

**Majalat Thematic Workshop on Economic Policies and Social Dialogue
In the Southern neighborhood
Beirut 6, 7 April 2019**

DAY I	
09:00-10:00	Welcome Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAJALAT Representative - European Union Representative - Arab NGO Network for Development
10:00-11:30	Session I: Setting the scene
	<p><i>Objective of the session: Defining the main priorities governing the relation between the EU and countries of the Southern Neighborhood and to which extent does its framework hinder regional cooperation and sustainable development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the European priorities based on the New European Neighborhood Policy, the Multiannual Financial Framework and linking it to the changing regional context : critical analysis of the Arab Economic and Social Development Summit and the EU-LAS Summit and their implications on the partnership <p>Discussion</p>
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00-13:30	Session II: EU Policy Coherence for Development
	<p><i>Objective of the session: Reviewing the EU policy coherence for development and its implementation at the level of it external policies, particularly on those affecting the Southern Neighborhood; in addition to presenting recommendations in that sense.</i></p> <p>Overview of the EU Policy Coherence for Development, its approach and challenges –</p> <p>Reflections from national cases from the Southern Neighborhood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Syrian context ● The Lebanese context <p>Discussion</p>
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-16:00	Session III: Free Trade Agreements and the European Investment plan at the center of the cooperation

	<p><i>Objective of the session: Addressing the trade liberalization main tool promoted by the EU towards the region since the Arab Uprisings : Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements (DCFTAs) – its impact on socioeconomic and environmental rights, on sustainable development in general and on migration in the Neighborhood South region.</i></p> <p>Overview of the Free Trade Agreements with the EU and the European Investment plan and their implications in the region</p> <p>Overview of ongoing trade agreements or stopped negotiation rounds in the Southern Neighborhood Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ● Tunisia: ongoing 3rd round of negotiations and civil society push back- ● Lebanon : overview of investment plans with the EU
Day II	
9:30-11:00	Session IV European Union Country Roadmaps to Engage with Civil Society in External Relations
	<p><i>Objective of the session: Addressing the status of the EU roadmaps for engagement with the civil society and the shortfalls it faces in reference to an analysis of the current situation of CSOs in the countries of the Neighborhood South, in order to determine specific recommendations in that sense.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of the roadmaps from a Civil Society’s perspective ● Reflections on national contexts of country roadmaps from the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tunisia - Lebanon <p>Discussion</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	Session V Private Sector Accountability in EU policies

	<p><i>Objective of the session: This session aims at showcasing the increasing role of the private sector in the development agenda on an EU level, in particular in its external policies under several forms; and to which extent these investments are respectful to human rights standards</i></p> <p>Overview of the role of private sector in the framework of the partnership and its implications from a human rights perspective</p> <p>Ms. Zahra Bazzi –Arab NGO Network for Development</p> <p>Overview of national cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Egypt : <i>Case of labor rights</i> - Jordan : - Lebanon:
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:00	Session VI Presentations of Recommendations