

**General Consultation for Higher Education in Lebanon**

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ministry of Education and Higher Education  
Auditorium 12<sup>th</sup> floor

**Program**

**09:30.** Welcome and registration.

**10:00.** Formal Opening.

Lebanese National Anthem.

✓ *Prof. Slim Khalbous, Rector of AUF, Former Minister;*

✓ *Mr. Henri de Rohan-Csermak, representative of the French Embassy in Lebanon;*

✓ *Ms. Costanza Farina, Director of UNESCO Regional Bureau;*

✓ *Mr. Saroj Kumar Jha, Regional Director of the World Bank;*

✓ *S.E. Mr. Ralph Tarraf, Ambassador of the European Union;*

*H.E. Mrs. Bahia el Hariri, Head of the Lebanon Parliamentarian Commission of Education, Higher Education and Culture;*

✓ *H.E. Dr. Abbas Halabi, Minister of Education and Higher Education;*

*H.E. Mr. Najib Mikati, President of the Council of Ministers.*

**10:45.** Introductory Session. Presentation of the Results on the Strategy Analysis of the 5 Year Plan for Higher Education in Lebanon.

*Speaker: Prof. Ellen Hazelkorn, UNESCO Expert on Higher Education/ UNESCO Lead Consultant for developing the 5 Year Plan for Higher Education in Lebanon.*

**11:30.** Coffee Break.

**11h45.** Session 1: «Ensuring the Quality of Higher Education in Lebanon»

**Speakers:**

✓ *Dr. Mazen El Khatib, Professor at Lebanese University, former Dean;*

✓ *Prof. F. Salim Daccache, President of the Association of Universities in Lebanon;*

*H.E. Mrs. Bahia el Hariri, Head of the Lebanon Parliamentarian Commission of Education, Higher Education and Culture;*

✓ *H.E. Dr. Abbas Halabi, Minister of Education and Higher Education.*

**Moderator:**

✓ *Prof. Slim Khalbous, Rector of AUF, Former Minister.*

**13:00.** Lunch Break.

**14:00.** Session 2: « Supporting the Lebanese Higher Education System»

Speakers :

*Dr. Fadlo Khuri, President of the American University of Beirut;*

*Dr. Bassam Badran, Rector of the Lebanese University;*

*Dr. Aref el Soufi, National Office Erasmus+, MEHE;*

*Mrs. Agnès de Geoffroy, Cooperation Attaché, French Embassy in Lebanon;*

*Ms. Orla Colclough, Representative of the Delegation of the European Union in Lebanon;*

*Dr. Hana el-Ghali, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank.*

Moderator : *Dr. Jean-Noël Baléo, Regional Director of AUF Middle East.*

**15:00.** Session 3: «Towards a Training in line with economic and social Needs»

Speakers :

*Mr. Fady Gemayel, President of the Lebanese Industrialists Association;*

*Mr. Nicolas Boukather, President of the RDCL;*

*Mr. Mouhamad Rabah, CEO of Beirut Digital District;*

*Dr. Khalil el Khoury, Director of CNAM Liban;*

*Prof. F. Talal Hachem, Rector of USEK.*

Moderator: *Dr. Jean-Noël Baléo, Regional Director of AUF Middle East.*

**16:00.** Concluding Session: « Higher Education in Lebanon: Towards a renewed System »

*Prof. Slim Khalbous, Rector of AUF;*

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