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Dear Lebanese Diaspora Honored Guests and Participants,

It is a great moment of honor and privilege to be launching under the High Patronage of H.E. the President of the Lebanese Republic, General Michel Aoun, the 6th consecutive local edition of the Lebanese Diaspora Energy Conference hosted in Beirut the capital of Lebanon and its Diaspora.



Over the past 6 years, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants has been giving the necessary attention to the Diaspora as one of its major pillars and applying a new dynamism to strengthen unity bonds between Lebanon and its Diaspora.

To my fellow citizen who have travelled the globe; on behalf of the Lebanese government, we welcome you and acknowledge your commitment to strengthening the relationship between the Diaspora and Lebanon through your presence here and at any conference held abroad. Your presence is merely an indication of your unwavering loyalty and commitment to your homeland.

The ensuing conferences and my own travels to many diaspora communities gave me the opportunity to meet you and feel the deep-rooted affection and hope you still hold for Lebanon, the place you still love and call home! I also know from the many emails and social media posts that you are keen on participating in the development process that Lebanon is set to undertake.

I am delighted to announce that this year's theme goes beyond our inexorable feelings of love and affection to Lebanon and aims at putting the "Diaspora in Action" to turn the challenges Lebanon is going through into opportunities and engage you in the reform and development process of Lebanon. I would be pleased to witness the engagement process evolving from transferring remittances to one where the Diaspora is now fully on board.

This year's Conference is aligned to the strategic national plans for development and reforms. This is a call on you to join hands and reap the success of our mutually rewarding efforts aimed at advancing Lebanon and creating prosperity for all Lebanese.

Let us continue to "Connect and Partner for Growth". Welcome to Lebanon, the land we love dearly and truly.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

GEBRAN BASSIL

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gebran Bassil'.

Friday, 7 June, 2019

10:00 - 11:15 Official LDE 2019 opening ceremony



MASTER OF CEREMONY

Ms. Daniella Rahme | Lebanese-Australian actress.

Born and raised in Australia, she won Miss Lebanon Emigrant 2010. She returned to Lebanon and debuted her career as a TV host for “The X Factor” on MBC.

She then participated and won “Dancing with the Stars” season 2.

Ms. Daniella always had a passion for TV and film and debuted her acting career as “Farah” in “Tango” and “Yara” in “Beirut City”, receiving hugely positive reviews from critics and audiences alike, earning the Murex D’Or for “Phenomenon of the Year 2018” and “Best Actress 2018” from Al-Anbaa in Kuwait.

She took on her third lead role as “Majdouline” in “The Writer” that was streamed live on Netflix worldwide- a first for a Lebanese TV series- with the show reaching Trending status on the platform, solidifying her image as one of the most talented actresses across the Arab world.



Mrs. Abeer Nehme | A Lebanese internationally acclaimed artist possessing one of the strongest voices in the Arab world, first Arabic singer to sign with Universal Music MENA.

Her musical experience goes beyond being a performing artist; she is also a professional music composer with a rich portfolio of achievements. She prepared, produced and presented the documentary series Ethnophilia Mousiqa-l-Shou'oub -a series of forty documentaries featuring her unique capacity to sing in various languages while interacting, introducing and identifying cultural music and traditions around the world.

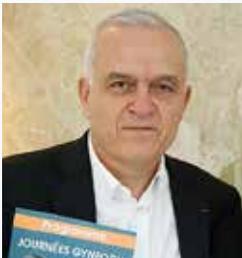
She is undoubtedly the only Arab singer – and one of the few singers worldwide - to perform in more than twenty-five languages. Her advanced knowledge of folk music, Oriental music and Western music positions her as a true messenger of a civilizational, cultural and artistic dialogue that transcends boundaries and attracts lovers of all musical styles.



OPENING SPEECH

H.E. GEBRAN BASSIL

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants



Professor Jean-Marc AYOUBI | Head of Obstetrics-Gynecology Department and Member of the Strategic Council of FOCH Hospital, one the largest maternity hospitals in France.

He is Chef de Clinique of University – Assistant des Hôpitaux at Toulouse CHU Hospital, President elect of the Middle East Fertility Society (MEFS), Co-organizer of the World Telemedicine Congress 2000 - Toulouse, and Board Member of the International Society of Uterus Transplantation (ISUTx).

Professor Ayoubi is the Pioneer of the first uterus transplantation in France 2019 and the Pioneer of the first tubal reconstruction by robotic surgery in France 2013.

OPENING CEREMONY



Mr. Haydar El Ali | Ecologist and President of the Senegalese Greens of FEDES. He was appointed Minister of the Environment in 2012 and Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Affairs in 2013. Mr. El Ali has created the Oceanium, a working center in Senegal for the protection of ocean and underwater resources. His approach is to advocate the sustainable management of fishing resources through the creation of several marine parks that ensure the protection of species and resources through biological rest. He has successfully launched a first campaign to raise awareness about living in better harmony with nature, and fight against destructive human practices. The campaign replanted 30 million mangroves.



Mr. Jesús Seade | International negotiator, global academic and economic diplomat who has held top positions in the Mexican government, WTO, IMF, World Bank and leading universities in the UK, France, Hong Kong, China and Mexico. He was appointed Mexico's Ambassador/Chief Negotiator in the creation of the World Trade Organization (WTO). In January 2017, he accepted the position of Associate VP for Global Affairs at a top young international university in China's leading hi-tech city: CUHK Shenzhen. In 2018 Mr. Seade was appointed by Mexico's new President Elect to represent him as his Chief Negotiator in the NAFTA2.0/USMCA negotiations and he is currently Mexico's Undersecretary for North America at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he retains special responsibility for the oversight of all matters related to the USMCA ratification process.



Senator Nelson Trad Filho | President of the Foreign Relations and Defense commission of the Brazilian Senate.

He was elected City Councilman in Campo Grande in 1992, 1996 and 2000, President of the Campo Grande City Council in 2001 and 2002, State Parliamentarian with the highest number of votes in 2002, Mayor of Campo Grande in 2004 and occupied this position till 2012 where he finished his mandate with an 85% approval rating, the highest among all Brazilian State Capitals according to Ibope Institute.

In 2018, he was elected Senator with 424,085 votes and President of the Senate's Commission on Foreign Relations and Defense in 2019.

Senator Filho is of Lebanese descent, and comes from a very important Brazilian Lebanese family and was selected by the Mato Grosso do Sul State Bench in Congress as their Coordinator.



GUEST OF HONOR

Premier Stephen McNeil | Attributes his core values and strong commitment to public service to his large, close-knit family.

He first won the privilege of serving the people of Annapolis in the provincial legislature in 2003 and has been their MLA since.

Premier McNeil became leader of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party in 2007 and led his team to majority election wins in October 2013 and May 2017.

As Premier, he has led the province to stable financial ground, which has allowed government to make new investments in Nova Scotians' priorities in health care, education, creating opportunities for young people, and more.

His vision for Nova Scotia is one of an inclusive, welcoming, innovative, and entrepreneurial province where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.



CLOSING SPEECH

H.E. THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC
GENERAL MICHEL AOUN

11:30 - 12:45

Session 1: Diaspora & national identity

- Citizenship law and rights
- Building a national Lebanese identity - "Lebanity" - in Diaspora communities.
- Lebanese by nature, proud by choice - testimonies



MODERATOR

Mrs. Elsa Yazbek Charabati | A Senior Journalist, a local and international tourism Expert, a TV presenter and a globetrotter. She works in several media (TV, radio and press).

After the success of her TV travel show "Voyage Voyage", Mrs. Charabati is expanding her expertise to social media with quick and lively episodes. She also prepares and presents a special prime time TV show on famous Lebanese around the world called "Bi Kell Fakher" and "Proud to be Lebanese".

She is Head of the Interpretation Department at USJ, a University Professor, an MC and a lecturer in local and international conferences.



H.E. Mr. Sami Nmeir | Ambassador of Lebanon in Mexico and Central America. He was Consul General in Dubai and Northern Emirates-UAE, he joined the Foreign Service in 1996 and served as Chargé d'Affaires in Abu Dhabi.

Mr. Nmeir was First Secretary in London and Rome, and Counselor at the Embassy of Lebanon to the Holy See.

Ambassador Nmeir has participated in many ministerial conferences and was member of several presidential and official delegations.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Law and was a member of the Beirut Bar Association.

PANELISTS



Mr. Bernardo Sobral Chamoun | Electric and Systems engineer with 40+ years' experience.

A Senior Executive and consultant (national and international) with experience in different areas of IT - Information Technology.

A Partner of a company (250 people at the peak) and responsible for the complete operation - Sales, Services, HR, Finance and Administration.

Mr. Chamoun is a Business coach, speaker and trainer with focus on the theme of Productivity in Enterprises - aspects of behavior and communication.

He is currently working in IT with emphasis on innovation in the fields of Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence.



Mr. Armando Ahued | CEO of Jaham, a company that provides consultancy for some of the departments of the Federal Government and manages several properties in a prime location in Mexico City. He previously was the CFO of the candidate of Mayor of Mexico City.

In 2012 he held the position of Director of the European Union in the Undersecretary of Foreign Trade of the Federal Government Section, Director of Telecommunication and Electronic Sector in the Secretary of Economy of the Mexican Federal Government in 2016 and was personal assistant of the Secretary of Health of Mexico City in 2017.

He studied International Management and holds a Masters in Public Administration.



Mr. Elie Farah | President and founder of the Lebanese Uruguayan Cultural Center.

He is also the Founding President of the AJUL (the Association Lebanese Uruguayan Youth), which was dedicated to the task to collect and bring together young descendants in order to continue the legacy of spreading the culture left by our grandparents at the time, helping needy Lebanese families.

"Lebanon is a major tourist destination, a small country that has much to offer. Lebanon is my blood, my country is Lebanon and Lebanon was, is and will always be in my heart." Mr. Farah declares.

MODERATOR&PANELISTS

13:00 - 15:00

Lunch: The tastes from Lebanon

Lebanese hospitality is world-famous and delights visiting tourists every year. In collaboration with the Lebanese Franchise Association (LFA), the LDE lunch will be catered by a diverse selection of lebanese restaurants and caterers, where you can enjoy fresh produce, traditional eating habits, regional specialties, and a rich culinary culture... there are many good reasons to come and appreciate the best of the lebanese hospitality.

You have the possibility to meet with representatives of these restaurants and import these franchises to your country of residence.- Integrated and holistic approaches to restore infrastructure and services at all levels

15:00 - 16:15

Session 2: Opportunities for the Lebanese Diaspora in reconstruction and modernization of the Levant

- Opportunities in the Levant region
- Lebanon as a hub for international reconstruction efforts
- Boundless opportunities for the Lebanese Diaspora to partner with international stakeholders for reconstruction efforts
- Integrated and holistic approaches to restore infrastructure and services at all levels



MODERATOR

Dr. Charbel Cordahi | An Economist & Senior Finance Leader who worked in the banking, advisory, financial, academic and telecommunications industries in Lebanon, France and the GCC. Dr. Cordahi has regular publications, lectures, radio and TV interviews on local and international financial topics suchlike exchange rates, monetary and fiscal policies, public and private debt, etc.

PANELISTS



Mr. Jacques Sarraf | Chairman of Malia Holding S.A.L, he is also Chairman of the Global Lebanese Investors which includes the leading Lebanese investors in Lebanon and all around the globe, grouped together for the aim of supporting & promoting local investment especially in lights of PPP & Cedre Projects.



Dr. Riad Bechara Obegi | Chairman of The Obegi Group, Chairman and General Manager of Banque BEMO in Lebanon, Chairman of Banque BEMO Saudi Fransi in Syria, Chairman of Banque BEMO Europe in Luxembourg, Chairman of Unifert Holding in Lebanon, and Vice-Chairman of Fertitrust in Luxembourg. He completed his Ph.D. in Economics from Lyon Lumière University in 2008 and his dissertation was published under the title: « Risque et Crédit: Le Certificat Hypothécaire, Une Solution pour Les Pays Émergents» and is presently in its second printing. Dr. Obegi has over 35 years of extensive bank management experience.



Mr. Redwan Zaouk | Chief Operating officer of EMAAR MIDDLE EAST and supervising Emaar's investment in the Fairmont Abraj Al Bait, Mecca. Mr. Zaouk held the position of Director of Business Development & Residential Projects at Kinan International Real Estate Development Company in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from 2015 to 2017. He also served as Business Development Director at The Savola Group from 2006 till 2014. Mr. Zaouk holds a BA from the University of Balamand in Tripoli, Lebanon and is also a graduate of McGill University School of Management.

16:30 - 17:45

Session 3: Foreign trade & services: Lebanon as a platform

- Role of the Diaspora in promoting Lebanese products overseas and establishing supportive and efficient channels to facilitate Lebanese exports to the world
- Opportunities for the Lebanese Diaspora to invest in innovative developments to boost Lebanese products and aim for excellence in products to be exported

OPENING REMARKS



H.E. Mr. Hassan Mourad | Minister of State for Foreign Trade in the Lebanese Government since February 2019. In 2004, Mr. Mourad was appointed as General Director of “AL GHAD EL AFDAL” Institutes in Western BEKAA, Lebanon. He followed his studies at “SUNY University” in New York, USA, where he graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration.

MODERATOR



Mr. Ayman Haddad | Managing Director of DHR International for the MEA region and Chairman/CEO of Eastbound Advisory Group. Has over 29 years of management, investments and consulting experience. He was appointed as Managing Partner of the Middle East overseeing business transformation projects across the region and using Beirut as a hub in 2000. He was a senior Advisor to three consecutive Ministers of Economy and the CEO of a large consumer goods holding company. Mr. Haddad sits on several boards and is the co-founder of the GCC Board of Directors Institute. He holds a Masters in Computer Engineering, from UTC Compiegne and an MBA, with high honors, from Chicago Booth.

PANELISTS



Mr. Bilal Kabalan | Director of Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants with a demonstrated history of working in the government relations; He served at diplomatic missions in Dubai, Washington D.C., United Nations, Vienna, Cairo, Detroit and on special assignments at other major capitals and international Conferences. Mr. Kabalan holds a Masters of Business Administration focused in International Business.



Mr. Farid Chedid | Founder, Chairman and CEO of Chedid Capital Holding an insurance and reinsurance group doing business in more than 45 countries of the Middle East, Africa, Europe and Asia. He is a member of the board of trustees at Notre Dame University, Lebanon, a member of Human Rights Watch, Beirut Committee and a UNDP Goodwill Ambassador. Mr. Chedid is an FCII and holds an MS in Risk Management from NYU Stern School of Business and an MS in Finance from ESCP Europe.



Dr. Azar Jammine | Director and Chief Economist who has headed up Econometrix (Pty) Ltd, South Africa's leading independent economic research consultancy and forecasting company for 35 years. He has a significant profile in South Africa as an analyst and commentator on domestic and international economic affairs and has conducted 5000 presentations on the economic environment to leading organisations and conferences. Dr. Jammine obtained a B.Sc. (Hons) in Mathematical Statistics and a BA (Hons) in Economics at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, an M.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics and a Ph.D. from the London Business School.

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Mr. Rudy El Azzi | Consul General of Lebanon in Sao Paulo – Brazil since April 2018, he previously was Chargé d’Affaires at the Embassy of Lebanon in Mexico, First Secretary and Consul-Embassy of Lebanon in Mexico, First Secretary- Political Department (Lebanon- European Union Partnership) and (OIC) at Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, First Secretary and Consul at the Embassy of Lebanon –Bucharest, Romania and First Secretary and Consul – Embassy of Lebanon – Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire. He holds an MBA in Political and Administrative Sciences – Lebanese University and a Masters of advanced studies in Political Sciences- Lebanese University.



Mr. Sam Abou Jaoude | Owner & President of MadenLebanon sarl, he has worked for corporate America for over a quarter of a century and has product distribution, branding, and marketing experience since 1993. As a Lebanese American, Mr. Abou Jaoude understands the corporate culture of America while still relating to the Lebanese culture, and he has the business acumen to open doors to both ethnic and mainstream America. He has also been serving for the last 6 years on the advisory board for the mayor of Houston in the office of new Americans and immigrant communities.

20:30 - 23:30

The art of Lebanon: Private reception party - Grand Hills - Broumana

Lebanon is famed for its thousand-year old craftsmanship handed down through generations. Come and experience traditional arts and crafts, practiced in a live setting by the finest artists and craftsmen in Lebanon. The evening will be entertained with international music and buffet, in an outdoor setting, under the starry skies.



Mr. Neemat Frem | Member of Parliament for Keserwan district and a Lebanese Entrepreneur.

He is Chairman and CEO of the multinational company INDEVCO Group and former President of the Association of Lebanese Industrialists (2010-2014) and Maronite Foundation in the World (2016-2018).

He presently chairs the “National Economy, Trade, Industry and Planning” parliamentary committee and is member of the foreign affairs committee.

Mr. Frem is Founder & Board Member of many associations promoting inter-religious (Christian-Islamic) dialogue, and launched ‘Loubnan Al Afdal – Better Lebanon’, a national initiative with political, economic and social dimensions in 2013.

Saturday, 8 June, 2019

09:00 - 10:30

Session 4: Lebanon's startup scene: Current state of the tech ecosystem and leveraging on the Lebanese Diaspora

MODERATOR



Mr. Maroun Chammas | Chairman and CEO of Berytech, he is a successful Lebanese entrepreneur with activities ranging from Oil and Gas, to Telecom and F&B, as well as Technology and Innovation.

Mr. Chammas is also a Shareholder and the Vice Chairman of the Chammas Group, one of the largest, privately held, groups of companies in the Near-East.

He established the Lebanese Internet Service Provider IDM in 1995, regarded as being among the pioneers in bringing the digital universe to the country.



H.E. Mr. Adel Afiouni | Minister of State for Investment and Technology Affairs, he is a former investment banker and expert in international capital markets and emerging economies, with more than 25 years-experience in major investment banks in Paris, New York and London including 20 years at Credit Suisse in London between 1999 and 2018.

Mr. Afiouni held a number of leadership positions in emerging markets and capital markets, including Head of Emerging Markets Coverage in EMEA at Credit Suisse since 2014.

He is a founding member of the Lebanese International Finance Executives Association (LIFE) and was a board member of LIFE.

Mr. Afiouni is a graduate of Ecole Polytechnique, Paris, France. He also holds a Masters in Telecommunications Engineering from Sup Telecom Paris and a Masters' degree in Finance from University Paris 1st Pantheon Sorbonne.



H.E. Mr. Nicolas Sehnaoui | Member of Parliament for the Beirut 1 district in May 2018, he served as Minister of Telecommunications of the Republic of Lebanon between June 2011 and February 2014. He successfully upgraded Lebanon's telecommunications infrastructure rolling out 3G and 4G, securing redundancy on the international connectivity, launching a national Fiber Optic Backbone and Beirut Digital District to name only a few of his accomplishments. His efforts were crowned by the United Nations International Telecommunication Union that ranked Lebanon 1st in progress out of 157 countries in the 2012 ICT Development Index.

Prior to taking office Mr. Sehnaoui successfully managed several companies across a variety of industries. He now chairs the UK Lebanon Tech Hub that aims at creating a corridor between Lebanon and England to allow Lebanese ICT entrepreneurs to access the world supply chain through the London platform.



Mr. Marwan Hayek | Chairman and CEO of Alfa. He is a telecom veteran and award-winning executive with over 24 years of international career.

Since joining Orascom Telecom in 1999, Hayek enabled over 120 million users to benefit from mobile services.

Under his leadership since March 2010, Alfa grew by 3 folds to serve over 2 million subscribers and was the 1st to launch the latest mobile technologies in Lebanon(3G, 4G+ and 1st 5G trial).

He is the Goal Leader of SDG #9:Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure on the UNGCNL SDG Council and a member of the Board of Directors of SAMENA Council.



Mr. Carl Wazen | Co-founder and Chief Business Officer at Yoco, a South African financial technology (fintech) company.

In just 3 years, Mr. Wazen and his partners built Yoco into South Africa's largest provider of payment services to small businesses, serving over 40,000 small businesses across the country and employing 120 people. Yoco was named among the top 250 fintech companies globally in 2017 and 2018 by global research firm CB Insights.

He graduated from the American University of Beirut and went on to work for Citigroup investment bank in Dubai, followed by a career at Delta Partners, a technology-focused investment and advisory company; which he helped grow from a team of 10 to a global consulting and investment firm of 200+ professionals with six offices globally.

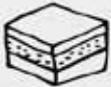
START-UP COMPETITION

Start-up competition

Since the future revolves around youth and technology, LDE is keen on offering young entrepreneurs the chance to share their start-up projects with a wider audience, in an effort to bring together stakeholders from Lebanon and the Diaspora. The Lebanese start-ups will pitch their ideas to a jury of experts, and the winners of this competition will receive a cash prize to boost their projects and to promote and foster a wider business collaboration, paving the way to new initiatives and successful business collaborations.



START-UP COMPETITION AND THE PRIZE GOES TO...



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09:00 - 10:30

The workshops: Towards Lebanon 2020

Workshop - Track-two diplomacy - lobbying for Lebanon

The workshop aims at bringing together a number of high-level actors in the Diaspora in various fields with the objective of exploring ways in which these actors can play a role in track two diplomacy. Track two diplomacy is a kind of citizen diplomacy, supplemental diplomacy, pre-negotiation, consultation, interactive conflict resolution, back-channel diplomacy that serves the interests of Lebanon depending on the issue at hand. These actors are usually non-governmental actors, such as religious institutions, academics, former government officials, non-governmental organizations, humanitarian organizations, and think tanks, among others. The workshop will lead to the creation of a track-two diplomacy roadmap to be followed up in collaboration with Lebanon's missions overseas with participants interested in pursuing this effort.

Workshop - Destination Lebanon: Let's make it!

- Developing coordination between the Lebanese Tourism Industry and the Lebanese Diaspora with the objectives of breaking the record number of visitors to Lebanon in 2019 and 2020
- Creating an Ambassador program where lebanese professionals such as professors, physicians, CEOs etc. (MICE) bring new conventions and congresses to Lebanon in addition to creating opportunities for medical tourism in Lebanon
- Exploring ways to attract the Diaspora on a regular basis throughout the year

Workshop - Lebanese women and youth: The power of change

- Setting the roadmap to establish the international network of lebanese women leaders
- Exploring ways in which lebanese women can enhance their economic skills to achieve economic and financial independence
- Setting the roadmap to establish the international network of lebanese youth
- Enabling the next generation of young leaders who strive to affect ambitious social, political and economic change

10:30 - 12:00

Ask the government

An open platform giving the Diaspora a way to connect with political representatives in the government, thus offering them a means to voice their concerns and engage in issues of prime importance to them.

12:00 - 13:00

LDE talks - Biel Dome

Revolving around the success stories of Diaspora, LDE talks offer high achievers in the Diaspora the opportunity to tell their story, make their voices heard, and share their experience, along with their trials and tribulations. In 7 to 10 minutes, each speaker will thus offer a pool of lessons and experiences to be learnt from.



MODERATOR

Mrs. Leanne Manas | Senior TV News Anchor. Offering a background of high-profile and award-winning television work, with experience interviewing global icons such as Nelson Mandela and Oprah Winfrey; skills spanning television, radio, speaking and as an MC; and a passion for South Africa. She has 20 Years' experience, including 15 years as Anchor of SABC2's "Morning Live" and Multiple "Best SA Female TV Presenter" award winner. Mrs. Manas holds a BA Hons English & Communications and Postgraduate Diploma in Economics Journalism.



PANELISTS

Mr. Francisco Rezek | Professor of International Law and Dean of the Law Scholl, University of Brasilia. He is also Professor and lecturer on International Law: Rio Branco Institute, The Hague Academy of International Law, Université de Paris, New York University, and all major Brazilian universities. He was Attorney-General of the Republic, Justice of the Supreme Court of Brazil, Chancellor (Foreign Minister) of Brazil, and Judge at the International Court of Justice of the United Nations.



Mr. Alan Geaam | Chef and owner of a Michelin starred restaurant and owner of The Auberge Nicolas Flamel, a restaurant in the oldest house of Paris.

He left Lebanon because of civil war and today he speaks about his country every day in his cuisine.

Today, Mr. Geaam would like to show people that the Lebanese cuisine can be rich, subtle and technical.



Mrs. Betty Milan | Author of novels, chronicles, essays, and plays.

Her writings have also been published in France, Argentina, and China.

She has contributed to major Brazilian newspapers and magazines and worked for the International Parliament of Writers housed in Strasbourg, France.

Before becoming a writer, she received a medical degree from the University of São Paulo and studied psychoanalysis in France with Jacques Lacan.



Dr. José Armando Ahued Ortega | Medical Surgeon specialized in Public Health and CEO of a Health Consultancy company.

He was appointed as Secretary of Health of Mexico City until 2018 and created social programs such as “doctor to your house”, “Less salt more health” and “protection of non-smokers”.

Dr. Ortega opened a Diabetes clinic, as well as an HIV&AIDS and pet clinics.



Prof. Toufic Sleiman | Professor of Ophthalmology for traffic medicine at São Paulo University.

He is a Specialist in Traffic medicine from Brazilian Medical Association and Brazilian Traffic Medical Association and former president of the traffic scientific department.



Dr. Georges Aoude | CEO and co-founder of Derq. He is also an inventor and he has patents in connected and autonomous technologies. His satellite research has also been tested and validated in the International Space Station in collaboration with NASA.

Dr. Aoude has consulted governments and global companies in North America and the GCC for more than 10 years. His points of view are regularly published in key outlets including Harvard Business Review and Forbes. He is a board member of the Transportation Research Board and the MIT Arab Alumni Organization.

Dr. Aoude holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in Aerospace Engineering from MIT, where he worked closely with NASA, US Navy, and Ford. He is an expert in Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (self-driving cars, satellites, drones), Intelligent Transportation, Airlines, and Aerospace.



Dr. Habib Chamoun | Consultant, author, professor and coach. He lives in the USA and teaches globally cross cultural negotiation and business development in diversified sectors such as oil and gas, pharmaceutical, etc.

Dr. Chamoun has trained and coached fortune 500 companies and thousands of professionals on a Phoenician approach to negotiations and business ethics in at least 40 countries on five continents.

He was born and raised in Mexico and got his BS in Chemical Engineering and Business Management at MIT of Mexico, MSc and PhD at the University of Texas in Austin.

13:00 - 14:00

LDE business forum - Biel Dome

Meet and convene with your peers in various sectors (finance, energy, healthcare, tourism etc.) by evaluating your compatibility and sourcing needed services or materials with potential partners, with the aim of establishing strategic partnerships and international Lebanese business networks.



H.E. MRS. NADA BOUSTANI KHOURY
MINISTER OF ENERGY AND WATER



H.E. MR. FADI JREISSATY
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT



MR. LOUIS LAHOUD
GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE



MR. NADIM GEORGES FREIHA
CEO OF VISIT LEBANON REPRESENTING
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TOURISM
WORLDWIDE

14:00 - 15:30

Lunch: the tastes from Lebanon

20:30 - 00:00 OFFICIAL CLOSING CEREMONY



Mr. Tony Raful | Deputy to the Central American Parliament in 2010, 2016 & 2020.

He was President of the Central American Parliament for 2 years 2017 & 2018, which groups six states, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic.

He was the Cultural Director of Radio Televisión Dominicana (1978-1980) and the Director of the National Library Pedro Henríquez Ureña (1980-1982).

Mr. Raful was appointed President of the Municipal Board of Culture of the city of Santo Domingo from 1998 till 2000 and Minister of Culture from 2000 till 2004.

He was elected Minister of Parliament for the following years 1982, 1986, 1990-1994, and 1994-1998.

He was the President of the International Relations Committee of PARLACEN in 2009 and Vice President of the Board of Directors of PARLACEN for 2010 & 2011.

Mr. Raful is a founding member of the José Martí World Council, a UNESCO project, Member of the Dominican Academy of the Language and member of the Royal Spanish Academy of the Language.



Mr. Julio César Turbay Quintero | Representative of the President of the Republic, Iván Duque Márquez, on the Board of Directors of the "Corporación Autónoma Regional CAR" institution, responsible for the decontamination of the Bogotá River, and advisor to the President of the Republic on infrastructure and energy.

He was Auditor General of the Republic (2005-2009), President of the Andean Parliament (1995-1997), member of the senate (1990-1998), member of the council of the city of Bogotá (1992-1999), Parliament member for the district of Bogotá and the department of Cundinamarca in the House of Representatives (1986-1990) and member of the Cundinamarca Departmental Assembly, always for the Liberal Party.

Mr. Quintro was a Consultant for Promoting Democracy at the Organization of American States OAS (1998), a Political Director for the Presidential Campaign of Horacio Serpa Uribe, and a renowned Colombian senator (1997-1999).



Mrs. María del Rosario Guerra de la Espriella | Member of the Senate representing the Democratic Center party since 2014 and was a former presidential candidate

She was CEO of the Financial Fund for Development Projects (Fonade) in 1994, Dean of Economics and Vice Chancellor of the Universidad del Rosario of Bogotá from 1997 till 2002, Managing Director of the Colombian Institute for the Development of Science and Technology (Colciencias) from 2003 till 2006, and Minister of Information and Communication Technologies from 2006 till 2010.

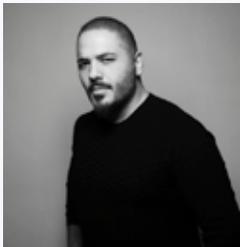
She was chair professor and rector at the Universidad del Rosario, as well as professor at the Universidad de los Andes, the Universidad Nacional de Colombia and the Colegio de Estudios Superiores de Administración - CESA.



SPECIAL GUEST

H.E. Mrs. Marie Rosine Itsana | Minister of Tourism of the Gabonese Republic.

A Diplomatic Advisor for a number of Ministers, a Director of the Foreign Relations at the First Lady of Gabon Cabinet, a Director of the Minister of Communications Cabinet, a National Commissioner of the Gabonese Elections Center and President of the Administration Council of the National Social Action Fund.



PERFORMER

Mr. Ramy Ayach | Arab Pop Icon and Philanthropist.

Mr. Ramy Ayach is an established Lebanese Singer, Producer, and Actor. Winner of the most prestigious Pan-Arab awards, his music is celebrated in every Arab country, and among the Arab speaking population worldwide.

His acting skills were reflected in his lead role in the hit drama series “Amir El Leil”.

He is also the founder of “Ayach Al Tofoula Foundation”, an NGO which is entirely dedicated to children education and empowerment. Today, the foundation provides sponsorship and school supplies to thousands of children from Lebanon and Morocco.

Sunday, 9 June, 2019

8:30 - Golf Club of Lebanon - Beirut
Golf diaspora tournament

The first ever golf diaspora tournament, organized by the Lebanese Golf Federation in collaboration with the Golf Club of Lebanon.

Prize distribution ceremony at 13:30

17:00 - 18:30

Leave your mark at the Lebanese Diaspora village - Batroun

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19:00 - 23:00

Sunset by the Sea - Batroun Port

A Lebanese sunset at the Batroun Port, where everyone enjoys food and drinks, in an oriental ambiance set by the amazing George Nehme.



Mr. Antoine B. Azour | Chairman and CEO – Batco Group.

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Mr. Azour holds a B.sc and M.sc in Civil Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, in the United States.

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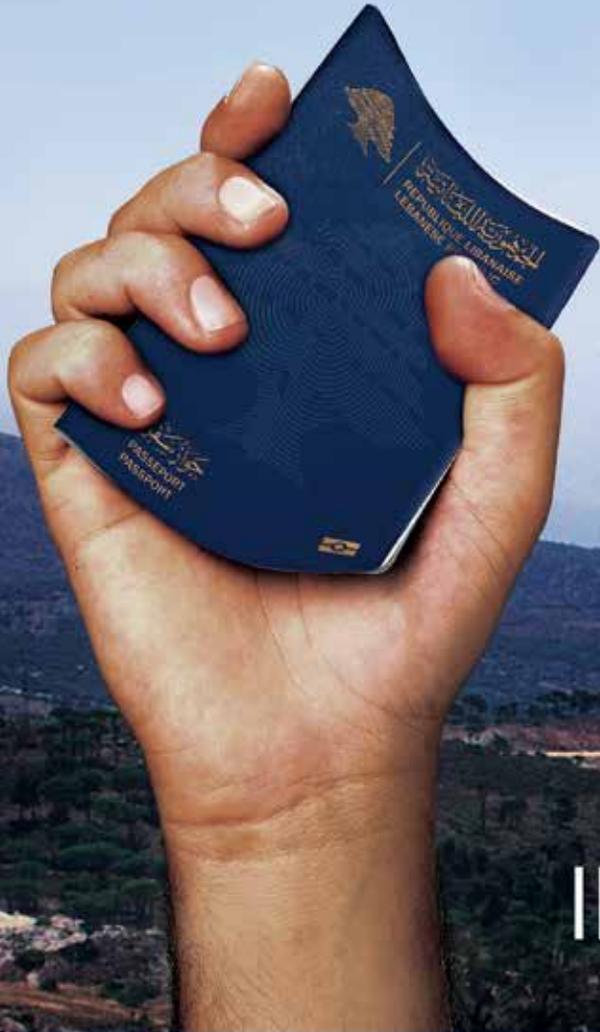


A large, 3D-rendered '5G' is the central focus on the left side. The characters are metallic and have a blue-to-purple gradient. They are surrounded by a network of glowing white and purple lines that resemble circuit traces or data paths. Small, glowing purple and white dots are scattered throughout the network, giving it a futuristic, digital appearance. The entire graphic is set against a dark purple background with a subtle light glow around the '5G'.

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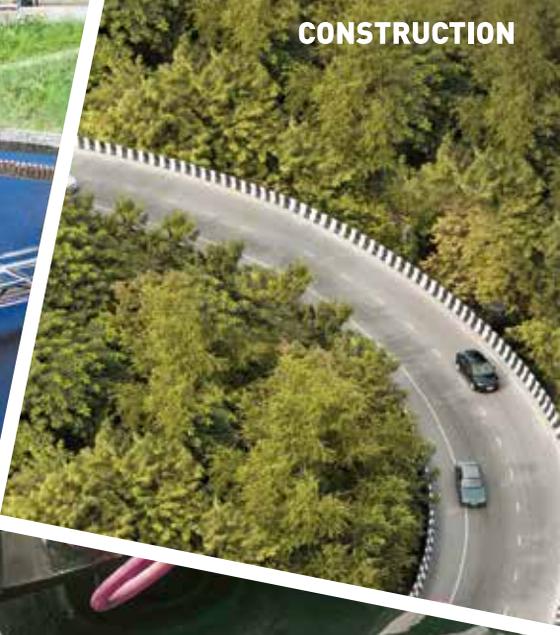
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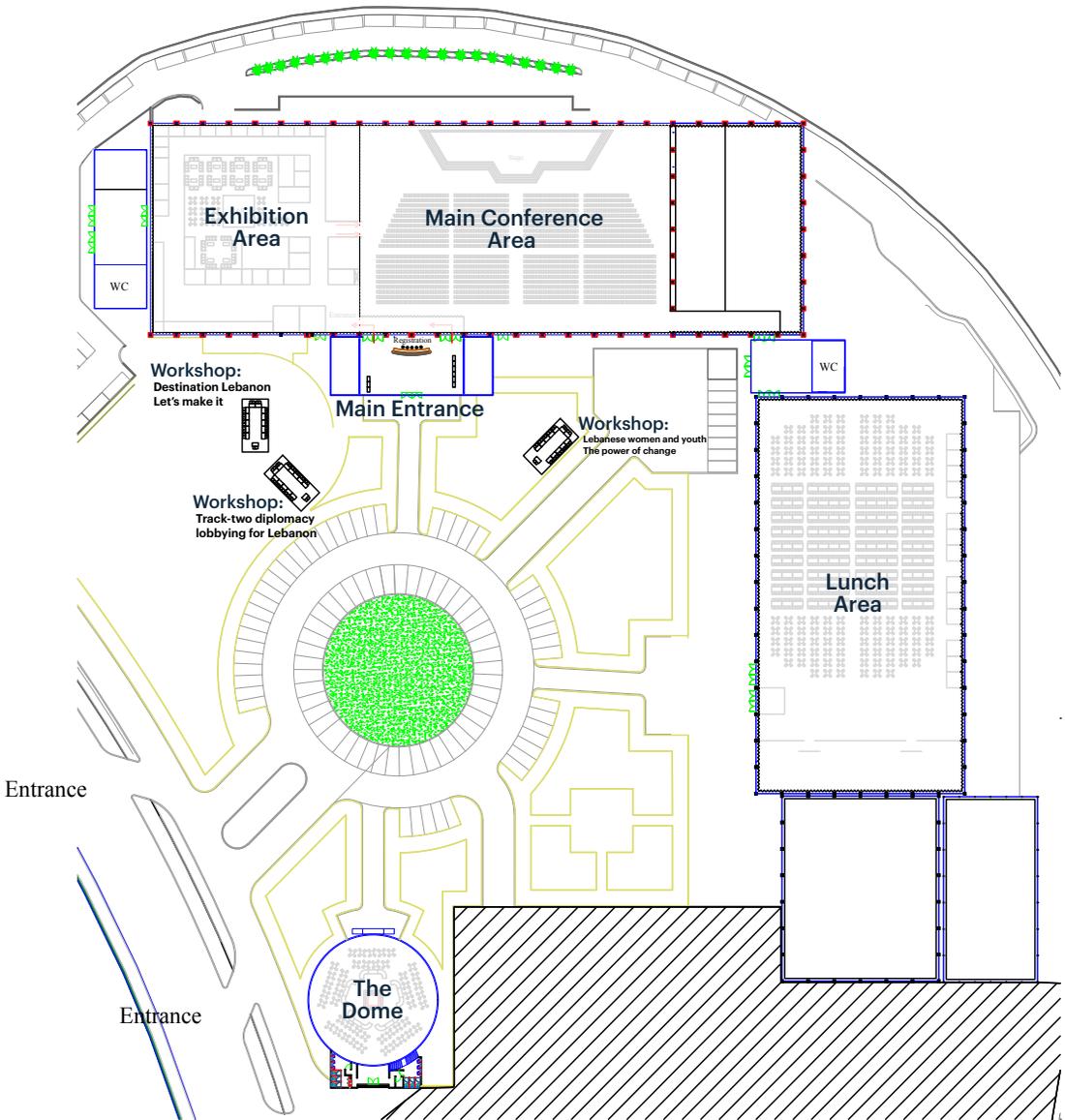


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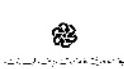


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