The annual AFED conference will be a part of the celebration of 150 years since the founding of the American University in Beirut

The achievement of sustained development goals in the unstable Arab World

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AFED's annual conference will occur on November 10th and 11th, 2016 in the American University in Beirut midst celebrations for the 150th year since the university's founding. The conference will revolve around sustainability goals for 2030 in the ever-changing Arab world. The conference will also discuss AFED's annual report. This year, the report will be called. Toward 2030: Accomplishing Development Goals in Changing Environments". This report focuses on the necessary relationship between water, energy, and food. It explores the acceptable ways to support development efforts and the circumstances necessary to reach their 2030 goals.

The AFED secretary general, Nagib Saab, clarified that the conference will attempt to outline how to reach these goals in the Arab world in the aftermath of the Paris Agreement, considering the security, economic, and social issues existing in the Arab World. Saab encouraged AFED to continue their plans while also considering plans to assist countries ravaged by war and fighting.

Saab also said he is proud that the conference will occur as part of the 150-year celebration for the America University in Beirut, especially since the majority of the board graduated from the American University in Beirut.

The University President, Fadlu Khoury, welcomed the university's partnership with AFED, as it is the leading regional environmental protection NGO. He also indicated the importance of partnerships between forums and institutions of higher education, such as the American University of Beirut.

He said, "The university has always been a part of its society and we intend to have a significant role in developing quality education that is the goal of sustainable development. The purpose of this forum is to collect funds to help us realize our 2030 goals in our area and rebuilding after the disastrous events occurring today."

Amongst those in attendance and those who wrote the report were prominent figures, including Adnan Badran, president of the board of the University of Jordan and the past prime minister of Jordan's parliament, and Mahmood Muhideen, vice president of the Al-Dawli Bank, and Scott Vaughan, CEO of IISD, and Asmahan Al-Wafi, the general manager for the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture, and Abdelsalaam Wald Ahmed, a the director and representative of the local branch of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and Abdullah al Dardiri, the vice president to the executive of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, and

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Several ministers of MENA countries .were also in attendance

Mahmood al Sulh, the general manager of The International Center for Agriculture Research in the Dry Areas, and Cosimo Lacirignola, general manager of CIHEAM, and AbdelKareem Sadaq, head of the economists in the development fund of Kuwait.

The partnership between American University of Beirut and AFED was established several years ago. The university is an academic partner in AFED. Several university professors have contributed to AFED's reports as well as participated as speakers in AFED's annual conference.

The 2016 report will include research on sustainable health, whose primary author is Eman Nuwihid, the dean of the public health college in the university.

Several universities from various colleges in the university also participated in the Future Environmental Leaders Forum (FELF). That provides students experience to engage with AFED and the opportunity to participate in conversations that will affect their future. Since their start in 2008, AFED's report has gained a trusted reputation around its conversations on the environment in MENA and has become a resource for discussion on the topic.

These reports offer facts and academic analysis that help make wise decisions relating to politics in Arab countries.

ACWA power (aka Khalladi) continues to work on its wind power project in Northern Morocco

The company has made its final request from its suppliers and contractors in the wind power project in Northern Morocco, after it completed the financial requirements to fulfill the expenses of the project, which will be the first of its kind in the country. 75% of the project is owned by AQWA power, previously called UPC Renewable Energy, while the other 25% is owned by Infra Invest.

Rajit Nada, ACWA Power's investment manager, "This new project establishes our place as a leader in renewable energy in Morocco. Our investment will continue for a long time. Through our partnership with Infra Invest, we will be able to play a big role in transforming the energy sector in Morocco and strategic development in the country.

The project will be built in the northern Jabal Sandoq, in the Khalladi region. Its capacity is 120 megawatt. This is the first of its kind for ACWA Power and Infra Investment in Morocco. It is important to note that ACWS Power is a member of AFED.

أكوا باور عضو في «أفد»

العربية لحماية الطبيعة تزرع ألف شجرة زيتون في مكب للأنقاض

بادرت الجمعية العربية لحماية الطبيعة، بدعم من شركة «أمنية» وبالتعاون مع أمانة عمان، إلى زراعة ألف شجرة زيتون في منطقة وادي القطار التي كانت مكباً للأنقاض وتمت إعادة تأهيلها.

شارك في تنفيذ الحملة، التي تأتي ضمن برنامج «القافلة الخضراء»، أكثر من مئة متطوع ومتطوعة من الجمعية ومن موظفي وأصدقاء «أمنية» لتحفيز مؤسسات المجتمع المحلي على زيادة العطاء والعمل للوصول إلى أردن أخضر.

وقال رئيس الجمعية رامي برهوش إن العمل المؤسسي الذي يجمع بين مختلف القطاعات بحاجة إلى تكاتف هذه القطاعات لتحقيق رؤية الجمعية في زيادة الرقعة الخضراء وتحقيق الأمن الغذائي للفئات الأقل حظاً.

ويهدف برنامج «القافلة الخضراء» الذي بدأته العربية لحماية الطبيعة عام 2003، إلى مساهمة في تخضير الأردن وخاصّة المناطق المهمّشة.

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