

**Conference on State Budget & Public Accountability  
In the Arab World  
Cairo, Helnan Shepheard, January, 21 – 22 2006**

**AGENDA**

**DAY 1: January 21, 2006**

**8:30 – 9:00**

**Registration**

**9:00 – 9:30**

**Opening Session**

*Dr. Mustapha Al Sayyid – Executive Director, Partners in Development*

**Introduction:**

**9:30 – 10:30**

**First Session: What is the state of budget reform, transparency and accountability in the MENA Region?**

**Chairperson**

*Kotb Salem - Expert National Accounts, ex-regional Adviser in National Accounts and Economic Statistics*

**Speaker**

*Edouard Aldahdah - World Bank MENA hub, Marseilles*

**10:30 – 11:00**

**Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 13:00**

**Second Session: What is the state of budget transparency and accountability in Arab and non-Arab developing countries?**

**Chairperson**

*Anthony Richter-Associate Director, Open Society Institute/ Director, Revenue Watch.*

**Speakers**

*Marritt Claassens –Manager, Africa Budget Project, Institute for Democracy in South Africa.  
Adnaan Mohsen Daher, Secretary General, Mjles Alnouaab, Lebanon  
Prof. Lobna Abdel-Latif, Professor of Economics , Cairo University, Egypt*

**13:00 – 14:30**

**Third Session: How has civil society built capacity to analyze & influence government budgets in developing & transition countries?**

**Chairperson**

*Jasim El -Ajami, Transparency International, Bahrain*

**Speakers**

*Warren Krafchik – Director, International Budget Project  
Dr. Amani Qandil, Head of the Arab Network for Civil Society  
Prof. Salwa Shaarawi – Professor of Public Administration at Cairo University & Member of the Shoura Council*

**14:30 – 15:30**

**Lunch**

**15:30 – 17:30**

**Fourth Session (2 Parallel Sessions)**

## What are the best practices in civil society budget?

**Neferty Hall**

**Moderator**

### **Monitoring Education and Health**

*Dr. Iman Hasan, Executive Director, Association for Health & Environmental Development, Egypt*

**Speakers**

*Helena Hofbuaer, Director Fundar, Mexico*

*Sari Hanafi, Professor, American University in Beirut, Lebanon*

*Seham Negn, Regional coordinator for 'Education for All'*

*And the General Secretary for the Arab Network of literacy and adult education.*

**Omar El Khayam Hall**

**Moderator**

### **Monitoring Gender and Service Delivery**

*Prof. Salwa Shaarawi – Professor of Public Administration at Cairo University & Member of the Shoura Council*

**Speakers**

*Nisreen Alami – Coordinator, Gender Budgeting, UNIFEM*

*Dr. Gopakumar Thampi , Director, Public Affairs Center Foundation, India*

**19:30**

***Outing: Khan El Khalili***

## DAY 2: January 22, 2006

9:00 – 11:00

### **Fifth Session: The Regional Situation: Budgets and Oil Revenue**

**Chairperson**

*Gregor Meiering - Open Society Institute*

**Speakers**

Kamil Mhaid - Oil industry, Iraq & Jamal Al-Jawahiri - Alamal, Iraq  
Henry Thompson & Fatima Fouad – DFID  
Tarik Yousef – Georgetown University, USA  
Representative - World Bank MENA hub, Marseille

11:00 – 11:30

### ***Coffee Break***

11:30 – 13:00

### **Sixth Session: Oil and Budget: The Problems and the Solutions**

**Chairperson**

*Mona El Baradei – Dean, Faculty of Economics, Cairo University*

**Speakers**

Farda Asadov – OSI, Azerbaijan  
Allison Cochrane – DFID  
Yahia Said – London School of Economics / Revenue Watch  
Diarmid O’Sullivan or Gavin Heyman – Global Witness

13:00 – 14:30

### **Seventh Session: Partners in Budgeting: The Role of Parliament in the Budget**

**Chairperson**

*H.E. Khaled El-Hariry, Parliament, Morocco*

**Speakers**

Azmi Shueibi, Member in the National Council, Palestine & Co-founder of the Arab Organization for Corruption Combat  
H.E. Naser Sane'e, Member of Parliament, Kuwait, Head of the Arab Branch of Parliaments against Corruption

14:30 – 15:30

### ***Lunch***

15:30 – 17:00

### **Eighth Session: Partners in Budgeting: The Role of the Media in Budgeting**

**Chairperson**

*Jamila Raja- Democracy and Assistance in Dialogue/Human Rights Center for Training and Information*

**Speakers**

*Abdel Fattah El-Gebaly – Al Ahram Center for Strategic and Political Studies, Egypt*

*Abdullah Al Bakaly – Editor of Al Alalam Newspaper, Morocco*

**16:30 – 18:00**

**Final Session (4 Workshops)**

**What strategies and next steps are possible to enhance civil society budget work and budget transparency in MENA?**

**18:00 – 18:30**

**Closing**

**19:30**

***Outing: Nile Crystal***