

WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2009
“RESHAPING ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY”
CONSULTATION - MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION
MAY 5-6, 2008

Chaired by Ms. Frannie Léautier, Consultant and former World Bank vice president

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008

8:30 REGISTRATION

9:00 INTRODUCTION

- Welcome remarks: Jean-Eric Aubert, Manager, WBI/KNA MENA
- Presentation of the Consultation: Mr. Snrech, representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (France)
- General presentation of the WDR : Mr. Gill, Head of the WDR Unit, World Bank
- Comments: Mr. Arnaud, Consultant
- Report on Consultations in Africa: Mr. Ndiaye, Executive Secretary of the Municipal Development Program (Benin), and Mr. Kouadio, Professor/Researcher at the INSEA (Ivory Coast)

10:30 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 TOPIC A: EFFICIENT AND INCLUSIVE URBANIZATION

- Presentation: Ms. Chorching Goh of the WDR Unit, World Bank
- Comments: Mrs. Kharfi, Director, Territorial Planning (Algeria)
- Debate
- Response: Ms. Goh of the WDR Unit, World Bank
- Summing up of Topic A: Rapporteur, Mr. Lavinal, World Bank

12:45 LUNCH

14:45 SPECIAL SESSION: THE WORLD BANK'S URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

- Presentation: Ms. Joshi-Ghani, Sector Manager, Finance Economics & Urban Department, World Bank
- Debate
- Response: Ms. Joshi-Ghani
- Summing up: Rapporteur, Mr. Mayet, consultant (France)

16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 OBSERVERS' REACTIONS

17:30 END OF FIRST DAY

20:00 DINNER- INVITATION BY THE CITY OF MARSEILLES, NEW HOTEL OF MARSEILLE, RESTAURANT VICTOR, PHARO

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

8:30 TOPIC B: TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Presentation of Topic B: Mr. Truman Packard, of the WDR Unit
- Comments: Mr. Chorfi, Director General, Urbanism & Architecture (Morocco)
- Debate
- Response: Mr. Packard of the WDR Unit
- Summing up of Topic B: Rapporteur, Mr. Veltz, School of Civil Engineering (France)

10:30 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 TOPIC C: REGIONAL INTEGRATION TO ACCESS GLOBAL MARKETS

- Presentation of Topic C: Mr. Uwe Deichmann, of the WDR Unit
- Comments Mrs. Sobhy, Vice President, GAFI (Egypt)
- Debate
- Response: Mr. Deichmann of the WDR Unit
- Summing up of Topic C: Rapporteur, Mr. Reiffers, Professor, University of Aix-Marseille (France)

12:45 LUNCH

14:45 CHALLENGES FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

- Presentation: Mr. Kremer, Senior economist, World Bank
- Debate
- Response: Mr. Kremer

16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 CONCLUSIONS

- Observers' reactions
- Lessons of the Consultation: Mr. Gill, Head of the WDR Unit.
- Work perspectives for WBI/KNA MENA: Jean-Eric Aubert
- Overall summary: Ms. Léautier

18:00 END OF WORKSHOP