers and Employees
- Adib Abou Habib, Lebanese Trade Union Training Center
- Maya Ammar, Kafa – Enough Violence and Exploitation

**UN:**
- Shaza Ghaleb al-Jondi, Regional UN Coherence and Resource Mobilization Officer and SDGs Focal Point, ILO

**Unions:**
- Mahmoud Haidar, Former President of the League of Public Administration Employees
- Castro Abdallah, National Federation of Workers and Employees Trade Union in Lebanon

**Private Sector:**
- Atef Idriss, al-Wafiq for Economic Development

**Dialogue Three: Reducing Inequalities**

**Moderator:** Nasser Yassine

- Social, economic, and political inclusion for all, regardless of age, sex, ability, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, economic situation, and others.
- Ensuring equal opportunities and reducing inequalities in results, including through removing discriminatory laws, policies, and practices; strengthening appropriate legislation, policies, and procedures.
- Adopting policies, especially financial policies and policies related to wages and social protection; gradually achieving the highest level of equality.

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### Civil Society
- Sylvana Lakkis, Lebanese Physically Handicapped Union
- Rabie Nasr, Syrian Center for Policy Research
- Layla al-Ali, Najdeh Association
- Michel Samaha, Economic and Social Expert
- Salma Saoudi, Mouvement Social

### Municipalities
- Dr. Mohamad Hazimeh, Head of Hrar Municipality

### Dialogue Four: Peace, Justice, and Institutions
**Moderator:** Bassam Kantar

- Strengthening the rule of law on the national and international levels, ensuring equal opportunities and access to justice for all.
- Radical reduction of corruption and bribery in all their forms.
- Ensuring the public’s access to information and protection of basic freedoms, based on national legislation and international agreements.

**Presentation by Badri Meoussi, Lebanese Transparency Association (7 min)**

**Discussants:**

**Ministries:**
- Dr. Khalil Gebara, Consultant to the Minister of Interior

**Civil Society:**
- Dr. Azza Sulaiman, Lawyer and Social Activist
- Charlotte Tanios, Mouvement Social

**UN:**
- Dr. Hassan Krayem, UNDP – Lebanon
- Oussama Safa, ESCWA
- Reem Kaedbey, UNDP-ACIAC

**Municipalities**
- Mohamad Saadyeh, Union of Dannieh municipalities.