



**The Arab Planning Institute organize an  
International Conference on:**

**“The Unemployment Crisis in the Arab Countries”**

**17-18 March 2008  
Cairo – Egypt**

## Objective

Given the evidence on the persistence of high unemployment rates in Arab countries, and their tendency to increase over time, the major objective of this Conference is to provide a forum to debate the issues related to the nature of the development challenge posed by unemployment in the Arab countries, to scrutinize the nature of policies that were pursued to meet the challenge, and to search for more relevant and durable policy options.

## Themes

- 1- Analysis of the nature of the unemployment problem, especially in Arab countries, in an attempt to answer the question of whether it is a macroeconomic problem;
- 2- Determination of the distinctive features of Arab labor markets for the various sub-groups of Arab countries from the perspective of market flexibility;
- 3- Evaluation of the impact of economic reform policies on the labor market;
- 4- Evaluation of the role of the informal sector in job creation and labor absorption;
- 5- Evaluation of the role of the private sector in solving the unemployment problem;
- 6- Evaluation of the role of social development funds, or their equivalents, in solving the unemployment problem;
- 7- Evaluation of the relationship between educational systems and unemployment;
- 8- Evaluation of the relationship between unemployment and poverty;
- 9- Country case studies on policies to solve the unemployment problem;
- 10- Empirical studies to test the implication of various theories of development as they relate to the labor market and its functioning;
- 11- Analysis of unemployment from a gender perspective and women participation in the labor force;
- 12- Analysis of unemployment from a human capital perspective and the implied costs.

## Conference Venue

Cairo – Egypt.

## Conference Language

Arabic Language with direct translation to English Language.

## Invitation to Participate in the Conference

Those interested in participating in the Conference, from the Arab countries and beyond, are requested to fill the form through the following link [http://www.arab-api.org/conf\\_0308e.pdf](http://www.arab-api.org/conf_0308e.pdf) on or before 3/3/2008.



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**Registration Form:**

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Position : ..... :

Affiliation : ..... :

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**Participation Details:**

Fees 150 \$ (One hundred fifty US dollar only).  
▪ Transfer to Arab Planning Institute – Kuwait account # 04810814 with Gulf Bank – Head Office.

Method of Payment  
▪ Check favoring Arab Planning Institute – Kuwait.  
▪ Cash upon registration.

Hotel RSVP Sheraton Cairo Hotel - Cairo. For special price please contact Arab Planning Institute on address at the bottom of the page.

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