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Launching of the Arab Watch Report on Informal Employment
Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs,
American University of Beirut

Beirut, Lebanon

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9:00 – 9:15	<p><u>Welcome Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development, ANND (5 min) - Dr. Nasser Yassin, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, AUB (5min) - ANND video about Informal Employment (5 min)
9:15 – 10:45	<p><u>Informal Employment: Regional and International Context</u> Moderator: Ms. Ghada Abdel Tawab, Ford Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the Finding of the Arab Watch Report on Informal Employment – Reality and Rights (20 min): Dr. Samir Aita, Chair of the Cercles des Economistes Arabes, Lead Author of the Arab Watch Report - Informal Employment in the Arab Region in Comparison with International Experiences (20 min): Dr. Martha Chen, Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School International Coordinator, WIEGO Network - Commentary: Dr. Salim Araji, Employment Specialist, UN- ESCWA (10 min) Dr. Jad Chaaban, AUB (10 min) TBC - Open Discussion (20 min)
10:45 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:30	<p><u>Organizing Workers in the Informal Sector: Elements of Success and Best Practices</u> Moderator: Mr. Slaheddine EL Jourshi, Arab NGO Network for Development, ANND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informality in the Public Sector and Public Institutions in Lebanon: Rabih Fakhri (via video) (7 min) - Women and Informal Employment in Palestine:

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	<p>Iyad Riyahi, Al Marsad (7 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Al-Aghbani in Syria: Syrian Center Policy Research(7 min) - Global Case Studies: Martha Chen, Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, International Coordinator, WIEGO Network (15 min) - Testimonies Ms Lina Abou Habib and Dr. Aziza Khalidi's, Collective for Research and Training on Development – Action (CRTD-A) testimony on women in informal employment.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-15:00	<p><u>Results of National Reports on Informal Employment in 6 Arab Countries</u> Moderator: Dr. Dina Khawaja, Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship, AUB</p> <p>Animated Discussion Between Experts and the Audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lebanon: Mr. Nabil Abdo, presenting the report by Rabih Fakhri - Syria: Mr. Rabih Nasr, Syrian Center for Policy Research - Jordan: Mr. Ahmad Awad, Phenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies (via video) - Palestine: Firas Jaber, Al-Marsad - Iraq: Dr. Hanaa Saleh, Independent Consultant - Bahrain: Dr. Hassan Al-Ali, Independent Consultant (via video) <p>Open Discussion</p>
15:00-15:15	Break
15:15-17:00	<p><u>Informal Employment- Policy discussions and recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neoliberal Policies and Informal Employment (15 min): Mr. Ziad Abdel Samad, Arab NGO Network for Development, ANND - Migration and Informal Employment (15 min): Mr. Shahir George, independent consultant. <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Nasser Abdel Karim, Birzeit University, Palestine. - Dr. Samir Aita, Chair of the Cercles des Economistes Arabes, Lead Author of the Arab Watch Report (10 min) - Mr Moustapha Said, ILO (10 min) TBC <p>Open Discussion (30 min)</p>

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