

<b>TRIPOLI CONFERENCE 2017, Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b> <b>Challenges and Opportunities in the Economic Development of Tripoli and North Lebanon</b> <b>Under the Auspices of the President of the Council of Ministers H.E. Mr. Saad Hariri</b>	
9:30	<b>Registration, Refreshments and Networking</b>
10:00	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <i>Mr Albert Aoun, Chairman, IFP Group</i>
10:10	<b>Keynote address: Overview on Tripoli's economic development plan</b> <i>Tawfiq Dabboussi, President of the Chamber of Commerce Industry &amp; Agriculture of Tripoli &amp; North Lebanon</i>
10:20	<b>Keynote address: Overview on Tripoli Special Economic Zone</b> <i>Raya Haffar El Hassan, Chairman – General Manager of Tripoli Special Economic Zone (TSEZ)</i>
10:30	<b>Keynote address: UN ESCWA's National Agenda for the Future of Syria Programme</b> <i>Riwa NASREDDINE, Programme Manager of the National Agenda for the Future of Syria Phase II Programme (NAFS), ESCWA</i>
10:40	<b>Keynote address: Youssef Fenianos, Minister of Public Works and Transport</b>
10:50	<b>Keynote address from the patron of the conference (State of the Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Saad Al Hariri)</b>
11:00	<b>Panel Discussion: Challenges and Opportunities of Tripoli and North of Lebanon for the reconstruction of Syria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the main projects developments planned for Lebanon?</li> <li>• How the TSEZ is beneficial to Tripoli?</li> <li>• Discussing the reopening of the Airport at Qlaiaat in the far north of Lebanon</li> <li>• Challenges and opportunities of Tripoli and North of Lebanon for the reconstruction of Syria post conflict</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Nicolas Nahas, Former Minister of Economy and Trade in Lebanon</i></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> <i>Raya Haffar El Hassan, Chairman – General Manager of Tripoli Special Economic Zone (TSEZ)</i> <i>Tawfiq Dabboussi, President of the Chamber of Commerce Industry &amp; Agriculture of Tripoli &amp; North Lebanon</i> <i>Nabil El-Jisr, President of the Council for Development and Reconstruction</i> <i>Mr. Bassel Kaghadou, Senior Technical Advisor and Team Leader of the (NAFS), ESCWA</i></p>
12:00	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
12:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:45	<b>Tripoli Special Economic Zone (TSEZ) Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview on Creating a legal and regulatory environment within the TSEZ jurisdiction conducive to doing business</li> <li>• Analysing the market and demand for investment</li> <li>• Assessing the infrastructure, environmental and engineering aspects of the zone</li> <li>• Designing appropriate infrastructure and facilities necessary for its success, including costs and detailed planning</li> </ul> <p><b>Representative of Tripoli Special Economic Zone (TSEZ)</b></p>
13:00	<b>Port of Tripoli extension launched - expansion of container area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of the second phase extension</li> <li>• Connecting the port to the surrounding infrastructure, including the railway, roads and bridges</li> <li>• Understanding the value and the timeline of the project</li> <li>• Connecting Port of Tripoli to Syria and Asia – “The Silk Road”</li> </ul> <p><i>Ahmad Tamer, President of the Port of Tripoli</i></p>
13:15	<i>Antoine Amatoury, Chairman of “Gulftainer”</i>
13:30	<b>Closing Comments from the Chairman</b>
13:45	<b>Networking and End of Conference</b>