

Invitation to Media



Seventh Annual Convention of the Worldwide Alumni Association of AUB (WAAAUB)

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The Worldwide Alumni Association of the American University of Beirut (WAAAUB) is holding its 7th Annual Convention January 22-23, 2016 at the AUB's Suliman S. Olayan School of Business (OSB).

AUB's 61,000 alumni currently living in 115 countries have remained in touch with their Alma Mater through WAAAUB. This convention will be the largest congregation of AUB alumni as representatives of AUB's 62 alumni chapters worldwide will be participating. This is also the first official event after the first woman President of the Association, Ms. Wafa Saab, has been elected.

January 22, 2016 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Maamari Auditorium, OSB: At the opening ceremony, and after a welcome note by **WAAAUB president Wafa Saab** and remarks by **AUB president Fadlo R. Khuri**, keynote speaker, AUB Alumnus **Neemat Frem**, will speak to the alumni about his personal experience at AUB and beyond and how his accomplishments have contributed to the benefit of the community in a speech entitled "Leveraging Individual Accomplishments towards Community Success".

Neemat Frem is CEO of INDEVCO Group, a devoted nationalist who has remained a faithful believer in Lebanon, and the founder of "A Better Lebanon," a visionary initiative that aims at reconstructing and reengineering the country at the political, economic and social levels. Mr. Frem is also an Advisory Council member of the International Crisis Group, a board member of the Islamic-Christian dialogue, and the President and CEO of INDEVCO Group (a multinational manufacturing group employing over 10,000 people, and operating in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, England, and the United States of America).

January 23, 2016 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Maamari Auditorium, OSB: A panel discussion entitled "Being Global – Insights from Prominent International Alumni Associations" will bring together four AUB alumni who have also become heads of global as well as local alumni associations for other universities: **Nicolas Chammas** (chairman of the Beirut Traders Association, managing partner of Elie D. Chammas & Co., vice chairman of Cedrus Bank, and the President Select of

the MIT Alumni Association); **Nagy Rizk** (Chairman and General Manager of the Print House Holding sal, owner of Print Works sal and International Print Works sal, and President of the INSEAD business school Alumni Association of Lebanon); **Wafa Saab** (General Manager – Deputy Chairperson of Tinol Paints, President of the Worldwide Alumni Association of AUB); and **Lamia Rustum Shehadeh** (Women’s rights activist, researcher, co-founded and served as vice president of the Non-Governmental Committee Pursuant to Women’s Issues, President of the Harvard Alumni Association of Lebanon).

January 23, 2016 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm, 3rd floor, OSB: A business meeting, which is the official meeting of the Alumni Association, will be held with AUB alumni from all around the world as partners in celebrating AUB’s 150th anniversary.

This convention brings together a diaspora of alumni to tailor communication and operation programs that best cater to WAAAUB’s diverse constituencies.

We Look forward to welcoming you.

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About AUB

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 700 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,500 students. AUB currently offers more than 120 programs leading to bachelor’s, master’s, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full-service 420-bed hospital.

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