

“Economic and Social Development of the Middle East and North Africa: Success or Failure?”

**Friday, 27 October 2017
DOC Research Institute, Berlin**

Organizational Programme

| Time | Event |
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| 09:30 - 10:00 | Welcome coffee and registration |
| 10:00-12:00 | <p><u>Session 1. Economic and Social Developments</u></p> <p>Vladimir Popov, Research Director, DOC-RI Theme: New Economic Miracle in the Middle East?</p> <p>Vitaliy Mel’yantsev, Professor, Head of the Department of International Economics, Institute of Asian and African Studies, M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University Theme: Dynamics and Factors of the Long-Term Comparative Economic and Social Performance in the Arab World / MENA Region</p> <p>Bahodur Eshonov, FAO's Subregional Office for Central Asia, Ankara, Turkey Theme: Economic Development of Uzbekistan in Recent Decades as Compared to countries of the Middle East and Central Asia</p> |
| 12:00-12:30 | Coffee break |
| 12:30 -14:30. | <p><u>Session 2 - Political Developments</u></p> <p>Yaşar Yakış, former Foreign Minister, and a former ambassador to the UN Office in Vienna, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia, chair of the European Union Harmonization Committee of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey. Theme: Opportunities for the post-crisis Middle East</p> |

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| | <p>Veniamin Popov, Director of the Center of the Partnership of Civilizations, MGIMO, Moscow; former Soviet/Russian Ambassador in Yemen, Libya, Tunisia</p> <p>Theme: New configuration of Forces in the Middle East</p> <p>Amr Hamzawy, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Middle East Program & Democracy and Rule of Law Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</p> <p>Theme: The political realities of resurgent authoritarianism in the Middle East</p> |
| 14:30 -15:30 | Lunch |
| 15:30 – 17:30. | <p><u>Session 3. - Comments and discussion</u></p> <p>Alexey Malashenko, Senior Researcher, DOC-RI, Moscow</p> <p>Peter Knoope, Associate Fellow and Former Director, International Centre for Counter Terrorism (ICCT), The Netherlands</p> <p>Theme: Securitization of spaces in the aftermath of the Arab Spring. A challenge or an opportunity</p> <p>Hartmut Elsenhans, Professor Emeritus, Leipzig University</p> <p>Ahmed Badawi, Senior Researcher, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics, Freie Universität Berlin</p> <p>Amirah El-Haddad, Senior Economist, Sustainable Economic and Social Development Department, Stabilization and Development in the Middle East and North Africa, German Development Institute (TBC)</p> |