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

*“The Role of The Private Sector in Development:  
Assessment and Prospects”*

**23-25 March 2009  
Beirut - Lebanon**

## Objective

The major objective of this Conference is to provide a forum to debate the issues related to the process of the market reorientation of the economies of the developing countries over the period since the mid – 1980s to present, the role of the private sector during the process, the private sector friendly policies adopted and implemented during the period and the remaining agenda for increasing the role of the private sector in the development process.

## Themes

- 1- Theoretical evaluation of the role of the private sector in the development process of developing countries of prerequisites for emergence of a national private sector, and institutional requirements for enhancing the role of the private sector in transition from state-dominated countries to market-based countries;
- 2- Empirical evaluation of the role of the private sector in the development process of developing countries (e.g. using cross-country techniques), inclusive of evaluating time trends of the share of the private sector in GDP and investment; the role in employment generation; and, the effect of an increased role on a total factor productivity;
- 3- Country case studies on the evaluation of privatization programs as a means of increasing the role of the private sector in the development process of developing countries, inclusive of sectoral studies;
- 4- Evaluation of the effect of an increased role of the private sector from the perspective of the price structure, quality of goods, and the employment of factors production;
- 5- Evaluation of an increased role of the private sector from perspective of equality of opportunity in access to educational and health services; and , from the perspective of trends in inequality of distribution of consumption expenditure, poverty and social exclusion inclusive of issues pertaining to cooperate social responsibilities and issues relating to conflict between the profile maximization motive and sustainability of democratic governance regimes; and,
- 6- Exploration of appropriate policies and programs that aim at increasing the role of the private sector in the developments process.

## Conference Venue

Beirut - Lebanon.

## Conference Language

Bilingual with simultaneous interpretation.

## Invitation to Participate in the Conference

Those interested in participating in the Conference, are requested to fill the form through the following link before 3/3/2009, [www.arab-api.org/conf\\_0309/conf\\_br09e.pdf](http://www.arab-api.org/conf_0309/conf_br09e.pdf).



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## Registration Form:

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Position : ..... :

Affiliation : ..... :

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## Participation Details:

Fees:

- 400 \$ (Four Hundred US dollar only).
- 200 \$ for Arab Researchers and Post Graduates students.

Methods of Payment:

- Transfer to Arab Planning Institute – Kuwait account # 04810814 with Gulf Bank – Head Office, and send us a notification.
- Check favoring Arab Planning Institute – Kuwait.
- Cash upon registration.

Hotel RSVP:

- Radisson SAS Martinez Hotel - Beirut. For hotel reservation please contact Arab Planning Institute on address at the bottom of the page.

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