

PARLIAMENT & THE 2019 BUDGET

OWNING THE REFORM AGENDA

July 6, 2018

8:30 Registration and welcome coffee

9:00 - 10:45 Public finance challenges post CEDRE: What lies ahead

Chaired by:

Nasser Saidi Chairman - Strategy & Middle East Business (Kulluna Irada member)

Speakers:

Alain Bifani, Director General - Ministry of Finance

Youssef el Khalil, Director of Financial Operations Department, Central Bank

Ghassan Ayache, Cedrus Bank board member and Former vice governor of the Central Bank

Toufic Gaspard, Economist

Discussants:

Wissam Haraké, Senior Economist - World Bank

Alia Moubayed, Director of Geo-Economics and Strategy - International Institute for Strategic Studies (Kulluna Irada member)

10h45 - 11h15 Networking coffee break

**11h15 - 12h45 Putting the budgetary process back on track:
The role of fiscal institutions**

Chaired by:

Lamia Moubayed, Director - Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan

Speakers:

Yassine Jaber, Member of Parliament

Antoine Messarra, Lebanese Constitutional Council Member

Adnan Daher, General Secretary of the Parliament

Ghassan Moukheiber Lawyer, former Member of Parliament

Discussants:

Karim Daher, Lawyer, President of ALDIC (Lebanese Association for Taxpayers Rights)

Nizar Saghiyé, Lawyer, Executive Director - Legal Agenda

12h45 - 14h00 Lunch

**14h00 - 16h30 Fiscal adjustment options:
the ability and willingness to reform**

Chaired by:

Alia Moubayed, Director of Geo-Economics and Strategy - International Institute for Strategic Studies (Kulluna Irada member)

Speakers:

Rayya Al Hassan, Former Minister of Finance - Future Movement

Nicolas Nahas, Member of Parliament and Former Minister of Economy - Azm Movement

Abdelhalim Fadlallah, President - Consultative Center for Studies and Documentation - Hezbollah

Roy Badaro, Economic Advisor - Lebanese Forces

Charbel Cordahi, Economic and Financial Expert - Free Patriotic Movement

Ghazi Wazni, Economic and Financial Expert, Amal Movement representative

Jean Tawile, President - Economic and Social Council - Kataeb Party

16h30 - Conclusion and recommendations