

Challenges to Financing Middle-Income Countries Facing Crises – Panel Discussion @ IFI, AUB 11 Jun 2015

The event titled “Challenges to Financing Middle-Income Countries Facing Crises”, was held on 11 June 2015, as a public panel event at the AUB, co-hosted by UN Lebanon together with the Issam Fares Institute.

The purpose of the panel was to understand the global policy discussions around new approaches to development financing in the context of the post-2015 agenda (SDGs) and then explore its relevance and particular challenges for conflict-affected states under stress which are not typically eligible for the modalities and magnitude of funding required to overcome shocks or recover their stability. The panel also explored the challenges (from aid accountability to legislative obstacles) and opportunities (new hybrid financing options such as diaspora bonds) of such an approach in Lebanon, including how to leverage investments into the private sector for public good.

The panelists were:

Sigrid Kaag, United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon

Rayya El Hassan, Former Lebanese Minister of Finance

Erik Solheim, Chair of the Development Assistance Committee of the OECD

Ferid Belhaj, World Bank Regional Director for the MENA Region

Nasser Saidi, Former Minister of Economy & Trade and Minister of Industry & First VG of BDL

The audio of the panel discussion is available at this link: <http://yourlisten.com/ifi.aub/challenges-to-financing-mi>

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