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Iraq Banking and Finance Conference
April 4- 5, 2007
Intercontinental Hotel, Amman, Jordan

Banking in Iraq: The 21st Century Challenge

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

7:00 p.m. Participant arrivals and pre-registration
Welcome reception (Hotel Intercontinental)

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

8:00 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:30 **Official Opening**
Welcome addresses from Iraqi and U.S. officials

9:30 – 10:00 Opening Address
Overview of Banking in Iraq: Developments and Challenges
Speaker: Governor of the Central Bank of Iraq

10:00 – 10:30 Keynote Presentation
Global Banking Developments and their Implications for Transition Economies

10:45 – 11:15 Tea/Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45 Plenary Session 1
The Role of the Central Bank in Implementing Monetary Policy

12:45 – 1:00 DISCUSSION

12:45 – 1:45 pm

PRESS BRIEFINGS (By invitation only)

Select invitees will gather in Room # Intercontinental Hotel for briefings with the Press Corps.
Details to be provided under separate cover

1:00 – 2:00 Lunch

2.00 – 3.00 Plenary Session 2
**Prudential Regulation and Supervision of the Iraqi Banking System;
Risk Management Systems within the Commercial Banks; Effect of the
New Secured Transactions Law, etc.**

3:00 – 3:15 Tea/Coffee Break

3:15 – 3:30 GROUP PHOTO

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- 3:30 – 4:30 Plenary Session 3
Private Banks in Iraq – Current Status and Future Growth
- 4:30 – 5:30 Breakout Session 1
The Development of New Bank Products and Services (Including Deposit Products); Islamic Banking Products; Bank Profitability and Return on Assets Criteria.
- Breakout Session 2
The Improvement of International and Domestic Wire Transfer Systems, Check Processing, Clearing and Banking MIS Systems
- 7:30 – 9:00 pm Reception

Thursday, April 5, 2007

- 9:00 - 10:30 Plenary Session 4
State-Owned Banking Sector in Iraq - Developments
- 10:30 – 10:45 Tea/Coffee Break
- 10:45 – 12:15 Plenary Session 5
Banking and the Growth of the Private Sector: Building a Vibrant SME Lending Industry: The Role of Loan Guarantees
- 12:15 - 1:15 Plenary Session 6
Strategy for the Microfinance Industry in Iraq – Outreach and Growth
- 1:15 – 2:15 Lunch
- 2.15 – 3:30 Breakout session 3
How to Support the Development of a Financial Services Training Center
- Breakout session 4
Bringing International Financial Standards to Iraqi Bank Financial Statements/Annual Reports
- 3:30 – 4:00 CONCLUDING DISCUSSION
- 4:00 – 4:30 **Closing Session**