

Yemen Consultative Group Meeting Agenda



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YEMEN CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING
LONDON November 15-16, 2006



Tuesday, November 14, 2006

18:30-20:00 Reception (Hosted by DFID)

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

08:30-09:30 Registration

09:30-10:45 Opening Statements

9:30 Welcoming remarks by the Chair (World Bank)
9:45 Welcoming remarks by the UK Government (host country)
10:00 Remarks by the President of the GCC Ministerial Council
Remarks by the Secretary General of the GCC
10:15 Statement by H.E. the President of the Republic of Yemen

10:45-11:15 Break

11:15-12:30 Statements by Government and Multilateral Organizations

11:15 Statement by the Minister of Planning & International Cooperation on Economic Reforms
11:40 Statement by the Arab fund for Economic & Social Development
11:50 Statement by the International Monetary Fund
12:00 Statement by the Islamic Development Bank
12:10 Statement by the United Nations Development Program
12:20 Statement by the World Bank

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Parallel Working Sessions

Session 1: Development Plan for Poverty Reduction and Achieving the MDGs

Chairperson: Ms. Flavia Pansieri, Resident Coordinator, UN

Speaker: Dr. Yahya Al-Mutawakel, Vice Minister/Dr. Mutahar Al-Abbasi, Deputy Minister, MPIC
Discussant: Mr. Thirumalai G. Srinivasan, Sr. Economist, World Bank
Rapporteur: Mohammed Ahmed Ali Al-Hawiri, Deputy Minister, MPIC

Session 2: National Agenda for Reform: Achievements and the Road Ahead

Chairperson: Mr. Addulrahman H. Al-Attiyah, Secretary General, GCC

Speaker: Mr. Jalal Omar Yaqoub, Assistant Deputy Minister, MPIC

Discussant: Mr. Mustapha Rouis, Country Manager, World Bank

Rapporteur: Mr. Mohammad Purnik, Principal Economic and Governance Advisor-UNDP

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Parallel Working Sessions (continued)

Session 3: Donor Harmonization and Project Implementation

Chairperson: Mr. Emmanuel Mbi, Country Director, World Bank

Speakers: Mr. Nabil Shaiban, Head AHA, MPIC; and Mr. Abdullah Al-Shater, Deputy Minister, MPIC

Discussant: Ahmed Osman, Director Technical Department, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development

Rapporteurs: Dominic O'Neil, Resident Representative, DFID/Mr. Guido Rurangwa, Sr. Country Officer, World Bank

Session 4: Yemen's Partnership with the GCC

Chairperson: Mr. Saade Chami, Division Chief, IMF

Speaker: Ms. Kaia Miller, Consultant

Discussant: Dr. Abdel Aziz Abu Hamad Aluwaisheg, Minister Plenipotentiary, Director Economic Integration, GCC

Rapporteur: Mr. Gaiv Tata, Country Program Coordinator, World Bank

17:30-18:30 Report from Parallel Working Sessions to Plenary Session

Thursday, November 16, 2006

09:00-09:30 Opening

09:00 Statement by the Government on government's public investment priorities and financing needs

09:15 Comments by the World Bank on the Public Investment Program

09:30-10:30 Pledging Statements

Each donor will be invited to pledge support for the implementation of the Development Plan/PRSP. Discussions are expected to focus around two main questions:

- *How much financial and non-financial assistance can be provided in support of the Plan and its PIP and within*

which timeframe? This should include a sectoral breakdown, in particular for budget support and TA.

- *What are the priority issues on which Government could take action to ensure satisfactory implementation of the Plan?*

10:30-11:00 **Break**

11:00-13:00 **Pledging Statements (continued)**

13:00-14:30 **Lunch**

14:30-15:30 **Conclusions (Government, World Bank)**

15:30-16:30 **Press Conference (Government, GCC, World Bank)**