



The Lebanese  
Parliament



**Workshop on  
The Development of Legislative Drafting  
For Arab Parliaments  
3-6 February 2003, Beirut  
Agenda**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 3RD, 2003 ARRIVAL IN BEIRUT**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2003 WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION**

**10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Introductory Remarks**

- Representative of the Speaker of the House, Lebanese Parliament
- Representative of the United Nations Development Programme
- Secretary General , Arab Parliamentary Union

**10:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Coffee Break**

**SESSION I: THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND GOOD GOVERNANCE**

**Chair:** Mr. Michael Daher, Head of Committee of Administration and Justice,  
The Lebanese Parliament

**11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Legislating for Good Governance: A Framework for Arab Legislatures**

**Speaker:** Dr. Ali El-Sawi, Professor of political science & Director of  
Parliamentary Program, Cairo University

**First Discussant:** Ms. Asma Khader ,General Coordinator International Center for  
Women's Solidarity- Jordan

**Second Discussant:** Mr. Adnan Daher, Secretary-General , The Lebanese Parliament

**12:15 p.m. – 13:30 p.m.      Legislative Process in Arab Legislatures: Comparative Experiences**

**Speaker:**      Mr. Ali Moussa, Member of Parliament , People’s Assembly- Egypt

**Discussant:**   Mr. Ibrahim Mohamad Ibrahim, Secretary-General, National Assembly- Sudan

**13:30 p.m. - 14:00 p.m.      Meeting with the Lebanese Speaker of the House , His Excellency Mr. Nabih Berri**

**14:00 p.m. - 15:00 p.m.      Lunch Break**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION II: SOURCES AND RESOURCES FOR LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING NATIONAL, REGIONAL, INTERNATIONAL</b></p>
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**Chair:**              Mr. Rashid Al-Idrissi Al-Kaitonni, Secretary-General- Morocco

**15:00 p.m.- 16:30 p.m.      Sources and Resources for the Production of Legal Texts**

**Speaker:**              Dr. Wassim Harb, Professor of Law, Expert in Computer and Law- Lebanon

**Discussant:**        Mr. Mohammed El-Mazroui, Secretary-General, People’s Assembly- United Arab Emirates

**16:30 p.m. – 18:00 p.m.      Preparation, Drafting and Management of Legislative Projects**

**Speaker:**              Prof. Keith Patchett, Professor of Law, University of Wales -United Kingdom

**Discussant:**        Dr. Mohammed Masalha, Secretary-General, House of Representatives - Jordan

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2003**

**SESSION III: COMPARATIVE EXPERIENCES EGYPT/LEBANON**

**Chair:** Mr. Shreedah AL-Mousharji, Secretary-General , National Assembly-Kuwait

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Status of Legislative Drafting in Egypt: The Labour Law Draft**

**Speaker:** Mr. Mahmoud Sabra, Instructor in Law, Cairo University & the American University of Cairo

**Discussant:** Mr. Ayman Nour, Member of Parliament, People's Assembly - Egypt

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Towards Improving Legislation**

**Speaker:** Mr. Auguste Bakhos , Head of the Committee on Updating the Laws, The Lebanese Parliament

**Discussant:** Dr. Zuhair Chakr, Professor of Law , The Lebanese Parliament

**12:00 p.m.– 14:00 p.m. Lunch Break**

**SESSION IV: EFFECTIVE AND DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

**Chair:** Dr. Ali el-Khalil, Head of the Committee for Foreign Relations, The Lebanese Parliament

**14:00 p.m. – 15,30 p.m. First Discussion Session:  
The Pillars of an Effective and Democratic Legislation  
Process: Skills, Expertise and Capacity**

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Ali Belhaj, Former Member of Parliament – Morocco
- Mr. Richard Denis, General Legislative Counsel, House of Commons – Canada
- Mr. Bruno Beaufume, Director of Foreign Relations - The French Senate

**15,30 p.m. – 15,45 p.m.      Coffee Break**

**15,45 p.m. – 17,15 p.m.      Second Discussion Session:  
Enhancing Legislative processes in Arab  
Legislatures for Good Governance**

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Ghassan Mokheiber, Member of Parliament- Lebanon
- Mr. Naser el-Sane, Member of Parliament, National Assembly- Kuwait

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2003**

**A BLUEPRINT FOR A LEGISLATIVE MODULE : ACTION PLANNING EXERCISE**

**Chair:**            Mr. Robert Ghanem, Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Educational  
Committee

**9,00 a.m.- 10,30a.m.            Wrap up**

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Adel Abdellatif, Regional Coordinator, Programme on Governance in the Arab Region, UNDP
- Ms. Elissar Sarrouh, Governance Institutions Reform Specialist , SURF-AS UNDP

**Chair:**            Mr. Elie Ferzli, Vice-Speaker of the Lebanese Parliament

**9,00 a.m. – 11,00 a.m.            Recommendations**

**Afternoon: Free time and departure**

