



HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN ARAB COUNTRIES

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with Virtual Online Conference via Cisco Webex
(GMT +2)

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

DAY 1, TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

9:00-9:30 **Opening Statements**

- *Welcome and Report Summary, **Najib Saab**, Secretary General, AFED*
- *AFED Board of Trustees, H.E. **Dr. Adnan Badran**, Chairman*
- *American University of Beirut (AUB), **Dr. Fadlo Khuri**, President*

9:30-10:30 **OPENING SESSION**

Health, Viruses and the Environment- High-Level Statements

Moderator: **Najib Saab**, Secretary General, AFED

- ***Marco Lambertini**, Director General, World Wildlife Fund-WWF*
- ***Dr. Mike Ryan**, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Program, leading team for international containment and treatment of COVID-19 (TBC)*

Followed by discussion among speakers

10:30 – 11:00 **Break**

11:00-11:45 **SESSION 2**

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

Moderator: **AFED-AUB**

- ***Dr. Rima Habib**, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Environmental Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (AFED report co-author)*

- ***Dr. Basel Al-Yousfi**, Director, WHO Regional Centre for Environmental Health Action (CEHA), Amman (AFED report co-author)*

Discussant: (TBC)

11:45 – 12:00 **Q & A with registered delegates**

12:00-12:45 **SESSION 3**

Climate Change and Air Quality

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

- ***Dr. Djihan Hassan**, Adjunct Professor, American University in Cairo (AFED report co-author)*

- ***Dr. Hassan Dhaini**, Assistant Professor, American University of Beirut (AFED report co-author)*

*Discussant: **Dr. Randah Hamadeh**, Professor and Vice Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, College of Medicine and Medical Sciences, Arabian Gulf University-AGU, Bahrain (AFED report co-author)*

12:45 – 13:00 **Q & A with registered delegates**

DAY 2, WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

9:00-9:45 SESSION 4

Water, Marine Environment and Health

Moderator: **AFED-AUB**

- **Dr. Amr El-Sammak**, *Professor of Marine Sciences, Alexandria University* and **Dr. Amira Hamdan**, *Professor of Marine Sciences, Alexandria University (AFED report co-authors)*

- **Dr. Mey Jurdi**, *Professor of Environmental Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, AUB (AFED report co-author)*

Discussant: Dr. Waleed Khalil Al-Zubari, Professor and Coordinator, Water Resources Management Program, College of Graduate Studies, Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain

9:45 – 10:00 Q & A with registered delegates

10:00-10:45 SESSION 5

Waste Management and Health

Moderator: **AFED-AUB**

- **Dr. May Massoud**, *Director, Interfaculty Graduate Environmental Sciences Program and Associate Professor of Environmental Health, American University of Beirut (AFED report co-author)*

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

Discussant: Dr. Laila Iskander, Social Entrepreneur and Politician, former Minister of State for Environment Affairs, Egypt (TBC)

10:45 – 11:00 Q & A with registered delegates

11:00-11:30 SESSION 6

Concluding Discussion and Remarks

Moderator: **AFED**