

The Arab Council for Social Sciences

Launch Meeting

December 17-18, 2008
Pyramisa Cairo Hotel

AGENDA

(as modified in the process of the meeting)

DAY ONE: December 17

8:00 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 11:00	Opening Session (Panel: Steering Committee) Review of Agenda Introduction to the ACSS and history of the project (Seteney Shami) General Discussion
11:00 -11:30	Break
11:30 – 1:30	Foundational Documents (Chair: Tarik Yousef) Mission Statement (Karim Makdisi) Charter (Ragui Assaad, Abdullah Khalil)
1:30 – 2:30	Lunch
2:30 – 3:45	Foundational Documents continued (Chair: Tarik Yousef) Charter: Ragui Assaad
3:45 – 4:00	Break
4:00 – 5:30	Research Topics Plenary (Chair: Hoda Rashad) <i>Gender and Economic Opportunities</i> Paper: Ragui Assaad Discussant: Rahma Bourqia <i>Peace, Conflict and Security</i> Paper: Bassma Kodmani (presented by Mustapha Kamil al-Sayyid) Discussant: Mustafa Kamil al-Sayyid <i>Politics of Culture</i> Paper: Mona Abaza Discussant: Abdulkarim Barghouti

[6:00: Meeting of Steering Committee]

Free Evening

DAY TWO: December 18

9:00 – 11:00	Working Session (Ahmed Galal and Ragui Assaad) Elections regulations for Board of Trustees (BoT) Nominations Selecting an Elections Committee
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:45	Research Topics Plenary (Chair: Eileen Kuttub) <i>Migration</i> Paper: Ruba Salih Discussant: Driss Maghraoui <i>Youth</i> Paper: Mounia Bannani-Chraibi (presented by Iman Farag) Discussant: Hania Sholkamy
12:45 – 2:00	ELECTIONS
1:15 – 2:30	Lunch [<i>meeting of Steering Committee with Donor representatives</i>]
2:30 – 3:30	Intellectual Agenda, Programs and Activities (Chair: Seteney Shami) Presentation: Fawwaz Traboulsi Presentation: Elizabeth Bouri
3:30 – 4:15	Closing Session (Chair: Seteney Shami) Ratification of Charter Election results Announcements and Closing
<i>Group Photo</i>	
	ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED
4:15 – 4:30	Break
4:30 – 6:30	Meeting of the Board of Trustees Agenda: Setting date for board meeting Selecting chair of the board Immediate steps for recruitment of Managing Director and Senior Administrator Relationship with Host Institution Review of signature activities
7:30	Group dinner for all participants Meet at the lobby at 6:45pm sharp <i>El Mawwal</i> Restaurant Blue Nile Boat, Zamalek, Cairo