



WORKSHOP

THE MIDDLE EAST DIRECTIONS PROGRAMME

RE-THINKING LIBYA'S ECONOMIC CONFLICT

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Theatre

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■ INTRODUCTION

Over the past year there has been increasing focus on the role of the economy in the Libyan conflict, particularly the way in which increasingly widespread corruption and predation are proving an obstacle to reconciliation and political settlement. This has led to the implementation of technical measures designed to reduce this phenomenon.

This technical focus diverts attention from wider questions regarding Libya's longer-term economic vision, and what is at stake for different political actors in advancing their own economic strategies.

Taking into account Libya's turbulent pre-2011 economic history, this workshop widens the debate around economic reforms in Libya, analysing the gaps in current strategies and highlighting entry points for longer-term political and economic recovery.



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- 09.15 - 09.30 **Introduction**
Virginie Collombier | MEDirections
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- 09.30 - 10.45 **Session one | Economic reforms: What has been done? What's next? What are the main challenges?**
Chair: **Fiona Barsoum** | MEDirections
Speakers:
Mohamed Khaled Elghuel | Independent Expert
Jamal Eltayb Abdelmalek | TBC
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15 - 12.30 **Session one continued**
- 12.30 - 14.00 Lunch
Sala Giuseppe Buonsanti
- 14.00 - 15.30 **Session two | What role for the economy in Libya's new social contract?**
Chair: **Virginie Collombier** | MEDirections
Speakers:
Musab Elgaed | Libyan Social Dialogue
Hosni Bey | HB Group
Essmail Elsharif | Libyan Presidency Council
- 15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00 - 17.30 **Session three | Roundtable: Building a vision for Libya's economy**
Chair: **Luigi Narbone** | MEDirections

■ SPEAKERS

Jamal Eltayb Abdelmalek	TBC
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