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AUB to present findings of a joint two-year study on air pollution on May 6

Beirut, Lebanon- 04/05/2011 - The results of a two-year joint study on air pollution will be presented during a seminar that will be held at the American University of Beirut on May 6, 2011.

Co-organized by AUB in collaboration with the National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS) and the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) the seminar will take place at 9 am in West Hall's Bathish Hall.

It will include presentations by public health and environmental experts as well as a presentation on the economic costs of air pollution and potential solutions to the problem.

The main objectives of the seminar and the study are to: (i) collect and provide information and knowledge on Air Quality in Beirut, (ii) identify low, medium and high-risk areas for exposure to air pollution in Beirut, (iii) initiate concurrent epidemiological studies related to risk areas for exposure, (iv) identify the methods of estimating the economic impact of air pollution, and (v) explore with government policy makers and agencies possible venues to act in ways that reduce the actual risks to public health from air pollution, while appropriately addressing public attitudes and concerns.

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