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Meeting with Lebanese Higher Education Leadership on: Internationalisation in HE: Challenges and Perspectives

Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Beirut, Lebanon
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Draft Programme

- 09:00 - 09:30** Welcome Reception
- 09:30 - 9:40** **Opening Remarks:**
- Welcome and expected outcomes by:
Ministry of Education and Higher Education
Aref Alsoufi, National Erasmus+ Office, Lebanon
Hervé Sabourin, Regional Director of AUF in the Middle East
- 9:40 - 10:10** **Overview of Initiative:** *Purpose of Internationalisation for Higher Education in Lebanon*
- Speakers:
 - o *Hervé Sabourin, Regional Director of AUF in the Middle East*
 - o *Adel El Zaïm, Chief Internationalisation Officer of the University of Ottawa (see below a short biography)*
- 10:10 - 11:10** **Interactive Discussion with University Leaders on Internationalisation in Higher Education in Lebanon**
- Speaker: *Adel El Zaïm, Chief Internationalisation Officer of the University of Ottawa (see below a short biography)*
- 11:10 - 11:30** **Concluding Remarks and Next Steps**

Short Bio of Dr. Adel El Zaïm

Dr. Adel El Zaïm is the Chief Internationalization Officer of the University of Ottawa. He is also the founder of Internationalization Canada.

Adel has worked for several organizations like most recently the University of British Columbia (UBC) when he occupied the position of Executive Director of the International Office. He was Director General, Internationalization, at Université de Sherbrooke, in Quebec (2012-2014), and Senior Program Specialist, Information and Communication Technologies for Development, with Canada's International Development Research Centre, based in Middle East (2004-2012). Prior to that, he directed research, innovation and technology transfer at CEFRIO (2001-2003), Videotron Communications (1998-2001), and CRIM (1995-1998).

Dr. El Zaïm is member of the Board of the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA). He assumes also the chairmanship of the AIEA Awards Committee and is member of the AIEA Strategic Planning Task Force. Adel was founding member, vice-president and president of the Internet Society in Québec (ISOC-Québec) and he was member of the Civil Society Bureau for the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS-UN) from 2003 to 2005. He served as member of the board of several organizations including Association ISOC Quebec, Collège de Maisonneuve (Montréal), Association of Arab translators and the Economic Local Development Centre, Sherbrooke Innopole, (Sherbrooke, Quebec).

Dr. El Zaïm was born in Tripoli, Lebanon. After graduating from the Lebanese University in French Language and Literature, he prepared a Master in Didactics at University of Paris III, Sorbonne-Nouvelle, and received a PhD in Linguistics (in 1994) from the University of Paris IV, Sorbonne. Adel El Zaïm undertook his post-doctorate research at Université du Québec à Montréal in Semiotics and Human Language Technologies.