

**Le Cercle des Economistes Arabes
And the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of the
International Monetary Fund**

In partnership with
The Applied Economics and Development Research Group
at the American University of Beirut (AUB-AED) and Banque BEMO

Invite you to the launching and discussion event of the IEO report

The IMF and Fragile States
Evaluation Report 2018

Tuesday July 31, 2018 | 3:00 – 7:00 pm

at the Michel and Sherine Bayoud Lecture Hall
American University of Beirut, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (FAFS)

Final Program

2:30- 3:00 Registration of participants

3:00-3:10 Welcoming: Samir Aita, President of the Cercle des Economistes Arabes and Mr. Charles Collyns, Director of the IEO/IMF

3:10-3:40 Main Findings of the report, Mr. Shinji Takagi, Assistant Director IEO

3:40-4:30 1st Session: Dealing with Fragility. Moderator: Dr. Saad Andary, 2nd Vice Governor, Banque du Liban. Panelists: Dr. Saladin Hadeethi, Director of Debt, Iraq Ministry of Finance, Dr. Sahar Najeedee, Director of Statistics, Central Bank of Iraq; Mr. Robert Tchaidze, Senior Economist in the Middle East and Central Asia Department of the IMF. Followed by debate with audience.

4:30-4:45 Coffee Break

4:45-4:55 Recommendations of the report, Mr. Charles Collyns

4:55-5:55 2nd Session: Financial stability and the IMF. Moderator: Dr. Jad Chaaban, AUB and Cercle des Economistes Arabes. Panelists: Mr. Nassib Ghobril, Chief Economist Byblos Bank Group; Dr. Mazen Soueid, Chief Economist Bankmed; Mr. Karim Daher, President of the Lebanese Association for Taxpayers' Rights (ALDIC). Followed by debate with audience.

5:55-6:45 3rd Session: The Way Forward: Moderator: Mr. Samir Aita. Panelists: Dr. Youssef Al Khalil, Banque du Liban; Dr. Talal Salman, UNDP, advisor to the Minister finance, Lebanon; Dr. Riad Obegi, President Banque BEMO; Dr. Irma Majdalani, former Dean of the Faculty of Economics, University of Saint Joseph, Lebanon. Followed by debate with audience.

6:45-7:00 Closing: Charles Collyns and Samir Aita

7:00-8:00 Cocktail

Please confirm your participation to cercleconomistesarabes@gmail.com