

Building Institutional Capacities to Prepare for Recovery and Reconstruction in Yemen

Launch Conference, 10 July 2018
5th Floor, Board Room, IsDB Headquarters, Jeddah

The Project

The Project, executed by the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), aims to support the Government of Yemen (GoY) efforts to build institutional capacities at the central and local level to design and implement policies that will provide a framework for delivering basic public services in a coordinated manner. By working on these inter-related priority areas, the Project will help the Government in post-conflict Yemen to deliver local services and implement reconstruction projects.

The Project seeks to mainstream and implement the National Dialogue Conference Outcomes through the development of required institutional framework and capacities that will contribute in state rebuilding efforts in post-conflict Yemen. The driving principles for such a framework are coordination at the central and local levels, voice and accountability, and empowerment of regions.

Meeting Overview and Objectives

The objective of this high-level launch conference is to mark the commencement of implementation phase of the project. It will also be the opportunity to organise the first Strategic Advisory Group (StAG). The StAG will provide strategic guidance on building existing and future initiatives in this area to ensure coordination, and will comprise senior staff from the Government of Yemen (Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of National Dialogue Outcomes) and international stakeholders (OECD, IsDB, UN agencies, World Bank). Finally, a Knowledge Event will be organised by the two Implementation Support Agencies of the project in order to provide lessons learned and good practices from OECD, IsDB and MENA countries on institutional building practices in post-conflict settings.

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Agenda

08h30 - 09h00	Welcome coffee
09h00 - 10h00	Welcome Remarks and Official Signature of the Aide Mémoire
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 09h00: Introduction and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Mansur Muhtar, Vice President, Country Programs Complex, IsDB ○ Dr. Mohamed Saeed Al-Sadi, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation (Government of Yemen) & IsDB Governor for Yemen ○ Mr. Marcos Bonturi, OECD Director of Public Governance Directorate 2. 09h35: Official signature of the Aide Mémoire and group photo 3. 09h50: Signing Addendum to the Framework Agreement on Implementation of Business Resilience Assistance for Value Adding Enterprises (BRAVE) in Yemen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Mansur Mukhtar, Vice President, Country Programs Complex, IsDB ○ Dr. Mohamed Saeed Al-Sadi, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation (Government of Yemen) & IsDB Governor for Yemen 	
10h00 – 10h20	Bilateral Meeting between GoY and OECD delegations
10h20 – 10h30	Bilateral Meeting between Vice President (CPC) and Mr. Marcos Bonturi, OECD Director of Public Governance Directorate
10h30 – 10h50	Bilateral meeting between Marcos Bonturi and Dr. Zaki Mansoer (Director of Global Partnership & Resource Mobilisation – IsDB) and Dr. Karim Allaoui (IsDB) Bilateral Meeting between Vice President (CPC) and Dr. Mohamed Saeed Al-Sadi, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation (Government of Yemen) & IsDB Governor for Yemen, Dr. Yaser Abdullah Ali Al-Raeini , Minister of National Dialogue Outcomes & Dr Mohamed Alhawri, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation
11h00 - 12h30	First Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group (Closed Session)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project implementation steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Components 1 & 2: Activities and Timetable 2. Project coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Role of IsDB, OECD and MoPIC, Yemen ○ Coordination with other donors: UNDP and World Bank 	
12h30 - 01h30	Lunch: Hosted by Dr. Mansur Muhtar (by invitation only)
01h45 - 03h15	Session Moderator: Sayed Aga, Vice President, IsDB Knowledge Event on Institution-building in Post-Conflict Setting (Open Session) 2nd Floor Glass Room
<p>Lessons learned from IsDB, OECD and World Bank Operations in MENA countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation by IsDB ○ Presentation by OECD ○ Presentation by World Bank ○ Q & A 	
03h30 - 04h00	Get-to-Know Project Team Session: GoY, IsDB, OECD, World Bank & UNDP IsDB

The MENA Transition Fund of the Deauville Partnership

In May 2011, the Deauville Partnership was launched as a long-term global initiative that provides Arab countries in transition with a framework based on technical support to strengthen governance for transparent, accountable governments and to provide an economic framework for sustainable and inclusive growth.

The Deauville Partnership has committed to support Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and Yemen and the Transition Fund is one of the levers to implement this commitment. The Transition Fund demonstrates a joint commitment by G7 members, Gulf and regional partners, and international and regional financial institutions to support the efforts of the people and governments of the Partnership countries as they overhaul their economic systems to promote more accountable governance, broad-based, sustainable growth, and greater employment opportunities for youth and women.