International Forum on Lebanon Revival Plan
FROM MYTH TO REALITY

Wednesday 23 March 2022: ECONOMIC SECTOR

8:30

Registration

9:00

Opening Ceremony

Opening Speech: Dr. Elias L. Warrak
- President of the University of Balamand

Keynote Speech: Dr. Ahmed Al-Mandhari
- WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean

Keynote Speech: H.E. Dr. Saadeh Al Chami
- Deputy Prime Minister

9:30

H.E. Dr. Nasser El Saidi
President Nasser Saidi & Associates

Title: Lebanon: Failed State or Reforms?

10:00

Mr. Nassib Ghobril
Chief Economist & Head of the Economic Research and Analysis Department, Byblos Bank

Title: Politics versus Prosperity: A False choice for the Lebanese Economy

10:30

Coffee Break

11:00

Ms. Alia Moubayed
Chief Economist for the MENA Region Jefferies International

Title: Lebanon's economy at a cross-road: Crisis phase 3 or recovery phase 1?

11:30

Dr. Henri Chaoul
Founder and Managing Partner Levantine Partners

Title: Restructuring the financial sector. If not now, then when?

12:00

Dr. Wissam Harake
Senior Economist at the World Bank

Title: The Deliberate Depression

12:30

Round Table Discussion
Moderator: Mr. Maurice Matta

Panelists:
- H.E. Dr. Nasser El Saidi
- Mr. Nassib Ghobril
- Ms. Alia Moubayed
- Dr. Henri Chaoul
- Dr. Wissam Harake

1:00

Q&A

1:15

Concluding Remarks
Dr. Elias L. Warrak

Thursday 24 March 2022: HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

8:30
Registration

9:00
Fr. Salim Daccache
Rector of Saint Joseph University

9:30
Dr. Najat Rochdi
UN Deputy Special Coordinator Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator

10:00
Ms. Costanza Farina
Director of the UNESCO Regional Bureau in Beirut and Representative of UNESCO to Lebanon and Syria

10:30
Coffee Break

11:00
Mr. Miled Yaacoub
University of Balamand Student
Title: A UOB student perspective on the current challenges facing higher education

11:15
Dr. Hana Elghali
Senior Education Specialist at the World Bank
Title: Education Under Threat in Lebanon

11:45
Round Table Discussion
Moderator: Mr. Fadi Yarak
Panelists:
- H.E. Dr. Abbas Halabi
- H.E. Mrs. Bahia El Hariri
- Fr. Salim Daccache
- Ms. Costanza Farina
- Dr. Hana Elghali

12:30
Q&A

12:45
Concluding Remarks
Dr. Elias L. Warrak

Friday 25 March 2022: HEALTHCARE SECTOR

Lebanese Health System: An Opportunity for Reform?

8:30
Registration

9:00
Opening Session

Opening Speech: Dr. Elias L. Warrak - President of the University of Balamand
Keynote Speech: Dr. Rana Hajjeh - Director of Program Management, WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office
Keynote Speech: H.E. Dr. Firas Abiad - Minister of Public Health

Session 1:

Dr. Awad Mataria
Director of "Universal Health Coverage / Health Systems" at the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office
Title: Guidance to achieving UHC given the current context and the current crisis, with regional or some insight into other countries experience

Dr. Sherin Varkey
Senior Health Specialist at the World Bank
Dr. Ronald Suarez
Senior Economist at the World Bank
Title: Crisis and Opportunities for the Health Sector in Lebanon: A vision of Universality

9:30

Coffee Break

10:00

Video:
Lebanese Health System before 2019

10:30

Session 2:

Dr. Alissar Rady
Team Leader WHO Lebanon Office
Title: Brief update on Health Strategy Development

Dr. Walid Ammar
Director of the Doctorate and Research in Public Health Program at St. Joseph University, Former Director General of the Ministry of Public Health
Title: Main findings from the Desk review, stakeholders' discussions and Key informant interviews with focus on UHC

10:45

Dr. Iman Shankiti
WHO Representative in Lebanon
Title: Suggested Health Vision 2030

11:15

Round Table Discussion and Q&A
Moderators: Dr. Walid Ammar & Dr. Awad Mataria
Panelists:
- H.E. Dr. Firas Abiad – Minister of Public Health
- MP Fadi Alame – President of the Arab Hospital Federation
- Mr. Suleiman Haroun – President of the Syndicate of Private Hospitals in Lebanon
- Dr. Charaf Abou Charaf– President of the Lebanese Order of Physicians
- Dr. Rima Sassine – President of the Lebanese Order of Nurses
- Dr. Joe Salloum – President of the Lebanese Order of Pharmacists
- Mr. Elie Nasnas– President of ACAL (Association of Insurance Companies in Lebanon)
- Brigadier General Pharmacist Jamal Moukarzel – Lebanese Army

11:45

Concluding Remarks
Dr. Elias L. Warrak

12:45