



HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN ARAB COUNTRIES

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10 -11 November 2020, Hybrid Conference, American University of Beirut, (AUB) – Beirut
with Virtual Online Conference via Cisco Webex
(Beirut local time, GMT+2)

AGENDA

DAY 1, TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

9:00-10:00 Opening

Host: AFED-AUB

- **Najib Saab**, Secretary General, AFED
- **H.E. Dr. Adnan Badran**, Chairman, Board of Trustees, AFED
- **Dr. Fadlo Khuri**, President, AUB

Message from WHO

Dr. Mike Ryan, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Program (*leading team for international containment and treatment of COVID-19*) - TBC

KEYNOTE:

- **Marco Lambertini**, Director General, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) - Health, Covid-19 and Nature

10:00-10:45 SESSION 1

Health Challenges of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Impact of Coronavirus

Host: AFED-AUB

Moderator and Discussant: **Dr. Iman Nuwayhid**, Former Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, AUB

Panelists and Speakers:

- **Dr. Rima Habib**, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Environmental Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, AUB (*AFED report co-editor and co-author, SDGs*)
- **Dr. Basel Al-Yousfi**, Director, WHO Regional Centre for Environmental Health Action (CEHA), Amman (*AFED report co-author, Overview*)
- **Q & A** with registered delegates

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 SESSION 2

Climate Change and Air Quality

Host: AFED-AUB

Moderator and Discussant: **Dr. Farid Chaaban**, Professor of Electrical Engineering, AUB

Panelists and Speakers:

- **Dr. Djihan Hassan**, Adjunct Professor, American University in Cairo (*AFED report co-author, Climate Change*)
- **Dr. Randah Hamadeh**, Professor and former Vice Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, College of Medicine and Medical Sciences, Arabian Gulf University-AGU, Bahrain (*AFED report co-author, CC and Health*)
- **Dr. Hassan Dhaini**, Toxicologist and Assistant Professor of Environmental Health, American University of Beirut (*AFED report co-author, Air Quality*)

12:00 – 12:30 Q & A with registered delegates and Wrap-Up of Day 1

DAY 2, WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

9:00-10:00 SESSION 3

Water, Marine Environment and Health

Host: **AFED-AUB**

Moderator and Discussant: **Dr. Waleed Khalil Al-Zubari**, Professor and Coordinator, Water Resources Management Program, College of Graduate Studies, Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain (*AFED report contributor*)

Panelists and Speakers:

- **Dr. Mey Jurdi**, Professor of Environmental Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, AUB (*AFED report co-author, Water*)
- **Dr. Amr El-Sammak**, Professor of Marine Sciences, Alexandria University and **Dr. Amira Hamdan**, Professor of Marine Sciences, Alexandria University (*AFED report co-authors, Marine*)
- **Q & A** with registered delegates

10:00-11:00 SESSION 4

Waste Management and Health

Host: **AFED-AUB**

Moderator and Discussant: - **Dr. Ahmed Gaber**, Professor, Cairo University and CEO, Chemonics Egypt (*AFED report co-author, CC and Health*)

Panelists and Speakers:

- **Dr. May Massoud**, Director, Interfaculty Graduate Environmental Sciences Program and Associate Professor of Environmental Health, American University of Beirut (*AFED report co-author, Waste*)
- Guest Speaker: **Dr. Laila Iskander**, Social Entrepreneur and Politician, former Minister of State for Environment Affairs, Egypt
- **Q & A** with registered delegates

11:00-11:30 SESSION 5

Concluding Discussion and Remarks

Host and Moderator: **AFED-AUB**