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Lebanon's Leading Agriculture & Agri-Tech Exhibition

PROGRAMME

19 – 21 November 2026,
Beirut Hall, Horsh Tabet
3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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H.E. Mr. Nawaf Salam

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DAY ONE - 19 NOV 2026

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18:00 – 18:30

Official Opening
Ribbon-Cutting and Tour of the Exhibition
With Their Excellencies the Prime Minister, the Ministers and official guests

18:30 – 19:00

Opening Speeches
Official Opening Ceremony

Mr. George Ayache | Innovate Exhibitions

Dr. Khalil Melki | Unifert S.A.L.

Eng. Louis Lahoud | Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanese Republic

H.E. Dr. Nizar Hani | Minister of Agriculture, Lebanese Republic

H.E. Dr. Nawaf Salam | Prime Minister of the Lebanese Republic

Ceremony Presenter: **Mr. Ghassan Hajjar**

19:15 – 20:00

Panel 1 • Ministerial Panel
Connecting Arab Agricultural Markets: Regional Cooperation, Trade Facilitation and Arab Integration

H.E. Dr. Nizar Hani | Minister of Agriculture, Lebanese Republic

H.E. Basel Al Suweydan | Minister of Agriculture, Syrian Arab Republic

H.E. Abdul Rahim Al Shammari | Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Iraq

H.E. Dr. Saeb Khraisat | Minister of Agriculture, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Moderator: **Mr. Ghassan Hajjar**

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15:45 – 16:30

Panel 2

From Vision to Action: Lebanon's Agriculture Strategy and the Partnerships to Deliver It

Opening Presentations - short presentations

Dr. Manal Mousallem | Senior Policy Advisor – National Agriculture Strategy

Mr. Nabil Hassan | Beyond Group – Agriculture Investment Strategy

Panel Discussion

H.E. Dr. Nizar Hani | Minister of Agriculture

Mr. Abdulhakim Elwaer | Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the Near East and North Africa

Mr. Raphael Debbane | Chair of the Agriculture Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

Moderator: **Mr. Nabil Hassan | Beyond Group**

16:45 – 17:30

Panel 3

The Impact of the War on Lebanon's Agriculture Sector

Opening Presentations - short presentation

Dr. Chadi Abdallah | Secretary General of the National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS)

Panel Discussion

Ms. Sawsan Bou Fakhreddine | Minister's Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture

Ms. Veronica Quattrola | Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Representative in Lebanon

Ms. Allison Oman Lawi | Representative and Country Director of the World Food Programme (WFP)

Mr. Alessandro Mrakic | Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Moderator: **Dr. Chadi Abdallah | Secretary General of the National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS)**

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17:45 – 18:15

Launch
Launch of the "Mahsouli" App

H.E. Dr. Nizar Hani | Minister of Agriculture

Mr. Jacob Faber | Counsellor representing H.E the Ambassador of Demark to Lebanon

Ms. Veronica Quattrola | Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Representative in Lebanon

19:00 – 19:30

Panel 4
Green Agri-Food Transformation for Economic Recovery (GATE) Project: Investing in Value Chains, Rural Infrastructure, Digital Transformation and Expand Market Access

Eng. Gloria Abou Zeid | Director General of Cooperatives, Ministry of Agriculture

Eng. Raymond Khoury | Head of the Executive Committee, Green Plan

Ms. Racha Chahine Merhebi | PMU Manager, GATE Component 1.2 Unit, Kafalat

Mr. Ali Ghandour | Local Economic Development & Livelihood Specialist, UNDP

Eng. Rawad Jamal | GATE PCU Project Manager Council for Development and Reconstruction

Moderator: **Wafa El Dikah Hamze** | Senior Advisor at Ministry of Agriculture and GATE project, Former Minister

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16:00 – 16:45

Panel 5

Water, Climate Resilience and Smart Agriculture: Irrigation Efficiency, Precision Farming and Climate Adaptation

Dr. Nasser Yassin | President of ACRPS, Former Minister of Environment

Dr. Amin Chaaban | National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS)

Dr. Georges Gharios | UNESCO

Dr. Nadim Farajallah | Lebanese American University (LAU)

Mr. Zaher Ballout | COO, Debbane Holding

Moderator: **Ms. Suzy Howayek** | Minister's advisor, Ministry of Energy and Water

17:00 – 17:45

Panel 6

Contract Farming: From Production to Market – Opportunities, Challenges and Solutions

Eng. Louis Lahoud | Director General, Ministry of Agriculture

Ms. Rima Freiji | Chairwoman, Tanmia

Bader Zeidan | Vice Chairman of the Board, Liban Lait

Mohamed Hamandi | General Manager, Mcdonald's

Dr. Mostafa Al Dirani | Executive Manager, Dirani Group

Moderator: **Dr. Marc Bou Zeidan | QOOT**

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Panel 7

From Seed to Farmers: Building a Sustainable Wheat Seed System in Lebanon

Opening Presentation – short presentation

"Reviving and Sustaining the Wheat Seed Value Chain:
From Research to Farmers' Fields"

Dr. Rola Al Amil | Head of Plant Breeding Department, LARI, and MoA Focal Point

Panel Discussion

Dr. Rola Al Amil | Head of Plant Breeding Department, LARI, and MoA Focal Point

Eng. Charbel Sakr | Head of the Wheat Value Chain Committee

Eng. Fadi Khoury | General Manager, Alfaco

Moderator: **Ms. Sarah El Jeitani** | Food Security Project, UNDP

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