



After The Spring: Economic Transitions in the Arab World Tunis, September 20, 2012

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Tunis, Tunisia

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

9:00 - 11:00

Opening session: *Economic transition in the Arab world: what opportunities for youth?*

Chairperson:

Mustapha Nabli, Former Governor, Central Bank of Tunisia

Speakers:

Abdelhafidh Gharbi, President, Université de Tunis El-Manar

Mounir Baccouche, Dean, FSEGT

Hafez Ghanem, Senior Fellow, Brookings

Ragui Assaad, Professor, University of Minnesota and ERF

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:30

Session 2: *Modernizing Arab States*

Chairperson:

Samir Makdissi, AUB, former Minister of Commerce, Lebanon

Speakers:

Hafez Ghanem, Senior Fellow, Brookings

Chafik Sarsar, Professor of Constitutional Law, Université de Tunis El-Manar,

Mustapha Nabli, Former Governor, Central Bank of Tunisia

Discussion

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Session 3: *Private Sector Development and Youth Employment*

Chairperson:

Hafez Ghanem, Senior Fellow, Brookings

Speakers:

Magdi Amin, Manager, Investment Climate Advisory Services IFC

Sami Aouadi, Professor of Economics, Université de Tunis El-Manar

Akihiko Koenuma, General Director, MENA Region, JICA

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:30

Session 4: *Growth and Employment and global and Regional Integration*

Chairperson:

Mongi Boughzala, University de Tunis El-Manar,

Speakers:

Hafez Ghanem, Senior Fellow, Brookings

H.E. Jan Thesleff, Ambassador, the Embassy of Sweden

Hakim Benhammouda, Special Advisor to the President, African Development Bank

Discussion