



**The Regional Agro-Industries Forum (RAIF)  
Middle East & North Africa (MENA)**

**Beirut, Lebanon 15-18 November, 2011**

**PROGRAM**

**Tuesday, 15 November**

08:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration</i>
10:00 – 11:10	Opening Ceremony Introduction: Ms. Mariam Eid (MOA) Organizing Committee, Elhadi Yahia (FAO) UNIDO, Mr. Khaled El Mekwad, Regional representative FAO RNE ADG, Mr. Saad AlOtaibi H.E. Minister of Agriculture, Lebanon, Dr. Hussein hajj Hassan
11:10 – 11:40	<i>Break</i>
11:40 – 12:30	Setting the Stage Session Forum format and expectations, Doyle Baker Global Trends and Patterns, Carlos da Silva Discussion
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Plenary Papers Session One Regional Strategies, Policies and Priorities, Adel Cortas Sub-Regional Perspectives (discussants) Discussion
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	Plenary Papers Session Two Food Losses, Adel Kader Food Supply, Rafiq Hamdan
20:00	<i>Dinner</i> Al Saha Restaurant, Hosted by Ministry of Agriculture

### **Wednesday, 16 November**

- 08:30 – 10:15 Roundtables Session One  
Business climates and costs of doing business  
Product quality and safety systems
- 10:15 – 10:45 *Break*
- 10:45 – 12:30 Roundtables Session Two  
Innovative financing and financial mechanisms  
Product innovation and value addition
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 15:45 Roundtables Session Three  
Infrastructure needs and provision  
Producer-buyer linkages and contracts
- 15:45 – 16:15 *Break*
- 16:15 – 18:00 Roundtables Session Four  
Agribusiness incubators and technology parks  
Supply chain efficiency and logistics

### **Thursday, 17 November**

- 08:30 – 09:20 Roundtable Observations  
Public private partnering to increase investment  
Improving operations of small and medium enterprises
- 09:20 – 09:30 Introduction to workshops
- 09:30 – 10:00 *Break*
- 10:00 – 12:30 Workshops Session  
Public private partnering to increase investment  
Improving operations of small and medium enterprises
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 14:45 Workshops Observations
- 14:45 – 15:15 *Break*
- 15:15 – 16:15 Multistakeholder Panel – Outcomes and Strategies  
FAO representing UN (E. Yahia)  
Representative of private sector  
Representative of a MoA  
Representative of a ministry of industry/commerce  
Representative of financial institution/donor
- 16:15 – 16:30 Closing Ceremony
- 18:00 Reception by H.E. Prime Minister of Lebanon

### **Friday, 18 November**

Field trip: program is posted in the RAIF web site and can also be obtained from the Forum Secretariat