

Security Sector Reform in the Southern Neighbourhood

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Security Sector Reform (SSR) in the Middle East and North Africa presents unique challenges: the authority of states is not always fully established, open conflict is widespread, resource constraints are severe, and non-state armed actors, as well as armed civilians complicate the picture. The Joint Communication of the European Commission and the High Representative of July 2016 recognises these difficulties and proposes a more comprehensive and adaptable approach to SSR in environments that present particular challenges, such as in the Southern neighbourhood.

The seminar seeks to contribute to this by bringing together practitioners from the field and EU officials, in order to provide elements of discussion to a more tailored approach to SSR in the region.

Programme

8:30-9:00 Registration and welcome coffee

9:00-9:15 Opening remarks

Maciej Popowski, *Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission*

9:15-10:15 Session 1 | Law enforcement: detention and criminal justice

Chair Florence Gaub, *Senior Analyst on the Middle East and North Africa, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)*

Panellists Haitham Shibli, *Deputy Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, Penal Reform International (PRI), Amman*

Andrea Mancini, *Programme Officer, Regional Section for Europe, West and Central Asia, Division for Operations, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Vienna*

Ajmi Bel Haj Hamouda, *Expert of the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR), Tunis*

10:15-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-11:30 Session 2 | Police force: improving the conditions

Chair Florence Gaub, *Senior Analyst on the Middle East and North Africa, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)*

Panellists Marc Maouad, *Operations Director, Siren Associates, Beirut*
Ihab Youssef, *Secretary General, The People and Police for Egypt, Cairo*
Andrea Matteuzzi, *EUPOL COPPS Police Expert, European External Action Service (EEAS)*

11:30-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-12:45 Session 3 | Border control: the challenges

Chair Stéphane Halgand, *Team Leader – Crisis Reaction and Security Sector Reform, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission*

Panellists Franz Prutsch, *Senior Regional Immigration and Border Management Specialist, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Cairo*
Maroun Hitti, *Brigadier General at Lebanese Armed Forces (retired), Special Adviser to the Prime Minister for Defense and Military Affairs, Beirut*
Wolfgang Puzstai, *Security and Policy Analyst, former Austrian Defence Attaché to Italy, Greece, Libya and Tunisia, Vienna*

12:45-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-14:30 Session 4 | The art of counter-terrorism

Chair Anna Reece, *Policy Officer, Centre of Thematic Expertise Crisis Reaction and Security Sector Reform, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission*

Panellists Maroun Hitti, *Brigadier General at Lebanese Armed Forces (retired), Special Adviser to the Prime Minister for Defense and Military Affairs, Beirut*
Annelies Pauwels, *Junior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)*
Youssef Cherif, *Deputy Director, Columbia University Tunis Center, Tunis*

14:30-15:00 Wrap-up and closing remarks