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DAY (1) - MONDAY, 19 JUNE 2023

Time	Session	Chair/Panelists
08:30 - 09:00	Registration - Welcome Tea & Coffee	
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Note - Ms. Marina Wes, Country Director, Egypt, Yemen and Djibouti, World Bank - Mr. Cheick-Oumar Sylla, Regional Director of North Africa & Horn of Africa, IFC - Mr. Scott Atkins, INSOL President - Dr. Valérie Liechti, Head of Office for International Cooperation, Embassy of Switzerland - H.E Mr. Gareth Bayley, British Ambassador to Egypt - H.E. Counselor. Omar Marwan, Minister of Justice, Ministry of Justice, Egypt - H.E. Mr. Mostafa Madbouly, Prime Minister, Egypt (TBC)	
09:30 – 10:00	Coffee Break	
10:00 – 10:30	Keynote Address: MENA Outlook 2023	Dr. Ziad Bahaa-Eldin, Managing Partner at Thebes Consultancy and Bahaa-Eldin Law Office, Egypt
10:30 – 12:30	Peer to Peer Discussion An exchange of new insolvency developments and challenges in the MENA region among peers.	Chair: Ms. Marwa Mahgoub, Senior Operation Officer, International Finance Corporation, WBG Panelists: - Counselor. Ahmed Khairy, Deputy Minister of Justice for Specialized Courts, Ministry of Justice, Egypt - Mr. Mohamed Oukhlifa, Public Prosecutor's office, Morocco - Judge Fatima Hubail, President of the Reorganization and Bankruptcy court, Bahrain - Dr. Wael Ali AL-Armouty, Corporate Controller, Companies Control Department, Ministry of Industry, Trade and supply, Jordan - Mr. Maher Othman Al-Saeed, Assistant Deputy for Laws and Regulations, Ministry of Commerce, KSA
12:30 – 13:30	Courts Specialization in Bankruptcy Issues This session will explore the importance of courts specialization in handling bankruptcy issues and how it can improve the efficiency of the insolvency process.	Chair: Hon. Sir. Alastair Norris, High Court of England and Wales, UK Panelists: - Judge. Mohamed Baddour, President at the courts of appeal, and Member of the technical department of specialized courts, Egypt - Judge Fatima Hubail, President of the Reorganization and Bankruptcy court, Bahrain

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		- Judge Kannan Ramesh, Supreme Court of Singapore
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30 - 16:00	Early Restructuring of Viable Firms The workshop will examine the cutting- edge restructuring strategies that are being employed worldwide and utilize modern technologies, including Early Warning Tools and pre-insolvency regimes.	Chair: Mr. Amaechi Nsofor, Partner, Head of Africa, Insolvency & asset recovery, Grant Thornton, UK Panelists: - Mr. Andrew Dale, Head of Restructuring Syndications, SABB, KSA - Mr. José Carles, Attorney at law, Partner CARLES CUESTA, Spain - Judge Dominique-Paul Vallée, Paris Commercial Court, France - Mr. Eric Van den Broele, Board Member, Early Warning Europe, Belgium - Dr. Fatma Al Zahraa Mohsen, Managing Director, GADWA Consulting, Egypt
16:00 – 16:10	Closing of the first day	
16:15	Group Photo	

DAY (2) - TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2023

Time	Session	Chair/Panelists
09:00 – 09:30	Registration - Welcome Tea & Coffee	
09:30 - 09:40	Welcome Remarks	
09:40 – 10:55	Capacity Building for Judges and Judicial e-Learning Tools This session will explore the importance of capacity building for judges and how judicial e-learning tools can be used to improve their knowledge and skills in handling insolvency cases.	Chair: Mr. Sergio Muro, Financial Sector Specialist, FCI, World Bank Panelists: - Hon. Judge Christopher Sontchi, Singapore International Commercial Court, Singapore - Judge Nehad Al-Hussban, President of Amman Court of First Instance, Jordan - Mr. Adam Al-Sarraf, Commercial Law Development program, USA

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		- Ms. Fatma Ibrahim, Consulting Director Legal Reform, Egypt
10:55 – 11:15	Coffee Break	,
11:15 – 12:40	Use of ADR in Insolvency This session will focus on the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in insolvency cases and how it can help resolve disputes quickly and efficiently.	Chair: Hon. Judge Elizabeth Stong, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York, USA Panelists: - Ms. Nina Mocheva, Insolvency and Debt Resolution, WBG - Counselor. Mostafa Nagi, Head of mediation and Preparation Authority, Head of restructuring and bankruptcy Committee, Cairo Economic Court, Egypt - Judge Dominique-Paul Vallée, Paris Commercial Court, France - Steven Kargman, President of KARGMAN ASSOCIATES, USA
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch Break	
13:40 – 15:00	No assets insolvencies and insolvency of Micro and Small Enterprises The panel will explore alternative procedures and regulatory frameworks for managing insolvency cases with no available assets and the insolvency of MSEs.	Chair: Mr. Andres F. Martinez, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Panelists: - Mr. Patrick Potter, Lawyer, Partner, Pillsbury Law, USA - Mr. Lucas Kortmann, Partner, RESOR, Netherlands - Judge Nehad Al-Hussban, President of Amman Court of First Instance, Jordan - Judge Mohamed Abdel-Aal, Chief of High Court of Appeal, and Secretary General of the Supreme Committee for Legislative Reform, Egypt
15:00 – 16:10	Tracing and Recovery of Assets in the Context of Insolvency and Cross-Border Implications This session will cover asset tracing and recovery in insolvency, including insights from the UNCITRAL Working Group on Asset Tracing and Recovery. The panel will also provide updates on	Chair: Mr. Lucas Kortmann, Partner, RESOR, Netherlands Panelists: - Mr. Daniel Hall, Managing Director Burford Capital, UAE - Mr. Nick Wood, Recovery & Reorganization Partner, Asset Tracing & Asset Recovery, Grant Thornton, UK

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	cross-border insolvency case law in	- Counselor. Yehia Marwan, Legal advisor at
	MENA and globally.	Egyptian money laundry combating and terrorist
		finance unit, Egypt
16:10 – 16:20	Coffee Break	
16:20 – 17:30	Open Forum Discussion	Moderator:
		- Mr. Scott Atkins, President, INSOL International,
		Australia
17:30 –	Forum Closing	