

**The opening of the eighth general conference of the Arab Women
Organization
Arab Women and Cultural Challenges**

**Under the patronage of His Excellency General Michel Aoun
President of the Lebanese Republic**

**Tuesday 23rd February 2021
11.00-12.30 (Beirut time)**

- Speech of His Excellency General Michel Aoun, President of the Lebanese Republic
- Speech of HE Mrs. Claudine Aoun, President of the Arab Woman Organization's Supreme Council
- Speeches of the heads of participant official delegations
- Speech of Professor Fadia Kiwan, Director general of the Arab Women Organization.
- Speech of the President of the Scientific Committee of the Conference, Dr. Marlene Haidar, Dean of the Institute of Social Sciences at the Lebanese University

Working sessions: Wednesday and Thursday, 24-25 February 2021

Beirut Time	Panels and Interventions	Speakers
Wednesday 24/2/2021		
11.00–12.30	<p>The First Panel</p> <p>Arab women throughout the length of tradition and modernity: Between confrontation and reconciliation</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>HE Mrs. Salma Al-Nims, Secretary General of the Jordanian National Commission for Women, member of the Executive Council of the Arab Women Organization</p>	<p>1-The hard path of change: women's issues among the clutches of nature Fahmieh Sharafeddine (professor of sociology and researcher in social and political thought)</p> <p>2- Islamic feminism between the fundamentalist jurisprudence system and gendered philosophy: the problem of the method and reference Buthaina El-Ghalbazouri (Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences at the Mohammed V University in Rabat)</p> <p>3- Dilemmas hindering the shaping of an Arab feminist discourse Nahwand Al-Qadri Issa (Professor at the Faculty of Mass Communication at the Lebanese University)</p> <p>4-The Arab feminist ego and the dialectic of the constant and the evolving: An epistemological study of what the Arab female self is. Alia Hilal Al Saadi (Research Associate at Sultan Qaboos University)</p> <p>Discussion</p>

12.30-13.00		Pause

<p>13.00–14.30</p>	<p>The Second Panel</p> <p>Arab women in the midst of literary and artistic production and mechanisms of socialization</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>HE Mrs. Wafaa Al-Diqa Hamzeh, Member of the Executive Council of the Arab Women Organization for the Lebanese Republic</p>	<p>1-The image of women as reflected in TV dramas: A monitoring study of Ramadan series Suzan Qalini (Dean of the College of Mass Communication - Emirates University of Technology)</p> <p>2- The image of the Omani woman in art and literature Azza Al-Qassabi (Omani critic and researcher)</p> <p>3-The first generation of economically independent Lebanese women and their pioneering role in the women's press in Egypt and Lebanon. Suad Slim (Professor at the University of Balamand, Lebanon)</p> <p>4-Feminist Literature and Cultural Challenges in the Renaissance: Malak Hefni Nassef and May Ziadeh Husn Abboud (Lecturer at the American University of Beirut)</p> <p>5- Jordanian women in social representations at the intersection of the discourses of tradition and modernity Maysoon Wael Yousef Al-Atoum (President of the Center for Women's Studies - University of Jordan)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
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14.30–16.00		Lunch break
16.00–17.30	<p>The Third Panel:</p> <p>The economic role of women in sustainable development and the eradication of poverty and marginalization</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>HE Mohamad Mahmoud Would Ahmad. Secretary general of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Children and Family of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.</p>	<p>1-Poverty and social marginalization of women in the Arab countries Rafif Reda Sidawi (Researcher in the field of sociology - Arab Thought Foundation)</p> <p>2- Women and economic empowerment to combat poverty and fragility; Reading in Moroccan experiences Farid Amar (Research Professor of Social Sciences at the Mohammed V University in Rabat)</p> <p>3- Economic empowerment of women facing cultural discrimination in: wages, types of work, pensions ... Ikram Nader Salah Hajj Mir (PhD Researcher in Private Law)</p> <p>4-The digital economy and its role in promoting the work of Libyan women Hussein Faraj Al-Shteiwi and Aman Al-Ramalli (Lecturers at Libyan universities, Ministry of Economy and Industry in Tripoli)</p> <p>5-Work in the time of globalization: virtual markets and their role in activating the economic role of women (The case of Iraq) Noha Al-Darwish (Lecturer at the University of Baghdad - College of Education for Pure Sciences - Ibn Al-Haytham)</p> <p>6-Economic empowerment and cultural discrimination towards women in Jordan Dima Kardasha (Consultant in gender issues)</p> <p>Discussion</p>

Thursday 25/2/2021		
11.00–12.30	<p>The Fourth Panel:</p> <p>Arab women between citizenship, government policies and civil struggles, and the dissemination of gender culture: various and crosscutting Arab tracks</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <p>Her Excellency Dr Yusra Karim Mohsen, Director General of the Department for the Empowerment of Iraqi Women at the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers, and member of the Executive Council of the Arab Woman Organization for the Republic of Iraq</p>	<p>1- Combating violence and discrimination against women: “Between hope and challenge”; International/legal vision Sanaa Sayed Khalil (Member of the National Council for Women in Egypt and rapporteur of the Council's Legislative Committee)</p> <p>2-Political empowerment of women in Mauritania Fatima Khatri (Member of the Mauritanian Parliament)</p> <p>3- Moroccan women in public policies between profits and challenges Laila Mounir (Professor at the College of Arts and Humanities, Mohammed V University)</p> <p>4-Training manuals as one of the means for disseminating a gender culture: the experience of Egypt Nisreen Al-Baghdadi (Professor of Sociology, National Center for Social and Criminal Research)</p> <p>Discussion</p>

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13.00-14.30	<p>The Fifth Panel:</p> <p>The contribution of women to strengthening the resilience of society and Earth.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>HE Ms. Luna Elias Jamil Saadeh, expert in the field of gender equality and member of the Standing Advisory Committee on Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs of the Arab Women Organization</p>	<p>1- The role of Arab women in good governance of the environment Amr Suleiman (economic expert and member of the National Council for Women in Egypt)</p> <p>2- Arab women between the cultures of consumption and recycling; The case of a Lebanese village Lubna Tarabay (Professor at the Institute of Social Sciences at the Lebanese University)</p> <p>3-The role of virtual communities in promoting environmental awareness among Arab women Fahima bint Hamad Al Saeedia (Omani researcher interested in social, psychological and educational sciences)</p> <p>4-Strengthening the role of Algerian women in the protection of the environment and sustainable development Maryam Hind Ben Mahdi (Secretary General of the Environment and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment, Algeria)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
14.30-15.30		Lunch break
15.30-16.00		<p>Presentation of the research project on "Women, art and the media: from profiling to change".</p> <p>Nevine Mossaad (Professor of political science at Cairo University and project</p>

	coordinator)
<p>16.00-17.00</p> <p>The closing session: Recommendations and suggestions of the 8th General Conference.</p> <p>Moderator: HE Mrs. Kawthar Kriko, Minister of national solidarity, the family and women affairs- Algeria. Member of the Executive Council of AWO.</p>	<p>The announcement of the recommendations</p> <p>Maha Al Kayyal (Member of the scientific committee of the conference,</p>