

After the Storm: Democracy and Development in a New Middle East

The German Marshall Fund of the United States
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Washington, DC

Tuesday, December 12, 2013
9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Summary Agenda

9:30 Registration and light breakfast

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome addresses

Craig Kennedy, *President, German Marshall Fund of the United States*
HE Amine Gemayel, *Founder, Maison du Futur*

10:15– 12:00 **Session 1: Democracy in a pluralistic environment: Tyrannies of majorities, tyrannies of minorities, and the prospects of representative governance — Local, regional, and international dimensions.**

Hassan Mneimneh, *German Marshall Fund of the United States* (moderator)
Sami Aoun, *Université du Québec à Montréal*
Joseph Khoury, *REACH, Beirut, Lebanon*
Karen Volker, *Former Director, U.S.-Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)*
Mark Jacobson, *German Marshall Fund of the United States*
John Bell, *Toledo International Centre for Peace in Madrid*

The session will begin by a summary presentation of the framing questions, followed by short interventions by Sami Aoun on the collapse of post-colonial nation-state; Joseph Khoury on social change and mindset evolution; Karen Volker on the stabilization in comparative perspectives; Mark Jacobson on security and geostrategic re-alignments; and John Bell on political

culture. The panel will be followed by an open discussion, moderated by Hassan Mneimneh.

12:15– 1:45 Lunch hosted by the MENA Partnership for Democracy and Development (MPDD) with an introduction and short presentation of the MPDD.

Mark Cunningham, *German Marshall Fund of the United States*

2:00 – 3:45 **Session 2: Development in an uneven environment: Disparity in wealth, deficit in trust, and the prospects of sustainable growth in a changing geo-strategic landscape.**

Samuel Menassa, *Maison du Futur* (moderator)

Robert McFarlane, *Institute for the Analysis of Global Security*

Saleh M. Nsouli, *Former Director, International Monetary Fund*

Joshua Walker, *German Marshall Fund of the United States*

Temuri Yakobashvili, *German Marshall Fund of the United States*

The session will begin with a summary presentation of the framing questions, followed by short interventions by Robert McFarlane on energy security; Saleh M. Nsouli on institutions, economics, and international support; Joshua Walker on Turkey and China as regional actors and stakeholders; and Temuri Yakobashvili on Russia as a regional actor and stakeholder. The panel will be followed by an open discussion, moderated by Samuel Menassa.

3:45 – 4:00 Concluding remarks by HE Amine Gemayel and Hassan Mneimneh