

"Stability Redefined: Who Authors the Future?", Beirut Institute Summit e-Policy Circle 7, 17 Jun 2020

Dr. Nasser Saidi participated in a webinar on 17th June 2020 titled "Stability Redefined: Who Authors the Future?" organised by the the Beirut Institute Summit.

Beirut Institute Summit e-Policy Circle 7 hosted by Raghida Dergham under the theme of 'Stability Redefined: Who Authors the Future?' with HE Elliott Abrams, United States Special Representative for Venezuela; HE Brian Hook, United States Special Representative for Iran; HE Nasser Saidi, Lebanese Former Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry; and Ms. Nora Mueller, Executive Director for Körber-Stiftung.

Dr. Saidi discussed many themes including Middle East's deep recession and a potential "lost decade", the economic, social & political effects of sanctions, higher military spending, nation-rebuilding & reconstruction of war-torn nations and more. Watch the webinar below.

"Prospects for sovereign debt restructuring and access to financing", OMFIF webinar, 4

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Dr. Nasser Saidi participated in a webinar on 4th June 2020 titled "[Overcoming debt crisis in emerging markets: Prospects for sovereign debt restructuring and access to financing](#)" organised by the the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF) on 4th June 2020.

As emerging markets face humanitarian and economic shocks, the ability to service their sovereign debt has led to concerns of a widespread debt crisis. While the G20 agreed to a standstill in April by freezing repayments on bilateral loans for 76 poorer countries, uncertainty remains over trade offs between debt relief and re-financing, the outlook for middle income countries, and how the private sector creditors will respond. The panel looks at the prospects for sovereign debt restructuring and access to financing across Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Dr. Saidi focused on the case of Lebanon, while also highlighting the role of China as a global lender. Watch the webinar below.