

PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

**Strengthening Good Governance Practices in Conflict Affected Countries: Current
Priorities and Future Interventions**

27-28 February, UN-House, Beirut-Lebanon

Friday, 27 February 2009

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

**9:30 – 11:00 Welcoming Remarks
Meeting Goals and Overview of the Agenda**

Mr. Tarik Alami, Chief, Emerging and Conflict Related Issues Section (ECRI),
United Nations-Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA)

Panel I Governance, Human rights and Development

- Good governance and development are mutually reinforcing.
- Development and good governance are an integral part of human rights.

Chair

Mr. Tarik Alami, Chief, ECRI, UN ESCWA

Articulating a Rights-Based Approach to Good Governance and Development

Mr. Fateh Azzam, Regional Representative, UN High Commissioner for Human
Rights

Rule of Law, Good Governance and Development

Mr. Wassim Harb, Senior Advisor, UNDP – POGAR

In Search of Global Governance

Mr. Nabil Sukkar, Executive Director, Syrian Consulting Bureau for
Development and Investment.

*Good Governance Practices: A Mechanism to Mitigate the Impact of Conflict on
Development*

Mr. Youssef Chaitani, First Economic Affairs Officer, ECRI, UN ESCWA

Discussion

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Panel II

Challenges to Good Governance in Conflict Affected Countries: Meeting Development Needs

- Effective and sustainable good governance interventions require a right combination and a concerted effort by all concerned actors.
- Delivery of essential services mitigates the impact of conflict on socio-economic development.
- Good governance practices strengthen essential service delivery in terms of efficiency of services rendered, and contribute to state-building.

Chair

Mr. Faleh Abduljabar, Director, Iraq Institute for Strategic Studies

Good Governance and Development in Conflict Settings: An Overview of Interventions

Ms. Louise Anten, Head, Conflict Research Unit, Netherlands Institute of International Relations

Good Governance and Development in Conflict Settings: A Donors Perspective

Mr. Mohammad Al Sadeqi, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic and Social Development

Institution Building in Fragile Political-Economy Settings: Lessons Learned

Mr. Mazen Asad, Independent Consultant, Palestine

Challenges facing the Adoption or Restoration of Good Governance: Experiences from the Field

Interventions by public servants in service ministries and international civil servants operating in conflict zones

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:30 Panel III

Regional Expertise to Support the Enhancement of Local Good Governance Practices in Conflict Affected Countries

- Successful regional models are easier to replicate locally.

Chair

Ms. Louise Anten, Head, Conflict Research Unit, Netherlands Institute of International Relations

An Overview of Success Models Enhancing Good Governance Practices during Peace-Building and Recovery Stages

Mr. Thomas Lehr, Secretary General, Parmenides Foundation, Centre for Advanced Governance.

Success Models Enhancing Good Governance Practices from ESCWA Member Countries

- E-Governance: The Egyptian Success Story,
Dr. Ghada Moussa, Director of the Governance Center, Ministry of State for Administrative Development Egypt
- Governance and Public Finance in Lebanon,
Ms. Lamia Moubayed, Director, Institute of Finance - Basel Fuleihan Institute, Lebanese Ministry of Finance
- Policy Support and Capacity-Development
Mr. Hassan Krayem, Governance Policy Specialist, UNDP – Lebanon

Discussion

Saturday, 28 February 2009

09:00 – 10:30 Panel III (Continued)

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Ms. Louise Anten, Head, Conflict Research Unit, Netherlands Institute of International Relations

Success Models Enhancing Good Governance Practices from ESCWA Member Countries

Good Governance Practices in Conflict Affected Countries: Experiences from the Field

Interventions by public servants in service ministries and international civil servants operating in conflict zones - lessons learned

- Development through Institutional Capacity-Building: The NCCMD Model,
Ms. Nawal Abass and Mr. Raghd Abdelrassoul, NCCMD – Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works – Iraq

- Capacity Building for Institution Building in Conflict Affected Countries: Selected Interventions in the Public Sector in the ESCWA Region
Mr. Christophoros Politis, Project Manager, ECRI, UN ESCWA
- Good Governance for Enhanced Post-War Reconstruction in Southern Lebanon
Dania Rifai, UN Habitat Program Manager
- Good Governance Practices and Strategic Planning in Conflict Affected Countries
Wafa Issa M. Hamayel, Ministry of Planning, Palestinian National Authority

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Panel IV

Nation-Building in Conflict Affected Countries: Strengthening the Public Sector through Capacity Development

- Enhancing good governance practices of civil servants is essential to improve the performance of the public sector.
- Programmed capacity building initiatives have to be relevant, accepted and owned by local civil servants.
- Programmed capacity building initiatives have to fall within a set strategy that outlines clear and realistic objectives.

Chair

Dr. Ghada Moussa, Director of the Governance Center, Ministry of State for Administrative Development Egypt

The Challenge of Capacity Development in Conflict Affected Countries

Alexander Boehmer, Head of Unit, MENA-OECD Investment Programme, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD)

Capacity-Building Development and Institution Building in Conflict Affected Countries

Mr. Oussama Safa, Director, Lebanese Centre for Policy Studies

Contingency Planning through Human Capacity Building for the Provision of Public Services under Crisis Conditions in the ESCWA Region: Institutional Capacity Building Tool-Kit

Mr. Kamal Begdash, Professor, Lebanese University

Discussion

12:30 – 13:00 Coffee Break

13:00 – 14:30 Panel V

Towards More Effective Governance: Norms and Mechanisms

- Adoption of ethical norms increases the effectiveness of the public sector.
- Public-private partnerships and corporate social responsibility increase good governance practices and make the public sector more competitive, cost-effective, transparent, service-oriented, and responsible.

Chair

Mr. Thomas Lehr, Secretary-General, Parmenides Foundation, Centre for Advanced Governance.

Public-Private Partnerships to Strengthen Governance and Effectiveness

Mr. Jad Chaaban, Professor, American University of Beirut

The Lebanese Judiciary: Facing the Challenges through the right Strategies

Mr. Ali Younis, Judge, Ministry of Justice Lebanon

Corporate Governance: Private Sector and State-Owned Enterprises

Mr. Elias Chalhoub, Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity

Discussion

Recommendations and Closing Remarks

Mr. Tarik Alami, Chief, ECRI, UN ESCWA

