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Cairo, Egypt
15 and 16 December 2008

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER

- 09:00 - 10:00* *Registration and coffee break*
- 10:00 - 10:30 **Opening session**
Address by Ahmed Bin Heli, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs-League of Arab States.
Address by Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences (UNESCO)
Address by Carl Tham, Member of the Commission on Human Security and of the Advisory Board on Human Security
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Human Security in the Arab Region**
by Mr Antoine Sfeir, Director, Les Cahiers de l'Orient, France
- 11:00 - 12:20 Discussion
- 12:20 - 12:30 Conclusions by Chair
Ambassador Ahmed Bin Heli, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs (LAS)
- Rapporteur*
Ms Mehrnaz Mostafavi, Programme Officer, Human Security Unit (HSU/OCHA)
- 12:30 – 12:45 **Human Security according to other regional experiences**
by Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh, Director of the Program for Peace and Human Security at the Centre d'études et Recherches Internationales (CERI), France
- 12:45 - 13:00 *by Francisco Rojas Aravena, Secretary General of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences-FLACSO, Costa Rica*
- 13:00 - 13:30 Discussion
- 13:30 – 15:00* *Lunch (hosted by the League of Arab States)*
- 15:00-15:20 Discussion (resumed)
- 15:20-15:30 Conclusions by Chair
Mr Kazuo Tase, Chief, Human Security Unit (HSU/OCHA)
- Rapporteur*
Ms Moufida Goucha, Chief, Human Security, Democracy and Philosophy Section, UNESCO
- 15:30 - 15:45* *Coffee break*
- 15:45 - 16:15 **Poverty eradication in the Arab region from a human security perspective**
by Mr Atif Kubursi, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Lebanon. (Presented by Dr Mustapha Kamel Alsayed)

16:15 - 17:35 Discussion
17:35 - 17:45 Conclusions by Chair
Mr Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences (UNESCO)

Rapporteur

Ms Elham Alshejni, First Secretary, Cabinet of the Secretary General (LAS)

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

09:00 -09:30 **Environment in the Arab region from a human security perspective**
by Ms Badria Al-Awadhi, Director, Arab Regional Center for Environmental Law (ARCEL), Kuwait

09:30 -10:50 Discussion

10:50 -11:00 Conclusions by Chair
Mr Kazuo Tase Chief, Human Security Unit (HSU/OCHA)

Rapporteurs

Mr Tarek Shawki, Director, UNESCO Cairo Office

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:00 **Managing conflict and post-conflict situations in the Arab region from a human security perspective**
by Mr Mohamed Abdel Salam, Head, The Regional Security Program, Al-Ahram Center for Political & Strategic Studies, Egypt

12:00 – 13:20 Discussion

13:20 – 13:30 Conclusions by Chair
Mr Samir Hosny, Director of African Affairs (LAS)

Rapporteurs

Ms Mehrnaz Mostafavi (HSU/OCHA)

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch (hosted by UNESCO, served at Nile Hilton)

15:00 – 15:30 **Democracy and human rights in the Arab region from a human security perspective**
by Mr Abdallah Saaf, Director, *Centre d'études et de recherches en sciences sociales*, Morocco

15:30 – 16:50 Discussion

16:50 – 17:00 Conclusions by Chair
Mr Pierre Sané Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences (UNESCO)

Rapporteur

Ms Hanan Elbadawi, Cabinet of the Secretary General (LAS)

17:00 – 18:00 **Summary & Conclusions**
General report by the League of Arab States

Conclusions by:
Mr. Ahmed Bin Heli (LAS)
Mr. Pierre Sané (UNESCO)
Mr Kazuo Tase (HSU/OCHA)

Note: A showcasing of projects funded by the United Nations Trust Fund on Human Security will be displayed on the sidelines of the Conference.