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National Workshop on
“Strengthening Commercial Law to Create a Business-Enabling Environment”

Tunis, Tunisia
13-14 January 2009

Draft Agenda
Day One: Tuesday, 13 January 2009

16:00 – 17:00 Opening Session

- Welcoming Statement/Presenting the agenda
  Presented by the National team
- Statement by the Representative of the Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity
- Opening Statement
  Presented by H.E. Mr. Ridha TOUITI, Minister of Commerce and Crafts, Tunisia

17.00 – 18.00 Networking Event and Reception

Day Two: Wednesday, 14 January 2009

09.00 – 11.00 First Session: Overview on the State of the Tunisian Economy

Chair: Representative of the Ministry of Economic Development.

- General Indicators of National Economic Development and Economic Policy Orientations
  Main Speaker: Mr. Loutfi BOUZIEN, University Professor, Tunisian National Advisor in the MENA-CLS Project (20 min)
  Commentator: Representative the Ministry of Economic Development (5 min)

- Classifications of the National Economy
  Main Speaker: Ms. Salwa BINZAGHO, General Director of the Institute of Quantitative Studies (20 minutes)
  Commentator: University Professor TBA (5 min)

- Open Discussion (35 min)
- Responses and Chair Conclusions (15 min)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.30  Second Session: Formation and Liquidation of Commercial Companies

Chair: Mr. Mohamad AL LAJMI, First President of the Court of Appeal

- Main Speaker: Mr. Ahmad ALWARFALI, Judge and researcher for the Institute of Legal and Judicial Studies, Tunisian National Advisor in the MENA-CLS Project (20 min)
- First Commentator: Mr. Nazir BINAMO, Lawyer, University Professor (5 min)
- Second Commentator: Mr. Sami AL FREIKHA, Lawyer (5 min)
- Open discussion (40 min)
- Responses and Chair Conclusions (20 min)

12:30 – 14:30  Lunch

14:30 – 15:40  Third Session: Judicial System and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Chair of Session: Mr. Zouhair SKANDAR, General Director, the Institute of Legal and Judicial Studies

- Main Speaker: Mr. Rushdi EL MEHAMMADI, First Deputy President of the Competition Board-NT Member (20 min)
- First Commentator: Mr. Hussein ALSALM, University Professor (5 min)
- Second Commentator: Mr. Abed El Wahhab ALBAHI, President of Tunis Center for Conciliation and Arbitration, Former Dean of Lawyers (5 min)
- Open discussion (30 min)
- Responses and Chair Conclusions (10 min)

15:40 – 16:00  Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:10 Fourth Session: Economic Legislation and the Promotion of Investment and Competition

Chair of Session: Mr. Mohamad ALKHOLSI, President of Competition Board

- Main Speaker: Mr. Mohamad BENFREJ: Representative of the Ministry of Trade and Crafts, Tunisian National Author of the MENA-CLS Project (20 min)
- First Commentator: Mr. Mustafa BILLTIFA, University Professor (5 min)
- Second Commentator: Representative of the Business community (5 min)
- Open discussion (30 min)
- Responses and Chair Conclusions (10 min)

17.10 – 18.00 Closing Session

- Presenting Workshop Report and Recommendations
  
  Mr. Khalifa ALTUNAKTI, General Director of Competition and Economic Research, Member of Tunisia National Team of the MENA-CLS Project (20 min)

- Closing Statement
  
  H.E. Mr. Zouhair MDHAFFAR, Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Development, Tunisia