



Dear Colleagues

You are cordially invited to attend the Lebanese Evaluation Association - LebEval's launching conference and roundtable that will be held in collaboration with the Environment and Sustainable Development Unit - ESDU on Thursday the 1st of December 2016 from 13:00 until 17:00 at Charles Hostler Auditorium - American University of Beirut - Sea Gate entrance (See attached map) with MP Ghassan Mokhaiber as a keynote speaker.

The conference will discuss the elements of a National Evaluation Policy with a gender and equity lens that fits the Lebanese context in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals. The 17 SDGs, along with 169 targets and 230 indicators, were approved by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015 as the blueprint for global development for the coming 15 years. Obviously, a sound and systematic national evaluation system is central in monitoring the attainment of the SDGs and their mantra of “no one left behind” in Lebanon.

LebEval is a social and apolitical association established in 2014 by a group of evaluation professionals working across national and international agencies dedicated to improving the science and practice of evaluation in Lebanon. **The founding group is eager to meet with like-minded evaluation professionals in order to expand both the outreach and the membership of LebEval.**

So make yourselves available for Thursday afternoon and let us shape the Lebanon evaluation scene together.

PS: As the entrance to AUB is restricted, kindly confirm to Mr. Rami Assaf (rsa88@mail.aub.edu) in order to leave your name at the gate

LebEval Launch Conference	
Towards an Evaluation Culture in Lebanon	
Charles W. Hostler Student Center - American University of Beirut	
Time	Event
12 30	Registration
13 00	National Anthem
13:00 13:10	Welcoming Remarks and overview of the workshop and thank you to the relevant stakeholders on behalf of LebEval (Fadi Hajjar, LebEval President)
13:10 13:15	EvalMENA opening remarks (Anis Ben Younes, EvalMENA President)
13:15 13:20	IOCE and EvalPartners Greetings (Ziad Moussa, IOCE President & EvalPartners Co-Chair, LebEval Founder)
13:20 13:30	Element of a National Evaluation System in the SDG era Dana Shdeed Sayour (LebEval Founder)
13:30 14:00	Keynote speaker – M.P Ghassan Mokhaiber Evaluation in Lebanon: a myth, utopia or the road to the future?
13:00 14:30	Q&A with the floor
14:30 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 17:00	<p>Round table: National Evaluation Policies and System in Lebanon from a gender and equity lens</p> <p>Chair: MP Jean Oghasabian, Former Minister of State for Administrative Reform (tbc)</p> <p>Opening remarks: Ms. Mona Selim, UNWOMEN Regional Office (Cairo)</p> <p>Backgrounder: Colette Azzi (LebEval) Discussion Pointer on the Evaluation in with a gender and equity lens in Lebanon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Elie Maalouf (Vice President, Higher Audit Court), • Dr. Maral Tutelian (Director General, Central Administration for Statistics) tbc • Mr. Felix Herzog (Evaluation Division, UN ESCWA) • Dr. Shadi Hamadeh (Director, Environment and Sustainable Evaluation Unit, AUB) <p>Brainstorming with the floor on the best way forward</p>
17 00	Cocktail and Networking
	Food provided by the Food Heritage Foundation (www.food-heritage.org)

MAP:

Charles Hostler Auditorium: Number 0535 - Gate G35

