

REGIONAL SEMINAR ON STRENGTHENING NATIONAL INNOVATION SYSTEMS

15 - 17 FEBRUARY 2010, DAMASCUS, SYRIA

AGENDA

Monday, 15 Feb. 2010

Afternoon | *Arrival of participants*

Tuesday, 16 Feb. 2010

09:00 – 09:30 | **Welcome and registration of participants**

1. Plenary session: Setting the scene

09:30 – 10:00	Moderation: Frank Wältring, mesopartner, Keynote address: H.E. Mrs. Lamia Assi, Minister of Economy and Trade Keynote address: GTZ Country Director; Dr. Magdy El Menshawy Welcome, approach and outcomes of the project <i>Alexandra Hilbig, Project Manager, GTZ</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Introduction to agenda <i>Frank Wältring, Moderator, mesopartner</i>
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee break

2. Plenary session: NIS components and Issues

10:45 – 11:30	The power of collaborative innovation: best practices and lessons learnt <i>(Manfred Horr, GTZ)</i>
11:30 – 12:15	Comparative Analysis of the National Innovation Systems in Egypt, Jordan & Syria <i>(Uwe Seidel, VDI)</i>
12:15 – 12:30	Questions and wrap-up of first session
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

3. Thematic session: Experiences Market

14:00 – 15:00	Market Place: Insights on ongoing regional developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clustering approach (Egypt: Concept of ETTICs) <i>Dr. Ahmad F. Mandour, Executive Director of Food Technology Center, Ministry of Trade and Industry</i> - R&D link to Industry (Jordan: Faculty for Factory) <i>Dr. Yousef Abdallat, Director, FFF Program</i> - Technology Transfer (Jordan: Supporting Technology Transfer) <i>Eng. Abeer Arafat, Royal Scientific Society</i> - Incubation (Syria: Business Incubation) <i>Dr. Hisham Khayyat, Director of SEBC Business Incubator</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Presentation of results by rapporteurs
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee
15:30 – 16:30	Innovation Café
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap up of the day Information about the evening program
19:45 – 22:00	Transfer from hotel and joint Dinner <i>(Pearl d'Orient, Jesr Al Abyadh)</i>

Wednesday, 17 Feb. 2010

3. Plenary visit: one successful setup/practice in Syria

08:45	<i>Transfer from the hotel</i>
09:30 – 11:00	Field visit: putting innovation into practice - the example of Madar Coil Coating Company
11:00 – 11:30	Visit outcomes (<i>meeting room on site</i>)
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Conclusions of the seminar <i>Alexandra Hilbig, Project Manager & GTZ and Frank Wältring, mesopartner</i>
12.30 – 13:00	Evaluation of the seminar
	<i>Transfer to the restaurant</i>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch (<i>Narenj, Bab Sharki</i>)
Afternoon	<i>Departure of participants</i>