

Conference

Political & Economic Impacts of Lower Oil Prices on the Middle East

TIME AND VENUE

Wednesday, 16 September 2015
9:00 to 17:30
Mövenpick Hotel – Beirut

ORGANIZED BY

**The Lebanese Center for Policy Studies
Natural Resource Governance Institute**

AGENDA

8:30–9:00 **Registration and Coffee**

9:00–10:30 **Introduction & Keynote**

SPEAKERS

Adnan Al-Janabi

Member of Parliament and Chair of the Oil and Energy Committee,
Iraq

Lene Lind

Ambassador of Norway in Lebanon

Daniel Kaufmann

President, Natural Resource Governance Institute, USA

Sami Atallah

Executive Director, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Lebanon

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

The working
languages of the
conference are
Arabic and English,
with simultaneous
translation.

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11:00-12:30

Oil Price Dynamics & Regional Impact

SPEAKERS

Titus Erker

Associate, Crystol Energy, UK and UAE

Rabah Arezki

Chief of the Commodities Unit, Research Department, International Monetary Fund, USA

Carole Nakhle

Director, Crystol Energy & LCPS Research Fellow, UK

Walid Khadduri

Consultant, Middle East Economic Survey, Lebanon

MODERATOR

Nisreen Salti

Professor of Economics, AUB & LCPS Research Fellow, Lebanon

12:30-13:00

Coffee Break

13:00-14:00

Governance and Economic Diversification

SPEAKERS

Farouk Al-Kasim

President, Petroteam A S, Norway

Adeel Malik

Research Fellow in Economics and Islamic Centre Lecturer in Development Economics, University of Oxford, UK

MODERATOR

Sami Atallah

Executive Director, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Lebanon

14:00-15:00

Lunch

15:00-17:30

Country Perspectives

SPEAKERS

Ahmed Jehani

Former Minister of Rehabilitation, Stabilisation and Reconstruction, Libya

Slim Besbes

Head of Finance Committee in Parliament & Former Minister of Finance, Tunisia

Luay Al-Khatteeb

Founding Director of the Iraq Energy Institute and Nonresident Fellow at the Brookings Doha Center, Iraq & UK

Ahmed Mousa Jiyad

Oil and Energy Expert, Iraq & Norway

Nasser Hoteit

Lebanese Petroleum Administration Board Member, Lebanon

MODERATOR

Patricia Karam

Director, MENA Programs, NRG, USA
