



**MENA Commercial Law Strengthening Project**  
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**Under the Patronage of H.E. the**  
**Minister of Commerce and Crafts in Tunisia**  
**Dr. Ridha TOUITI**

**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