



EU-OECD Project on Promoting Public-Private Dialogue in Libya

برنامج الاتحاد الأوروبي ومنظمة التعاون والتنمية الاقتصادية من أجل تعزيز الحوار بين القطاعين العام والخاص في ليبيا



Promoting Economic Reform in Libya's Agribusiness Sector

Private sector dialogue

Tuesday, 22 November 2022, 9:00 am – 13:00 pm
Eylyes space, Algorda Main St
Sabha, Libya

In the context of the [EU-OECD Project on Promoting Public-Private Dialogue in Libya](#), the OECD is organising a private sector dialogue on promoting economic reforms in Libya's agribusiness sector. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the main challenges facing the sector with the aim of identifying policy priorities for economic transformation and private sector growth. Participants will be asked to provide their views on various issues, namely on improving the regulatory framework, improving the business environment, and increasing self-efficiency and export potential for the sector.

The [EU-OECD Project on Promoting Public-Private Dialogue in Libya](#) aims to support and encourage active economic and social dialogue between public and private sector actors by: 1) Creating a platform which mobilises public-private discussions through physical encounters; 2) Providing the government, private and social actors with the tools and expertise necessary to engage in a structured dialogue; 3) Contributing to developing a new economic vision for the country, delivering analytical inputs and well-structured and specific policy reform plans.

Format and guidance for the discussion

The discussion will be structured around three main challenges for the agribusiness sector. The discussion will be guided by an issues paper with a set of questions for participants and moderated by Tatweer Research. All participants will have the possibility to share their views through an open discussion.

Agenda

09:00 – 09:15 Introduction

- Moderator, Tatweer Research

09:15 – 09:30 Setting the scene

This working session will be moderated by Tatweer Research, who will facilitate the discussion between participants on the main issues and the expected recommendations from the meeting.



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09:30 - 10:30 **Challenge I: Improving the regulatory framework**

Open discussion with private sector

Key questions for discussion:

- What policy instruments should be introduced to promote integration in agricultural value chains (e.g. quality certification, good agricultural practice, organic certification)?
- What policies need to be changed or implemented to conserve water and soil, better manage groundwater or improve water allocation?

10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45 - 11:45 **Challenge II: Improving the business environment**

Open discussion with private sector

Key questions for discussion:

- How can Libya promote use of technologies that support the sustainable management of water and energy by the agriculture sector?
- What measures need to be taken to promote innovation in the sector in order to integrate technologies or enhance production methods (e.g. R&D, capacity building)?

11:45 - 12:45 **Challenge III: Increasing food self-efficiency and export potential**

Open discussion with private sector

Key questions for discussion:

- Can Libya achieve self-efficiency in agriculture? What challenges exist to increasing food security?
- What areas or products represent a comparative advantage or high potential for export in Libya? What steps need to be undertaken to develop specific value chains that provide access to domestic or export markets?

12:45 - 13:00 **Key takeaways and closing**

This session will summarise the key takeaways from the discussion and the next steps as proposed and agreed by the participants.

- Moderator, Tatweer Research