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LEBANON BLUE ECONOMY DIALOGUE

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Thursday, May 2, 2024
UN House, Riad El Solh, Beirut

PROGRAM

9:00-15:30

9:00-9:30

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME

9:30-10:20

OPENING CEREMONY & LEBANON BLUE ECONOMY BASELINE

Mr. Sami Dimassi

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Representative and Regional Director for West Asia

H.E. Dr. Nasser Yassine

Minister of Environment, Lebanon

H.E. Bahia Hariri

President of the Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development (HF)

Ms. Alessia Squarcella

Deputy Head of Cooperation, Team Leader – Economy, Green Deal and Local Development at EU Delegation to Lebanon

10:20-11:00

KEY PRESENTATION & SHOWCASE OF LEBANON'S BLUE ECONOMY ASSESSMENT

by the Hariri Foundation (HF)

Dr. Georges Gharios

Blue Economy and Water Governance Consultant at HF

Eng. Malek Al Jebaie

Environment Program Specialist at HF

LAUNCH OF THE LEBANON BLUE ECONOMY DASHBOARD

by the National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS)

Dr. Chadi Abdallah

Head of Research Center for Remote Sensing at CNRS

11:00-11:30

COFFEE BREAK & REFRESHMENTS

11:30-12:45

PANEL 1 | THE STATE AND POTENTIAL OF LEBANON'S BLUE ECONOMY OUTLOOK

Moderator: United Nations Environment Programme - Regional Office of West Asia (UNEP - ROWA)

Mrs. Maya Tayara

Head of Maritime Training Division, Ministry of Public Works & Transport

Dr. Chadi Mhana

Director of Rural Development and Natural Resources, Ministry of Agriculture

Dr. Manal Nader

Head of Institute of Environment, University of Balamand

Mrs. Darine Mawla

Senior Environmental Advisor, Lebanese Petroleum Administration

Mr. Zahi Chahine

Head of Disaster Risk Management Unit, Presidency of the Council of Ministries

12:45-13:00

COFFEE BREAK & REFRESHMENTS

13:00 - 14:30

**PANEL 2 | MAINSTREAMING CIRCULAR ECONOMY
WITHIN THE NATIONAL BLUE ECONOMY FRAMEWORK**

Moderator: Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development (HF)

Mr. Luc Reuter

SwitchMed Programme Coordinator, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Mrs. Chantal Akel

Acting Director-General of Ministry of Industry

Dr. Nadim Farajalla

Chief Sustainability Officer, Lebanese American University

Mrs. Lara El Khoury

Programs Director, Berytech

14:30 – 15:30

CLOSING AND LUNCH

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