

**American Federation of Teachers/Albert Shanker Institute
MIDDLE EAST STUDY TOUR**

**Yemen
May 28-June 1, 2007**

Monday, May 28

2:05 am

Arrive Sana'a International Airport

Hotel: Moevenpick Hotel Sana'a
Berlin Street, Dhahar Hemyer
P.O. Box 5111, Sanaa, Yemen
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Morning, early afternoon

Free for rest, sightseeing

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

US-Yemen Relations, Current Political Trends, briefing at US Embassy

6:00 pm

Traditional Yemeni Dinner, Arabia Flex Hotel
Informal Discussion, **Education and Teacher Unions in Yemen**,
Ahmed AlRabahi, Chairman, Syndicate of Yemeni Teachers (SYT) and other SYT
leaders (SYT is AFT project partner, sole EI affiliate in Yemen)

Dinner followed by walking tour of Old Sana'a

Tuesday, May 29

9:00 am -10:30 am

Equal Rights for Yemeni Women - Political and Social Aspects,
Arab Sisters Forum (SAF), President *Ms. Amal Basha*.

11:00 am -12:30 pm

Policies and Programs of the Opposition Coalition

Meeting with Islah leaders (main opposition party, moderate Islamist)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Political and Social Agenda of the Yemen Government

Meeting with the ruling party leaders hosted by *Sheik Yassir Ahmed AlAwadi*,
Deputy Chairman, General Peoples Congress

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Attend traditional late afternoon Yemeni social gathering,
organized by *Ali Saif Hassan*, Executive Director, Political Development Forum,
with political leaders from different parties

Wednesday, May 30

8:00 am-10:00 am

Meeting with the officials of the University of Science and Technology and tour
campus

11:00 pm – 1:00 pm

From Conflict to Alliance - the Socialist-Islamist Opposition Coalition

Meeting with leaders of the Yemen Socialist Party Member of opposition
coalition with Islah) hosted by *Ali Al Sarari*, Chairman of the Civil Society
Organizations Sector, Yemeni Socialist Party

3:00 pm -5:00 pm

Building an Effective Teacher Union in Yemen

Meeting with leaders of Syndicate of Yemeni Teachers, including discussion
of Syndicate – AFT projects

Thursday, May 31

9:00 am -10:30 am

Challenges Facing Teachers in Yemen

Meeting with the leaders of General Union of Teaching and Education
Professions (official teacher union) hosted by President, *Mohammed Handhal*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

School visit, discussion with teachers

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

The Presidential Elections and the Future of Reform in Yemen

Discussion with journalists, chaired by *Nasser Arrabyee*, independent journalist

Friday, June 1

10:30 am

Depart Yemen