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YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY IN LEBANON:

THE ROLE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

22, 23 September 2014

The Economic and Social Council, Beirut

SUMMARY

The seminar, jointly organised by ETF and AFD, together with CMI and the European Union Delegation in Lebanon will focus on analysing the current features of the labour market, the vocational and technical education system, and facilitate a conversation between key socio-economic players on reform priorities and their role in improving employability, especially amongst youth.

Day One, 22 September 2014

Schedule	Session Title	Speakers
14:00 – 14:45	Welcome and Opening Speeches	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The President of the Economic and Social Council ▪ The European Delegation ▪ The French Embassy ▪ The Ministry of Education and Higher Education ▪ The Ministry of Labor 	
14:45 – 16:00	Labour Market in Lebanon: Key Features and Opportunities	Format: Presentations and Plenary Discussion
	The Job Market in Lebanon: Characteristics, Flaws and Opportunities	H.E. Charbel Nahhas - Former Minister of Labor
	Presentation of the Study Results: The Professional Integration of Technical and Vocational Education Graduates	Dr. Kamal Hamdan – Managing Director, CRI Lebanon
16:00 – 17:30	Stakeholders' Perspectives and Expectations of the Labour Market	Format: Panel and Plenary Discussion
	Employers' Perspectives and Expectations	Mr. Khalil Cherri – General Secretary of the Association of Industrialists
	Researchers' Perspectives and Expectations	Dr. Jad Chaaban – Associate Professor of Economics, AUB
	Youth Associations Perspectives and Expectations	Ms. Rania Sabaayon – Executive Director, Masar Association
	Government's Perspectives and Expectations	Mr. Youssef Naouss – Director General of the Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Labor
17:30	Cocktail	

Day Two, 23 September 2014

Schedule	Session Title	Speakers
09:00 – 09:30	Conclusions of Day -1- And Introduction of Day -2-	
09:30 – 11:00	The VET System in Lebanon: Features, Challenges and Orientation for the Future	<u>Format:</u> Presentations and Plenary Discussion
	Lebanese Government Priorities and Policy Orientations	Mr. Ahmed Diab - Director General of Technical and Vocational Education, Ministry of Education and Higher Education
	The Torino Process Report on Lebanon: Results and Priorities	Ms. Eva Jimeno Sicilia – Head of SEMED Unit, ETF
	Youth Challenges and Expectations from the VET System	Ms. Tressia Hobeika, Winner of the European Training Foundation’s Young Mediterranean Leader Award
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:30 – 12:30	Skills Matching: Cases from the MENA Region	<u>Format:</u> Panel and Plenary Discussion
	Case Study from Lebanon – IECD	Mr. Alexis Béguin – Associate Director General, IECD Ms. Vanessa Al Badawi – Contract And Financial Analyst, Schneider Electric Ms. Antoinette Khanfour – Head of Project, Directorate General of Technical and Vocational Education

	Case Study from Lebanon – Technica International	Mr. Tony Haddad – CEO, Technica International
	International Experiences in Vocational Training – Best Practices and Key Success Factors	Ms. Alexia Levesque – Responsible of International Projects, CODIFOR
12:30 – 13:30	Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Creation for Employability	<u>Format:</u> Panel and Plenary Discussion
	Entrepreneurship in the Official Lebanese Curriculum	Mr. Wael Kazan – Representative of the Social and Economic Department, Centre for Education Research and Development
	Mubadara: An Entrepreneurship Curricula for Undergraduate Programs	Ms. Rawan Yasmin – Enterprise Development Office, ILO
	Young Entrepreneurship	Mr. Samer Sfeir – Co-Founder, ShareQ
	Company Program: Entrepreneurship Education in Schools	Ms. Fayza Saad – Executive Director, Injaz Lebanon
13:30 – 14:30	Closing Session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ETF Representative ▪ AFD Representative 	Ms. Eva Jimeno Sicilia – Head of SEMED Unit, ETF Ms. Virginie Bleitracht – Head of the Education, Training and Employment, AFD
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
15:00 – 16:00	Roundtable with Media with Organizing Committee	

*** We will be tweeting live during the seminar, make sure to follow the event on #VETLebanon**