

The Task Force for Civic Engagement and Community Service at UOB would like to Announce this Regional Conference that is co-organized with AUC and AUB and will be held at AUB and UOB

Takaful 2014 - Fourth Annual Conference on Arab Philanthropy and Civic Engagement (June 4-6, 2014)

Fees waived for academics/students, and local NGOs, civil society organizations, and public sector.

Register now (by May 30), and advertise to colleagues/students at UOB and friends outside UOB

Register now at: <http://conf.aucegypt.edu/Conferences/SigninUser.aspx?Conf=Tak14> (please create user name and password)

Co-hosted by: Gerhart Center at American University in Cairo (AUC), University of Balamand (UOB), Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service (CCECS) at American University in Beirut (AUB), and Columbia Global Centers- Middle East (Amman).

Venues: AUB (June 4-5) and UOB (June 6) campuses, Lebanon (transportation between campuses provided for registrants).

Program: <http://conf.aucegypt.edu/Conferences/ConfHome.aspx?Conf=Tak14&Title=Home> (check Conference Agenda)

Presentations in English and Arabic with simultaneous translation provided.

Website: <http://conf.aucegypt.edu/Conferences/ConfHome.aspx?Conf=Tak14&Title=Home>

For more details on the conference, contact us at UOB (Sami Ofeish sami.efeish@balamand.edu.lb ext. 2388; Rania Masri rania.masri@balamand.edu.lb ext. 3848; Samer Annous samer.annous@balamand.edu.lb ext. 2199) **but please register at the link above.**

TAKAFUL 2014 - CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Takaful is an annual regional meeting of scholars, young researchers, policy-makers, activists and practitioners in the field of philanthropy and civic engagement, both from within and outside the Arab region. The conference is structured to encourage interaction between scholarly analysis and lived experience, with the hope of contributing to sound policy and practice in philanthropy and civic engagement.

As per program/schedule attached, the conference will host sessions on:

- *Reconciliation Interventions of Civil Society in Conflict and Post-Conflict Environments*
- *Service Learning and its Role in Civic Engagement*
- *Social Entrepreneurship and Employment - Financial and Academic Models*

- *The Role of the Non-Profit Sector in Egypt's Transition*
- *The Unfolding Transitions and Challenges to Arab Civil Society Role*
- *E-Volunteering and Social Capital*
- *Communal and Faith Based Organizations and Philanthropy*
- *Research Methodologies, Tools and Approaches to Better Understand Civic Engagement*
- *Advocacy Strategies and Civil Society Role in Public Policy*

And panels on:

- *Humanitarian Crisis Interventions*
- *Good Practices and Innovations in Civic Engagement*
- *Promoting Responsible Business in the Arab Region*

Case Studies of University Civic Engagement