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Panel of Experts Discussionon

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION&TRANSPARENCY  
IN ARAB MEDIA

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Le Gabriel hotel, Ashrafieh ,Beirut

AGENDA

10:00–10:15

OPENING REMARKS

Peter Rimmele, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Lebanon Resident Repräsentative  
Sam Menassa, MDF

10:15-11:15

PANEL 1 | FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION & MEDIA TRANSPARENCY  
IN THE ARAB WORLD TODAY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Moderator: Giselle Khoury, Talk show host , BBC

An overview from Lebanon

Speaker: Dr. Pascal Monin, Professor and Head of Media and Communication Department - St. Joseph University

Perspectives from the Arab world

Speaker: Abdel Wahab Badrakhan Journalist

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

**11:30-12:30**

**PANEL 2 | TRANSPARENCY AND OBJECTIVITY IN MEDIA: MYTH OR REALITY**

Moderator: Roula Kassab, Talk show host , Future TV

Editorial preferences, transparency and objective reporting: are the terms reconcilable?

Speakers: Nabil Bou Monsef, Deputy editor in chief Annahar newspaper  
Nada Abdel samad , Talk show host , BBC

**12:30-1:30 Lunch**

**1:30-2:30**

**PANEL 3 | MASS MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA: BETWEEN COMPLIMENTARITY AND DIVERGENCE**

Moderator: Rabih Haber, Journalist, Lebanon Files

From news placement and broadcasting to engagement and networking

Speakers: Eli Khoury CEO, Quantum  
Gino Raidy

**2:30-2:45 Coffee Break**

**2:45-3:45**

**PANEL 4 | THE ARAB TV EXPERIENCE**

Moderator: Nadim Koteish, Talk show host, Future TV

Transparency amid regional discrepancy

Speakers: Mushriq Abbas, Bureau Chief of Al Hayat Newspaper - Iraq  
Dr. May Chidiac, Journalist and **President of May Chidiac Foundation (MCF)-  
Media Insitute**

**3:45-4:30**

**PANEL 5 | SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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