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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA (ESCWA)**

Experts Training Workshop on "Electricity Sector Reform and Restructuring in Syria"  
R500, UN-House, Beirut, Lebanon 25-26 January 2017

**AGENDA**

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**DAY 1: Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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08:30 – 09:00      **REGISTRATION**

09:00 – 09:30      **OPENING SESSION:**

**Welcoming Speech:**

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**Review of the Agenda:**

Mr. Ziad Jaber, Regional Advisor on Energy, ESCWA

**Tour de Table**

09:30 – 11:15      **SESSION 1: CURRENT STATUS AND EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL, REGULATORY AND FINANCIAL FRAMEWORKS: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE SYRIAN STAKEHOLDERS**

Moderator: Mr. Younes Ali, General Director Of National Energy Research Center (NERC)

*This session will present an overview of the electricity sector current situation in Syria. Presenters from the Syrian delegation will provide their assessment on the technical, institutional, legislative, crisis impact and recovery and reconstruction requirements.*

**Current status of the electricity sector in Syria**

Mr. MHD Bassam Aldarwich Director of Planning and International Cooperation at the Ministry Of Electricity

**Existing institutional and legislative structure in Syria**

Mr. Ahmad Alzir, Advisor at the Ministry of Electricity

**Existing legislation on public private partnership: requirements and challenges for reforms**

Ms. Hiam Emam, Director of electricity sector regulation and private investment at the Ministry Of Electricity

**Recovery and reconstruction requirements**

Ms. Faten Mohammad, Head Of Plans Division / Planning and International Cooperation Directorate at the Ministry Of Electricity

**Questions and Answers**

11:15-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **SESSION 2: PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE VISION OF THE ELECTRICITY SECTOR IN SYRIA**  
Moderator: Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, SDPD, ESCWA

*Based on Session 1 presentations, panelists will briefly comment on key issues raised in Session 1 and open the floor for a general debate on the vision of the sector, tackling different options and identifying key components required to achieve the vision.*

Panelists:

- Mr. Nidal Karmousha, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Electricity
- Mr. Hafez Salmawy, Electricity Regulatory Authority Expert
- Mr. Walid Deghaili, Energy Expert

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 15:15 **SESSION 3: ELECTRICITY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (ERA): DEFINITIONS, ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, STRUCTURE AND ESTABLISHMENT REQUIREMENTS**  
Moderator: Mr. MHD Bassam Aldarwich, Director of Planning and International Cooperation at the Ministry Of Electricity

*This session will present problems that may arise from the reform and restructuring processes at different levels. To solve these problems, the session will discuss concepts, functions and issues to be addressed by a regulatory authority. The session will also suggest practical steps to follow, challenges to address and mistakes to avoid.*

**Technical, operational and performance problems arising from reforms and restructuring of electricity sector**

Mr. Walid Deghaili, Energy Expert

**Electricity Regulatory Authority concepts and their relevance to the Syrian context**

Mr. Ziad Jaber, Regional Advisor on Energy, ESCWA

**Electricity Regulatory Authority: Strategies, politics, pitfalls, challenges and practical steps**

Mr. Hafez Salmawy, Electricity Regulatory Authority Expert

Questions/Answers

15:15-15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30 – 16:50 **SESSION 4: GROUP WORK ON ELECTRICITY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (ERA): PRACTICAL STEPS IN SYRIA**  
Facilitator: Mr. Ziad Jaber, Regional Advisor on Energy, ESCWA

*Based on Session 3 presentations, the participants will answer a specific set of questions that collectively would develop practical steps to be followed in Syria. The facilitator will guide and support the discussions and will summarize key outcomes and issues emanating from the discussions.*

16:50 – 17:00 **DAY ONE WRAP-UP**

Mr. Ziad Jaber, Regional Advisor on Energy, ESCWA

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**DAY 2: Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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- 09:00 – 10:30      **SESSION 5: CASE STUDIES AND LESSONS LEARNT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES**  
Moderator: Mr. Ziad Jaber, Regional Advisor on Energy, ESCWA
- This session will present case studies on reforms, restructuring, markets and regulatory authorities from the Mediterranean region with lesson learnt.*
- Case studies from different countries: Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Lebanon, Europe, etc...**
- Mr. Hafez Salmawy, Electricity Regulatory Authority Expert
  - Mr. Walid Deghaili, Energy Expert
- Questions/Answers
- 10:30 – 11:00      **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 13:00      **SESSION 6: ENABLING CONDITIONS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENTS**  
Moderator: Ms. Hiam Emam, Director of electricity sector regulation and private investment at the Ministry Of Electricity
- This session will present the enabling conditions required for attracting private sector investments. These can be divided into market conditions, technical conditions and legislative and regulatory conditions.*
- Market conditions for attracting private sector investments**  
Mr. Ziad Jaber, Regional Advisor on Energy, ESCWA
- Electricity quality: Technical standards and grid codes**  
Mr. Walid Deghaili, Energy Expert
- Laws and Regulations**  
Mr. Hafez Salmawy, Electricity Regulatory Authority Expert
- Questions/Answers
- 13:00 - 14:00      **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 15:00      **SESSION 7: GROUP WORK ON ENABLING CONDITIONS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENTS: REQUIREMENTS IN THE SYRIAN CONTEXT**  
Facilitator: Mr. Ziad Jaber, Regional Advisor on Energy, ESCWA
- Based on Session 6 presentations, the participants will answer a specific set of questions that collectively would identify the requirements for attracting private sector investments within the Syrian context and taking into account the presentations and discussions of day 1. The facilitator will guide and support the discussions and will summarize key outcomes and issues emanating from the discussions.*
- 15:00-15:30      **Coffee Break**

15:30 – 16:30

**THE WAY FORWARD**

Presenter: Mr. Ziad Jaber, Regional Advisor on Energy, ESCWA

*Based on the previous discussions, key components of an action plan will be presented and discussed in details. The output will thus be an agreed upon document that will be used as a guideline for moving forward.*

Panelists:

- Mr. Hafez Salmawy, Electricity Regulatory Authority Expert
- Mr. Walid Deghaili, Energy Expert
- Mr. Nidal Karmousha, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Electricity
- Mr. Bassam Darwich, Director of Planning, Statistics and International Relations, Ministry of Electricity

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Mr. Nidal Karmousha, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Electricity  
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