

“OIL & GAS: LEBANON’S NATIONAL WEALTH FORUM”

**Hosted by Forum for National Dialogue
In joint cooperation with ESA and MEREf
At E.S.A. – Beirut / LEBANON**

PROGRAMME

08:00 – 08:30 GET-TOGETHER & REGISTRATION [**08:15 AM**: Arrival of the Officials]

08:30 – 08:35 OIL & GAS FORUM OPENING

Welcome: Mr. Stéphane Attali

MC: Mr. Camille Menassa

08:35 - 08:45 OPENING NOTE

H. E. Mr. Arthur Nazarian, Minister of Energy & Water, representing H. E. the President of the Republic of Lebanon, General Michel SLEIMAN

08:45 – 09:00 “*THE VISION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PETROLEUM SECTOR IN LEBANON*”

Speaker: Dr. Nasser Hoteit

09:00 – 09:45 “*DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS OF THE OIL & GAS INDUSTRY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN SEA*”

Speakers: Dr. Nicolas Sarkis + Dr. Ali Haidar + Mr. Wissam Chbat / Session Chairman: Prof. Fadi Geara

09:50 – 10:45 “*EVOLUTION OF THE LEBANESE OIL & GAS SECTOR: AN ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE*”

Speakers: Mr. Roudi Baroudi + Dr. Marwan Iskandar + Mr. Wissam Zahabi

Session Chairman: Mr. Alain Bifani

10:45 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:05 – 12:05 “*LEGAL CHALLENGES OF THE OIL & GAS INDUSTRY*”

Speakers: H.E. MP Yassine Jaber + Mr. Gaby Daaboul + Mr. Dani Kabbani + Ms. Tonje Gormley

Session Chairman: Mr. Rayan Kouatly

12:10 – 13:00 “*INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS*”

Speakers: Mr. Fuad Jawad + Mr. Imad Makhzoumi/ Session Chairman: Dr. Fadi Comair

13:00 – 14:15 LUNCH AT ESA

14:15 – 15:00 “*OIL & GAS INDUSTRY: THE JOB CREATION ASPECT & RELATED SUBJECTS*”

Speakers: Dr.Kamal Hamdan + Prof. Patrick Gougeon / Session Chairman: Dr. Mohammad Ahmad

15:00 – 15:40 “*THE MONETARY AND FINANCIAL IMPACT OF OIL & GAS FOR LEBANON*”

Speaker: Dr. Jihad Azour / Session chairman: Mr. Camille Menassa

15:45 – 16:30 “*GEOSTRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS FOR LEBANON*”

Speaker: Mr. Fouad Makhzoumi / Session Chairman: Dr. Ghazi Wazni

16:30 - 17:00 COFFEE BREAK

17:00 - 18:00 *STUDENT / PANEL Q&A EXCHANGE, STARTING WITH A 10-MIN. BRIEFING BY LPA*

Panelists: Dr. Nicolas Sarkis, Mr. Roudi Baroudi, Dr. Nasser Hoteit, Mr. Fouad Makhzoumi, Prof. Patrick Gougeon, LPA Members