



The purpose of this meeting, which will be co-organized by the Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation and the Ministry of Regional Development and Planning, is to present the Government's development program for 2012, its priorities and key projects and programs that will be launched during this year.

Program

- 8.00 - 9.00** **Arrival and registration of participants**
- 9.00** Official Opening by the Prime Minister
- 9.20** Speech by the Minister of Investment and International Cooperation
- 9.35** Speech by the Minister of Regional Development and Planning
- 9.50** **Coffee Break**
- 10.30** **Thematic workshops (I):**
- 1- Infrastructure and sustainable Development
 - 2- Productive sectors and human development
 - 3- Big Projects
- 12.30** **Lunch**
- 14.00** **Thematic workshops (II): (Continued)**
- 16.00** **Coffee Break**
- 16.30** **Panel** : Wrap-up of workshops and discussions, with the participation of the Minister of Finance and the Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia
- 18.30** Closing remarks by the Minister to the Prime Minister, in charge of Economic and social files.
- Cocktail**

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Registration



Presentation

Tunisia has initiated, since January 14, 2011, a new and decisive phase of its history, through which the country aspires to set up the foundations of democracy and respect for human rights and freedoms. Further to this major change, Tunisia is determined to break with past practices and to strive for the equitable distribution of growth benefits among all citizens and across the country regions, in line with the expectations and aspirations of the Tunisian people for a decent life for all.

However, achieving these objectives is dependent on the efficient absorption of the structural imbalances incurred on the old development pattern and highlighted with the advent of the Revolution, including in particular the persistence of high unemployment especially among young graduates, and regional disparities in terms of socio-economic development as the inland areas are still suffering from the weakness of their economic capacity, the fragility of their infrastructure and the precariousness of public utilities in terms of educational, health and cultural services.

Tunisia, which has always been considered as a model for the region, is now preparing itself to begin a new era of development that is supposed to be both specific and unique, so as to introduce a new dynamic and take advantage of the major changes and in-depth transformations that the country is currently experiencing.

To achieve this goal, the social and economic program agreed for the upcoming period is the best tool to facilitate the completion of the political transition process, boost economic growth, increase job creation, develop the inland areas and further improve the living conditions of citizens.

This program is based in particular on the restructuring of the national economy, development of its competitiveness, strengthening the integration into the global economy, modernization of funding mechanisms and the strengthening of sectoral policies through the consolidation of knowledge-intensive sectors having a high job-creating potential.

The program also focuses on improving the performance of the labor market, redesign of educational, vocational training and scientific research systems, consecration of the principles of good governance and strengthening of comprehensive and balanced regional development, in addition to the consolidation of social assets and protection of environment and natural resources.

In this context, a special attention is devoted to the financing of the development process, given the sharp increase in financing needs of the economy, particularly in view of the important objectives and programs planned for the upcoming period.

To finance its economy, Tunisia relies primarily on its domestic resources considered as the most effective means to finance development efforts while maintaining the integrity of financial balances. In parallel, efforts will be intensified in order to mobilize external financing required; In this regard, Tunisia relies on the support of its financial partners among brotherly and friendly countries and international and regional financial institutions, which provides evidence for the confidence it enjoys, and encourages inward foreign direct investment to New Tunisia.

The aim of this forum, which is co-organized by the Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation and the Ministry of Regional Development and Planning, is to give financial partners an insight into the new orientations and priorities of the development process in New Tunisia and the programs and investment projects it plans to implement. The forum is also an opportunity for them to make their contributions to the financing of these projects and programs.