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Financial Inclusion for a Sustainable Economy

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Opening Ceremony

- 🕒 9:30 - 10:30am Registration
- 🕒 10:30 - 10:35am Lebanese National Anthem
- 🕒 10:35 - 11:00am National songs by Guy Manoukian Musical Band

Keynote Speakers

- 🕒 11:00 - 11:10am Mr. Elie Abboud, LACPA president
- 🕒 11:10 - 11:20am Mr. Jean Bouquot, IFAC president
- 🕒 11:20 - 11:30am H.E. Mr. Nabih Berri, President of The Lebanese Parliament
- 🕒 11:30am - 12:00pm **Exhibition**
- 🕒 12:00 - 12:30pm **Reception**

Day 1, Panel I

Building Blocks of Sustainable Economic Governance

12:30 - 2:00pm

Moderator

Elie Abboud, LACPA President - Managing partner at UHY - Lebanon

Speakers

Kabalan Kabalan, Member of the Lebanese Parliament

Najat Aoun Saliba, Member of the Lebanese Parliament & Climate Science Expert

Kamal Shehadi, Minister of the Displaced & Minister of State for Information Technology & Artificial Intelligence

Monique Newiak, Deputy Unit Chief, Inclusion and Gender Unit, International Monetary Fund

Description

This session highlights the critical role of governance in achieving a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive economy, with a focus on aligning financial, environmental, and social goals within governance structures.

Key Discussion Points

- Key governance frameworks and principles that support sustainable policies.
- Practical examples where governance enabled economic transformation.
- Roles of regulators, policymakers, accountants in accountability.
- Challenges and opportunities in integrating sustainability into governance.
- Cross-sector collaboration for long-term value creation.

Day 2, Panel I

Digital Tax Systems: Enhancing Inclusion and Combating Evasion Through Technology

9:00 - 10:30am

Moderator

Joe Sakr, LACPA Member - Partner at Sarkis Sakr & Partners - Geneva Group International

Speakers

Georges Maarawi, Director General of the Ministry of Finance

Karim Daher, Founding Partner at HBD-T Law Firm, Law & Taxation Expert

David Clark, IESBA Technical Advisor & Technology Working Group Chair/EY Partner, MENA Independence & Conflicts Leader

Rania Nasra, LLM Business International Senior Associate - Hamdan Law Firm
Researcher and Policy Writer

Description

This session examines how digital platforms, blockchain, AI, and data analytics are transforming tax systems to become more inclusive, transparent, and effective.

Key Discussion Points

- Expanding tax access through digital platforms.
- Reducing tax evasion via emerging technologies.
- Case studies of successful digital tax initiatives.
- Government-business collaboration in tax ecosystems.
- Role of auditors in reporting evasion under ISA and Lebanese laws.

Day 2, Panel II

Digitizing the Cash Economy: Mitigating Risks and Driving Financial Inclusion

11:00am - 12:30pm

Moderator

Nadim Daher, LACPA Board Member - Managing Partner at Daher & PARTNERS, Tax & Financial Advisor

Speakers

Ghada Ayoub, Member of the Lebanese Parliament, Legal Advisor at the Lebanese Atomic Energy Commission

Federico Lima, IMF Resident Representative in Lebanon

Marc Kamel, Managing Partner, C2D Services, Tax Administration, Digitalisation Expert, Certified TADAT Assessor

Wissam Ghorra, Co-Founder and CEO of Purpl

Description

This session explores how digitization can reduce risks associated with cash economies, such as tax evasion, corruption, and lack of transparency while promoting inclusion and efficiency.

Key Discussion Points

- Challenges of cash-based economies and their impact.
- How digital payments reduce reliance on cash.
- Role of blockchain in secure, traceable transactions.
- Case studies of digital transitions.
- Digital tools for underserved communities.
- Policy and regulatory frameworks for digital economies.

Day 2, Panel III

Auditing for a Sustainable Future: Digital Transformation and Competency Building in the Profession

1:30 - 3:00pm

Moderator

Michel Kozah, LACPA Member - Strategic Financial Executive & Advisor

Speakers

Hossam El Shaffei, CMIIA, CFE, CCSA, CRMA, CA, QAC+, FICA, CRG®, QRD®, FWAIA, EQFM-Validator UN-Crt Sexual Harassment & Abuse of Authority Investigator

Haytham Torkey, Managing Partner at United Accountants - Member of Nexia International

Roman Seredynski, Managing Partner at UHY, Poland

Sama El Hage Sleiman, Project Coordinator UN-ESCWA

Kush Ahuja, Head of Eurasia and Middle East ACCA

Description

This session explores the evolution of auditing as it integrates sustainability and digital transformation to strengthen assurance and business practices.

Key Discussion Points

- Importance of sustainability reporting and assurance.
- Role of AI, blockchain, and data analytics in modern auditing.
- Building ESG and digital competencies for auditors.
- Innovative methodologies for sustainable business practices.

Day 2, Panel IV

Data-Driven Sustainability: Harnessing Digital Solutions and Analytics

3:30 - 5:00pm

Moderator

Fadi Ganni, Chairman, Morgan Holding S.A

Speakers

Elias Hankach, Member of the Lebanese Parliament, Chief Executive Officer of Noknok

Fadi Makki, Minister of State for Administrative Reform

Wissam Sammouri, Campus Director, 42 Beirut Professor of Data Analytics, LAU

Georges Salem, Business Advisor FinTech Influencer

Description

This session explores how advanced digital solutions help organizations achieve sustainability goals and measurable outcomes.

Key Discussion Points

- Leveraging AI and big data for carbon footprint reduction.
- IoT and sensors for real-time optimization.
- Case studies of digital sustainability practices.
- Predictive analytics for environmental risks.
- Strategies to scale digital sustainability solutions.

Day 3, Panel I

E-Governance in the Public Sector through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

9:00 - 10:30am

Moderator

Elie Moussallem, Human Capital & Organizational Development Expert

Speakers

Edgard Traboulsi, Member of the Lebanese Parliament

Ziad Baroud, Former Minister of Interior and Municipalities

Ziad Hayek, President of the World Association of PPP Units & Professionals

Charbel Chbeir, Partner at @ttorneys Law Firm

Description

This session highlights opportunities and challenges in digitalizing the public sector through PPPs, focusing on HR capacity and e-government tools.

Key Discussion Points

- Human resource gaps in technology and strategies to bridge them.
- Barriers to e-government in developing economies.
- Role of disruptive technologies in efficiency and service delivery.
- Case studies of government digital transformation.
- Policy recommendations to attract and retain talent.

Day 3, Panel II

Navigating Sustainability Reporting Frameworks: Aligning with Global Standards for Impact and Transparency

11:00am - 12:30pm

Moderator

Pierre Khoury, Senior Energy Advisor-Secretary of the Lebanon Committee of the World Energy Council (WEC)

Speakers

Tamara Al Zein, Minister of Environment

Yasser Akkaoui, Chairman of Capital Concept-ESG and Sustainable Finance Consultants

Darrel Scott, Financial Professional

Ehab Shalaby, CEO at DCarbon Global

Description

This session addresses global sustainability frameworks (GRI, SASB, TCFD, ISSB) and how organizations can align with them for greater transparency and impact.

Key Discussion Points

- Differences and synergies among major frameworks.
- Best practices for integrating sustainability reporting.
- Challenges in data collection and disclosure.
- Digital tools for reporting accuracy and efficiency.

Day 3, Panel III

IFRS Updates and Beyond: Considerations from the Lebanese Case for Auditors and Financial Professionals

1:30 - 3:00pm

Moderator

Georges Chartouni, LACPA Member - Partner at PKF Chartouni

Speakers

Jean Ellieh, President of Public Procurement Authority

Zahi Zeini, Office managing partner - Deloitte

Darine Dib, External Audit Director - PWC

László Péter Lakatos, Head of department at the Institute of Accounting and Law, Budapest Corvinus University

Owen Mavengere, Director of Technical Excellence - PAFA

Description

This session provides auditors with the latest IFRS updates and lessons from the Lebanese crisis to strengthen practices during instability.

Key Discussion Points

- Recent IFRS changes and implications.
- Insights from the Lebanese financial crisis.
- Risk mitigation strategies in volatile environments.
- Lessons for transparency, accountability, and resilience.

Gala Dinner