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Finance Minister Ali Hassan Khalil met with World Bank Regional Director, Saroj Kumar, to discuss the joint projects between Lebanon and the World Bank, mainly those related to governance, land administration, creation of job opportunities and healthcare services.

Both parties tackled the issue of the needed reforms mentioned in the ministerial statement, in conformity with the decisions of Cedre Conference, underlining that priority should be given to reforming the electricity sector, reducing budget deficit and increasing revenues.

Minister Khalil stressed that the Ministry is willing to discuss 2019 budget which figures are currently being reviewed, as well as some details in light of the latest developments.

He also expressed his satisfaction at the ongoing talks within the Ministerial Statement Committee about economic and financial matters, saying it is important concerned parties remain committed when discussing the budget's figures and procedures in order to move forward on the path of real reform.