

Transforming Higher Education Project: Experiences and Advances on University Transformation

A workshop at the American University of Beirut
September 5-7th, 2019

Goal

Share the commitment and advances to higher educational change among the project's partners, as well as to strengthen and scale-up the transformation of higher education efforts globally in response to challenges of the 21st century.

Objectives

1. Review and inform on why the need for change of educational systems and their graduates.
2. Share project partners' commitment to change and advances in their institutions transformation processes.
3. Share other experiences of university transformation in response to global challenges.
4. Strengthen and expand networks and partnership among the institutions embarking on the change processes.

Agenda

Day 1 (Thursday September 5th, 2019)

Opening Session 1 (9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

Location: FAFS 102 Lecture Hall

Opening - Moderator, Rabi Mohtar

Welcoming Address

- President of American University of Beirut, Overview of the American University of Beirut and their Commitment to Change as the Lead Institution of the project, Dr. Fadlo Khuri, President AUB

University Transformation

- Vision of University Change, Jose Zaglul
- Need for Transformation in Higher Education, Ian Maw, formerly Vice-President of APLU
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation Vision: La June Montgomery Tabron, President & CEO

Open discussion

Coffee Break (10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

Session 2: Transforming Higher Education Project UPDATES (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Location: FAFS 102 Lecture Hall

Overview of "Transforming Higher Education" Project and Results and Institutional Commitments from the February Orientation Workshop, Jim French (15 min)

Panel: Pilot University Commitments to Change, Advances and Challenges to Implementation:

Moderator Jim French

- The American University of Beirut, Rabi Mohtar, Dean Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (15 min)
- Université Quisqueya, Gael Pressoir, Dean Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (15 min)
- Technological Institute of Higher Education of Calkiní (15 min)
- Technological Institute of Conkal (15 min)

Open Discussion (45 min)

Lunch (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Location: Faculty Lounge Main Caf.

Session 3: Global Commitment to Change (2:00 – 4:00)

Location: College Hall B1 Auditorium

Overview of GCHERA by John Kennelly (10 min)

Panel a: GCHERA Institutions Commitment to Change: Visions, experiences and lessons learned (2:00-3:00) (5-7 minutes each): Moderator John Kennelly

RUFORUM, Anthony Egeru
Iowa State University, David Acker
AAACU, Filma Calalo
EARTH University, Yanine Chan
Zamorano University, Jeffrey Lansdale
Purdue University, Marcos Fernandez (Video)

Coffee Break (3:00 – 3:15)

Panel b: GCHERA Institutions Commitment to Change: Visions, experiences and lessons learned (3:15-4:15) (5-7 minutes each): Moderator John Kennelly

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, N Kumar
UniLaSalle, Philippe Choquet, President
A5 Initiative, Dr. Geurts, Wageningen
University of Illinois, Prasanta Kalita
Texas A&M University, Khalil Dirani
Ohio State University, Kristina Boone (Video)

Open Discussion (4:15-5:00)

Tour of Ras Beirut: Jeanne d'Arc Street, Hamra and Ain el Mreisseh with Mona El Hallak, director of the AUB Neighborhood Initiative (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Group Dinner (7:00 p.m.)

Location: Charles Hostler Student Center (Outdoor)

Day 2 (Friday September 6th, 2019)

Session 4: AUB Change in Action

Location: AREC, Bekaa

Travel to the Advancing Research Enabling Communities (AREC) (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

Welcome Coffee Break (10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

AREC as hub of Change Agenda for Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences (10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.), Dr. Mustapha Haidar

Panel: Research and Learning (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon)

Vision of Research and Learning, Moderated by Rabi Mohtar

Panel:

ICARDA, Hassan Machlab, Country Director (10 min)

Saint Joseph University, Maya Kharrat (10 min)

TAPS: CDAIS Project, Dr. Abdoulaye Saley Moussa, FAO (10 min) – (Video)

Open Discussion

Lunch (12:00 p.m. – 1:00p.m.)

Location: AREC Cafeteria

Overview of Community Engagement in the region (1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.), Shady Hamadeh (ESDU)

Community Engagement site visits (1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) to West Bekaa (Khiara and Saghbine)

Dinner in Darb El Karam, West Bekaa (ESDU Community Engagement Initiative) (5:00-6:30 p.m.)

Travel to Beirut (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

Day 3 (Saturday September 7th, 2019)

Session 5: Global Network & Partnership Opportunities

Location: College Hall B1 Auditorium

Panel: Opportunities for Global Networking and Partnerships on University Transformation (8:30 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.) – Moderated by Rabi Mohtar

USEK, Lara Hanna Wakim

AARINENA, Rida Shibli

Ashesi University, Jude Acquah

Douglas Steele, APLU

Frank Robinson, UAberita

Lori Snyder, NC State University

Open Discussion (30 min)

Coffee Break (10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

Session 6: Discussion on Global Commitment to Transformation of Higher Education (10:30 – 12:30 p.m.)

Location: College Hall B1 Auditorium

Future of University Transformation, La June Montgomery Tabron, President & CEO, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Jose Zaglul, Founding President and President Emeritus, EARTH University & John Kennelly, President, GCHERA

Lunch: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Faculty Lounge Main Caf.

Continued Discussion and Final Conclusions: What is Next!! 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: College Hall B1 Auditorium

Optional Activities (starting 2:30 p.m.)

Campus walking tour

Tour and dinner in Beirut (Transportation can be arranged with the hotel Concierge)

Options (in all these places there are several restaurants/cafes and you can walk around):

Zeintouna Bay

Hamra Street

Beirut Downton/Parliament Square

Beirut Souks



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