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“Building Capacities of Parliamentary Institutions and Promotion of Citizens’
Participation in the Arab Countries and Middle East”
(Pilot Phase)

IRAQ-JORDAN-LEBANON

**Schedule and Agenda
of the Visits to the Constituencies, the Institutional Meetings
at the Parliament and the Seminar**

Agenda

**February 3-11, 2008
Rome/Lazio/Umbria**

Summary of Events

Arrival to Rome

February 3rd, 2008

Day One:

February 4th, 2008

Visit to the Electoral Constituencies in Lazio

Day Two:

February 5th, 2008

Institutional Meetings at the Parliament

Press Conference

Seminar

Day Three:

February 6th, 2008

Meeting with the Pope and the Secretary of State of the Holy See & Workshop

Day Four:

February 7th, 2008

Roundtables

Day Five:

February 8th, 2008

Workshop & Institutional Meetings at the Parliament

Day Six/Day Seven:

February 9th/February 10th, 2008

Visit to the Electoral Constituencies in Umbria

Departure

February 11th, 2008

Arrival: February 3rd, 2008

Morning	<i>Arrival of delegations to Rome</i>
12:00/16:30	<i>Optional Guided City Tour of Rome by Bus (Lebanese 1st tour, Iraqis & Jordanians 2nd tour)</i>
20:30	<i>Dinner in 'Testaccio' Neighborhood</i>

Day One: February 4th, 2008

VISIT TO THE ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES IN LAZIO

9:30	<i>Departure from Rome to Civitavecchia by bus</i>	
11:00	13:00	Meeting with the Mayor of Civitavecchia, Giovanni MOSCHERINI, the President of the Town Council and some council members who will explain to the delegation how local governments work in Italy (Arabic)
		Meeting with a Member of the European Parliament and a Member of the Senate who were elected in the constituency of LAZIO 1 (Arabic)
		Hon. Alessandro BATTILOCCHIO , Member of the Committee on Development and on Petitions of the European Parliament, will give a presentation on "Constituency Relations in the European Elections: The Experience of a Young Parliamentarian among Difficulties and Challenges"
		Sen. Angelo Maria CICOLANI , Member of the Public Works and Communication Committee at the Senate of the Republic, will give a presentation on "Relations with the Constituencies for the Election of the Senate"
13:30	15:30	<i>Lunch at Sporting Restaurant (Civitavecchia's harbour)</i>
15:45		Departure from Civitavecchia to Rome
16:45		Arrival at the hotel in Rome
20:30		<i>Dinner at the 'Grotta Azzurra' Restaurant</i>

Day Two: February 5th, 2008

INSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS AT THE PARLIAMENT

10:00	10:30	Meeting with the Secretary General of the Senate, Avv. Giuseppe CASTIGLIA. Presentation of the project and of the delegation. Setting up of stable relations among the parliaments of the countries involved in the project (Arabic)
10:30	11:30	Meeting with the Vice-President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate, Sen. Giorgio TONINI. Presentation of the working methodology of the committee. Raising of questions and issues from the visiting delegation and setting up of stable relations among the parliaments involved in the project (Arabic)
12:00	12:30	Press Conference held by the President of IPALMO, the Representatives of UNDP-POGAR and the heads of the delegations of the beneficiary countries (Senate Press Room)
12:30	13:30	Guided Visit of Madama Palace, Senate of the Republic (Arabic)

13:30 15:00 *Lunch at 'Parione' Restaurant*

WORKSHOP

**Defense Committee Conference Room at the Senate
Staderari Street**

15:30 16:15 **OPENING SESSION**

Welcome Address:

Sen. Mario BACCINI
Vice President of the Senate of the Italian Republic

Chairperson:

Carlo G. CERETI
Professor of Iranian studies, University of Rome 'La Sapienza', Project Coordinator

Special Thanks from:

Abdellatif EL-ZEIN
Head of the Lebanese Delegation, President of the Foreign Affairs and Emigrants Committee, National Assembly of Lebanon, Former Minister

Mifleh H. AL-RHEIMI
Head of the Jordanian Delegation, Head of the Public Services, Tourism and Antiquities Committee, Parliament of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Former Minister

Azal-Deen Abdulla Hussein ALBODOLA
Head of the Iraqi Delegation, Member of the Legal Committee, National Parliament of Iraq

Introduction:

Salim NASR
Senior Advisor, UNDP-Programme on Governance in the Arab Region

20:30 *Dinner at the Restaurant of the Senate*

Day Three: February 6th, 2008

10:00 12.30 **General Audience with His Holiness the Pope Benedict XVI**

13:00 13.30 **Meeting with the Secretary of State of the Vatican, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone**

13:30 *Lunch at the 'Grotta Azzurra' Restaurant*

WORKSHOP

Parliamentary Acts Conference Room at the Library of the Senate 38 Minerva Square

15:00 16:15 **THE REPRESENTATIVE FUNCTIONS OF PARLIAMENTS AND ITS RELATIONS WITH CONSTITUENCIES**

Chairperson:

Lamberto DINI
*President of the Foreign Affairs
Committee, Senate of the Republic*

Research Presentation:

‘Challenges and Issues’
Eszter SALGÒ
IPALMO Researcher

Speakers:

**Azal-Deen Abdulla Hussein
ALBODOLA**
*Head of the Iraqi Delegation, Member of
the Legal Committee, National
Parliament of Iraq*

Najhah AL-MOUMANI
*Member of the Energy and Mineral
Wealth Committee, Public Services,
Tourism and Antiquities Committee,
Parliament of the Hashemite Kingdom of
Jordan*

Samir JISR
*President of the Parliamentary
Committee for Defense, Interior and
Municipalities, National Assembly of
Lebanon, Former Minister*

**‘The Electoral Law as an Instrument
for Representation’**

Sergio MATTARELLA
*Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee
and the Regional Affairs Committee at the
Chamber of Deputies*

**‘Representation on a Local, Regional
and National Level’**

Enzo Giorgio GHIGO
*Vice-President of the Regional Affairs
Committee at the Senate*

16:15 16:45 **Debate**

16:45 17:00 *Coffee Break*

Chairperson:

Giuseppe DRAGO

Former Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Research Presentation:

‘Challenges and Issues’

Roberto CAJATI

IPALMO Researcher, Analyst for the Italian Institute for Africa and the Orient

Speakers:

Rasheed AZZAWI

Member of the De-Baathism Committee, National Parliament of Iraq

Mifleh H. AL-RHEIMI

Head of the Jordanian Delegation, Head of the Public Services, Tourism and Antiquities Committee, Parliament of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Former Minister

Nawar SAHILI

Vice-President of the Committee of Administration and Justice, National Assembly of Lebanon

Cesare Maria RAGAGLINI

Director General for the Mediterranean and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Day Four: February 7th, 2008

9:40 10:20 Meeting with the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Hon. Fausto BERTINOTTI, at the 'Sala Gialla' in Montecitorio Palace

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Columns Conference Room at the Chamber of Deputies
19 Poli Street

10:30 13:30 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS**

Chairperson:

Cinzia DATO

Member of the Constitutional Affairs, Interior and Prime Ministership Committee at the Chamber of Deputies and Member of the Italian Delegation at the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE

Presentations:

Iman Hameed ALI AL-FADHLI

Member of the Regions & Non-Region Provinces Committee, National Parliament of Iraq

Nizam BARAKAT

Professor of Political Sciences at Yarmouk University, Jordan

Gilberte ZOUAIN

President of the Committee for Women and Children, National Assembly of Lebanon

Nicola PIEPOLI

President of the Piepoli Institute, Institute of Exit Polls

11:30 11:45 *Coffee Break*

Participants:

Patrizia SENTINELLI

Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Cristiana MUSCARDINI

Vice-President of the Committee on International Trade, Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament, Member of Euromed Parliamentary Assembly

13:30 15:00 *Lunch at 'Quirino' Restaurant (Trevi Fountain)*

15:00 17:45 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON PARLIAMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY**

Chairperson:

Antonella RAMPINO
Journalist for 'La Stampa'

Presentations:

Asmar Hussein AHMAD
*Member of the Civil Society
Establishment Committee, National
Parliament of Iraq*

Mohammad MASALHA
*Director of the 'Parliamentary Studies
Center' in Amman, Former Secretary
General of the Jordanian Parliament*

Michel MOUSSA
*President of the Human Rights
Committee, National Assembly of
Lebanon, Former Minister*

Lino DUILIO
*President of the Budgetary Committee,
Chamber of Deputies*

Alessandro COSTA
*Professor of International Economic Law,
University Parthenope, Naples, Senior
Project Assistant*

16:15 16:30 *Coffee Break*

Participants:

Maria Pia GARAVAGLIA
Deputy Mayor of the City of Rome

Antonello DERIU
*Chief Clerk of the III Department for the
General Management of Cooperation for
Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

17:45 18:30 **CONCLUSIONS**

Chairperson:

Gian Guido FOLLONI
*Vice-President of IPALMO, Project
Parliamentary Affairs Advisor*

Gianni DE MICHELIS
*President of IPALMO, Member of the
European Parliament, Former Minister
of Foreign Affairs*

Salim NASR
*Senior Advisor, UNDP-Programme on
Governance in the Arab Region*

Umberto RANIERI
*President of the Foreign Affairs
Committee, Chamber of Deputies*

Day Five: February 8th, 2008

**Columns Conference Room at the Chamber of Deputies
19 Poli Street**

09:30 10:30 **DECENTRALIZATION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS**

Chairperson:

Gian Guido FOLLONI
*Vice-President of IPALMO, Project
Parliamentary Affairs Advisor*

Research Presentation:

‘Challenges and Issues’
Alessandro STERPA
*IPALMO Researcher, Public Law
Lecturer, University of Rome
‘La Sapienza’*

Speakers:

Yousuf Ahmed MUSTAFA
*Member of the Regions & Non-Region
Provinces Committee, National
Parliament of Iraq*

Bassam M. AL-MANSASEER
*Member of the Foreign Affairs
Committee, Parliament of the Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan*

Robert GHANEM
*President of the Parliamentary Committee
on Administration and Justice, National
Assembly of Lebanon, Former Minister*

10:30	11:00	Debate
11:00	11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>

INSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS AT THE PARLIAMENT

11:15	Meeting with the Deputy Secretary General of the Chamber of Deputies, Dr. Francesco POSTERARO. Presentation of the project and of the delegation. Setting up of stable relations among the parliaments of the countries involved in the project (Arabic)	
11:30	Meeting with the President of the Budgetary Committee of the Chamber of Deputies, Hon. Lino DUILIO. Presentation of the working methodology of the committee. Raising of questions and issues from the visiting delegation and setting up of stable relations among the respective committees of the parliaments involved in the project (Arabic)	
12:15	Guided Visit of Montecitorio Palace, Chamber of Deputies (Arabic)	
13:00	14:30	<i>Lunch at the Restaurant of the Chamber of Deputies</i>

Day Six & Seven: February 9th & 10th, 2008 ***VISIT TO THE ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES IN UMBRIA***

8:30	11:00	<i>Departure from Rome to Deruta (PG) by bus</i>
11:00	Visit to a pottery factory and to the ‘Alviero Moretti Foundation of Contemporary Ceramics’	
12:00	Visit to some majolica shops and aperitif at the ancient village of Deruta	
13:00	Meeting with the President of the Chamber of Commerce of the Province of Perugia, Cav. Alviero MORETTI	

13:30	14:30	<i>Lunch at the 'Fontanina' Restaurant in Deruta</i>
14:30		Departure from Deruta to Perugia
16:00		Meeting with Prof. Stefania GIANNINI, Rector of the University for Foreigners of Perugia
17:30		Meeting with the President of the Regional Council, Mario TIPPOLOTTI, and the President of the Special Commission for Statutory and Prescribed Reforms, Ada GIROLAMINI, at the Regional Council headquarters. Presentation of the regional statute and of the working methodology of the Council
20:30		<i>Dinner at Sangallo Palace Hotel</i>

Day Seven: February 10th, 2008

VISIT TO THE ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES IN UMBRIA

9:00		<i>Departure from Perugia to Assisi by bus</i>
9:40		Arrival in Saint Peter Square and meeting with Maria ARISTEI BELARDONI, Councillor for Equal Opportunities, Public Education and for the Support to the United Nations
10:00	11:30	Guided Visit of 'San Francesco Basilica' and of 'Sacro Convento' (World Heritage of UNESCO)
11:30	12:00	Visit to the historic centre of Assisi
12:00	12:30	Meeting with the Mayor of Assisi, Claudio RICCI, and some councillors at the Town Hall about 'The Local Government and the Civil Society in Assisi: The Promotion of Meetings for Dialogue towards Peace and Cooperation among Peoples'
12:30		Aperitif offered by the Municipality of Assisi
13:00		Departure from Assisi to Acquasparta
13:40	16:00	<i>Lunch at the 'Azalee' Restaurant, Acquasparta (TR)</i>
16:00		Departure for Rome
18:00		<i>Arrival at the hotel</i>

Departure: February 11th, 2008

Departure of all delegations