

Public-Private Partnership Opportunities

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Four Seasons Hotel, Beirut

The Lebanon Investment in Infrastructure Conference is an important milestone for Lebanon's development and economic revival drive, as it will pave the way for economic recovery and will help Lebanon regain its economic and financial position in the region. The importance of the conference is based on the following points:

- 1. The Capital Investment Program, the biggest investment program Lebanon has ever witnessed (in the range of 16 billion USD over 10 years), is expected to be supported by the international community during the "Paris 4" conference that is planned to be held in April 2018.
- 2. More than 40% of the projects in the Capital Investment Program is expected to be funded through private investments, which is a major step towards bolstering partnership between the private and the public sectors, especially after enacting the Public-Private Partnership law.
- 3. The expected modernization of the infrastructure will be accompanied by the launch of the oil and gas exploration process in the Lebanese territorial waters; a development that will positively impact investment and economic growth in the coming years.
- 4. The planned large investments to develop the energy, water, transport, wastewater and solid waste sectors, coupled with reforms, will make the investment environment in Lebanon more efficient and transparent which will contribute to further investments.

The Capital Investment Program represents a great opportunity to improve the outlook of the Lebanese economy and mobilize private investments, as well as create job opportunities and raise growth levels. It will also enhance the economy's competitiveness and stimulate the trade and export routes between Lebanon and the neighboring markets.

In order to present a comprehensive view of this ambitious Capital Investment Program and the investment opportunities it presents for Lebanese and foreign investors, business people and companies, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal group in collaboration with the Office of the President of the Council of Ministers, and the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Lebanon, under the patronage of the President of the Council of Ministers of Lebanon, H.E Saad Hariri plans to organize "The Lebanon Investment in Infrastructure Conference" on Tuesday March 6, 2018 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beirut.

The Conference focuses on the following topics:

- The objectives and scope of the Lebanese Capital Investment Program
- The proposed projects for partnership to the private sector, including energy, water, transport, wastewater and solid waste projects.
- Financing opportunities and modalities for the partnership with the private sector

Stakeholders/Invitees

- Ministries and relevant government agencies
- Regional and international multilateral development institutions (Arab Funds, World Bank, Islamic Development Bank, European Investment Bank...)
- Commercial banks
- Investment banks
- Private equity investors Construction and Engineering companies
- Companies specialized in developing and operating infrastructure
- Insurance companies

Agenda

9:00 - 10:00 Registration at Four Seasons Hotel, Beirut

10:00 - 11:00 Opening Session

11:00 - 11:30 Break

11:30 - 13:00 Session One: Infrastructure Projects for Partnership

This session will present the main projects included in the Capital Investment Program that could be implemented through private sector financing and participation. These projects cover five main sectors:

- Energy (electricity production, alternative energy, natural gas pipeline)
- Water (Dams)
- Transport (airports, ports, railways, and toll roads)
- Wastewater
- Solid waste

Speakers:

- A representative of the President of the Council of Ministers
- The Council for Development and Reconstruction
- The High Council for Privatization and Partnership

Discussion

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session Two: Financing modalities

This session will focus on the different aspects of partnership and financing opportunities as well as regulatory and legal frameworks, in addition to the potential role of banks, multilateral development institutions and private equity investors.

Speakers

- The Council for Development and Reconstruction
- The High Council for Privatization and Partnership
- Representatives of multilateral development institutions (IFC,EBRD)
- Commercial and investment banks

Discussion

15:30- 16:30 Concluding Session

16:30- 17:30 Bilateral meetings

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