



Albert Shanker Institute

THE CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE

February 6-7, 2007

Hyatt Regency Washington
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW

Tuesday, February 6th

Capital B Room

6:00 pm Reception

6:30 pm Dinner

Welcome: Edward J. McElroy

President, American Federation of Teachers and Albert Shanker Institute

THE CASE FOR DEMOCRACY PROMOTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Moderator: Eugenia Kemble

Executive Director, Albert Shanker Institute

Presenter:

Carl Gershman

President, National Endowment for Democracy

Discussion

9:00 pm Conclusion of Dinner Program

Wednesday, February 7th

Ticonderoga Room

8:30 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Moderator: Herb Magidson

Board of Directors, Albert Shanker Institute

Presenters:

Laith Kubba

Senior Director, Middle East & North Africa, National Endowment for Democracy

Tamara Wittes

Research Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Foreign Policy Studies

Brookings Institution

Discussion

10:30 am Break

10:45 am **I. STRATEGIES FOR DEMOCRACY PROMOTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE: FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND CIVIL SOCIETY**

Moderator:

Randall Garton

Director of Research & Operations, Albert Shanker Institute

Presenters:

Heba El Shazli

Director, Middle East and North Africa programs, AFL-CIO Solidarity Center

David Dorn

Director, International Affairs Department, American Federation of Teachers

Discussion

CAPITAL A ROOM

12:15 pm **Lunch**

Presenter: Ambassador Dennis Ross

Counselor and Ziegler Distinguished Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy; Former Special Middle East envoy, Clinton Administration

TICONDEROGA ROOM

1:30 pm **II. STRATEGIES FOR DEMOCRACY PROMOTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE: BASIC AND CIVIC EDUCATION**

Moderator: Toni Cortese

Executive Vice President, American Federation of Teachers

Presenters:

Azza Karam

Senior Research Policy Advisor, United Nations Development Program, Education

Radwan Masmoudi

President, Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy

Discussion

2:45 pm **Break**

3:00 pm **CONCLUDING DISCUSSION: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
DEMOCRACY IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

Discussion Leaders:

Eugenia Kemble

Executive Director, Albert Shanker Institute

David Dorn

Director, International Affairs Department, American Federation of Teachers

4:00 pm **Program Ends**