



## Communication on Engagement (COE) 2020-2021

I am pleased to confirm that Beirut Arab University reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti- Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its content.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

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President  
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BAU has been committed, since its establishment in 1960, to offer outstanding educational programs and to provide an embracing environment for academic creativity and development of leadership skills, instilling the concept of social responsibility, while respecting diversity and multicultural understanding. The University promotes a stimulating academic atmosphere for its academic staff to ensure excellence in research and the dissemination of its outcomes to address community needs, both nationally and internationally. BAU relies on the contribution of the University's expertise in the sustainable development of the local community while maintaining engagement with its alumni. BAU believes in its highly efficient leadership, well-structured governance system and greatly motivated academic staff.

BAU strategy 2020-2030 rests on framework that shapes the future of BAU's journey. We adopted a nature-inspired approach which builds on learning from nature. It derives from the analogy of the olive tree which reflects sustainability, resilience, glory, wisdom, grace, and peace.

The BAU strategy 2020-2030 is composed of **five themes, including University sustainability, outstanding learning experience, inspiring people, strengthening research, and building engagement.** The University will embrace creativity, innovation, and encourage students and staff to take risks and build resilience together as a community regardless of external pressures and global challenges.

## BAU Core Values

**Sustainability:** We believe that resources, knowledge and skills need to be wisely invested to ensure the integration of environmental health, social equity and economic stability for a healthy and thriving future generation.

**Resilience:** We adapt to stressful, risky circumstances and crises, and bounce back from difficult experiences and situations.

**Wisdom:** Our ability to take informed and balanced decisions, make good judgments and give sound advice in difficult and uncertain situations.

**Creativity:** Our ability to find new means to turn our ideas into reality and to discover new solutions.

**Excellence:** Our commitment to enabling our staff and students to obtain outstanding education, research experiences and enjoy university life.

**Humanity:** Our appreciation of human values and cultural differences while maintaining the quality of being kind and empathetic towards others.

## UNGC principles-Actions and Outcomes



## I. Environment:

1. A project on Compost Use in Potato Production: Effects on Soil Quality and Plant Growth was conducted by the Research Center for Environmental Development (RCED) in collaboration with the Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at the Lebanese companies at BAU Bekaa campus.
2. Tests for 25 Lebanese companies and bodies with a total number of 326 samples were conducted by the Material Properties Laboratory. While the Water and Soil Analysis Laboratory conducted tests for seven Lebanese companies and bodies with a total number of 74 samples. The Drug Quality Control laboratory conducted analysis for 28 Lebanese companies and bodies with a total number of 209 samples.

## II. Labour:

The Entrepreneurship HUB at Beirut Arab University- Tripoli Branch organized a virtual webinar entitled “Meet and Communicate” for the aim of boosting their communication and employability skills. Over 250 participants from different northern schools joined the virtual webinar which included virtual information sessions spread over 2 consecutive days. The opening ceremony was attended by Vice president for Tripoli Branch Affairs Dr. Khaled Baghdady, Director of Faculty of Business administration Dr. Hani Shaarani , Head of Entrepreneurship Hub Dr. Abdallah Chakik and his executive team, in addition to attendees from different schools. The event started by a welcoming speech for Dr. Khaled Baghdady expressing his appreciation for the exerted efforts achieved from all the participating companies, funding partners (Cosv, Beyond group, Avanzi, and CGM) and Entrepreneurship Hub team for the successful implementation of the activity. The aim of the activity was to build networking connections between high school students, and over 12 participating companies, where the later presented the currently needed skills and positions of different sectors within the labor market. The activity was a great opportunity for attending students to use their communication skills, to network with the participating companies in order to have a better understanding of the current Labor market, to enhance the building of their employability skills and to provide them with a chance to make better decisions related to their career future.

## BAU's contribution to the SDGs



### SDG 3 Good Health and Wellbeing

1. A health manual focusing on the basic safety guidelines was constructed to be followed by staff members on and off campus against COVID-19. The manual depicts information on the virus along with preventive measures (social distance, hygiene, travel procedures, etc.) in January, 2020.



2. The Digital Education in the Field of Health in Lebanon and Syria training workshop was organized by the University for 45 participants from universities in Lebanon and Syria to develop innovative digital skills and teaching methods in the field of health science in the two countries, within the framework of participating in the DIGIHEALTH project, an ERASMUS+ program funded by the European Union on March 2, 2020.
3. A Discussion on Nutritional Awareness and Advice during COVID-19 was delivered by the Faculty of Health Sciences' head of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Dr. Marwan El Ghoch, in a video on BAU's YouTube channel on April 8, 2020.
4. The Faculty of Health Sciences received a team of academics and discussed joint programs and research in the framework of its agreement with Arctic University (AU) of Norway, where the dean Professor Rajaa Fakhoury went on an exchange visit to AU in Norway to discuss further plans. Also, the Nursing Department was accepted for the Norway application in fall 2020.
5. At the beginning of the academic year 2020-2021, BAU established the BAU COVID-19 Committee to manage all issues related to COVID-19 pandemic within BAU. BAUHC director and medical director were members of this committee.
6. In the light of the current pandemic and given the surge in the number of patients at the beginning of year 2021, Beirut Arab University Healthcare Center (BAUHC) in collaboration with the Federation of Businessmen for Support and Development (IRADA) launched an initiative to help decrease the burden on the hospitals.
7. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, the call center was founded in BAUHC. The free-of-charge call center was run, 24/7, by a team of 30 medical interns, 11 resident physicians, and eight Family Medicine specialists. Using the three call hotlines established, the healthcare professional would answer the call, enter the patient's data on the datasheet, and would then answer the patient's concerns and take proper decisions. Once faced with an advanced case, the junior doctor would consult the attending family physician on call, who would then take the final medical decision.
8. The President of Beirut Arab University Professor Amr Galal El Adawi and President of the Association of Businessmen for Support and Development (IRADA) Mr. Assem Nawam opened the free field clinics for Corona patients affiliated to the BAU Health Care Center which were established in partnership by the two parties on 23 March, 2021. The clinics will provide free medical examination and follow-up to patients who do not need hospitalization and can be treated at home by a group of specialist doctors and nurses in field clinics specially established near the intersection of Sports City and Tarik Al Jadidah. They consist of seven clinics fully equipped with their facilities, and a ready ambulance for the Islamic Medical Association to transfer critical cases to Makassed Hospital and Rafik Hariri Hospital.



9. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, seven clinics, in the form of hard tents, were established remotely from BAU's main campus, in the parking of BAU. The clinics' infrastructure and the equipment were all provided by IRADA. In addition to the medical and office furniture and the medical supplies, ten oxygen generators were at the team's disposal, for any need of use. Personal protective equipment was provided for healthcare workers for their own safety. The clinics were operating Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM, with the exceptions of holidays. Field clinics were managed by nine Registered Nurses, 19 senior nursing students, 30 medical interns, 11 resident physicians, and seven Family Medicine specialists. Four of the clinics were run by junior doctors, the number of whom depends on the load. Two of the clinics were for observation for various reasons (e.g. oxygen supplementation). The remaining clinic was for vital signs and initial assessment by the nursing team. A family physician was always present on site to finalize the cases, and an intensivist was on board via telecommunication. In May 2021 and in collaboration with the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health, BAU has launched BAUHC COVID-19 Vaccination Center in Beirut campus. We are optimistic to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic and return to normal daily activities by delivering COVID-19 vaccine to the highest number of people living in Lebanon in the shortest period possible. The initiative aims to contribute to the national vaccination campaign by delivering vaccination service to all BAU community including staff, students, and surrounding community members. BAUHC and health-related faculties are contributing differently in managing the center.
10. In collaboration with Elsevier's Digital Commons Platform, and since the year 2018, BAU has been publishing its scholarly bi-annual journal "BAU Journal – Health and Well-Being" twice a year. In April 2021, BAU released a Special Issue dedicated to COVID-19, focusing on key areas that are relevant to control the pandemic.
11. For the occasion of the World Health Day, the Human Rights Center at Beirut Arab University HRC-BAU with the support of the Lebanese National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization UNESCO LNCU released a campaign during for April-May 2021. The campaign aimed to highlight youth role and their engagement in bringing attention to the importance of global health issues and how they are engaged in the efforts to minimize the Pandemic impact especially on social and health levels. It also intended to give a tribute to the young medical and healthcare staff/students as well as to raise awareness on the COVID-19 pandemic from a social and educational perspective. The campaign encompassed several activities such as an awareness video, which included messages from medical students who were and still in the front lines during the pandemic and the vaccination phase. It also held a Webinar entitled "Youth and social cohesion during the Pandemic".





The campaign also included a Digital Wall of Heroes and Heroines that was shared on the university's website and social medial platform as well as university screens on campus where it presented photos of BAU's young medical front-liners with their messages to the community.

12. An online workshop was held through zoom were students attended virtually and the speaker Eiko Minami a psychological and an empowerment coach and Co-Trainers Mohamad Temraoui and Stephanie Chettiar gave an awareness session on the role of youth in promoting social cohesion during the pandemic. The workshop was organized by the Human Rights Center on May 2021.
13. The Faculty of Dentistry at Beirut Arab University moved the mobile clinic on 10 September, 2020 to the areas affected by port explosion especially to Karantina area. In cooperation with Beirut Municipality, forty patients were examined during the past two days. The mobile clinic is still performing its tasks and providing free consultations for patients in an initiative from Beirut Arab University to help people affected by the explosion.



### SDG 5 Gender Equality

1. In collaboration with the Kuwait Trade Union Federation, and in coordination with the Kuwaiti Working Women Committee, Prof. Mayssah El Nayal gave a talk as part of the Webinar on "Arab Women and Psychological Stress: Techniques and Solutions". The webinar was conducted via Zoom on Tuesday, 13th October 2020, with the participation of around 80 attendees from 20 countries. The webinar focused on the nature of psychological stress and its impact upon healthy behavior, in the light of the current situation. With reference to Covid-19, the webinar tackled the nature of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), highlighting strategies for coping and the most prominent therapies available. The webinar concluded with several questions from the participants relevant to psychological stress and the age of Corona.
2. The Human Rights Center held an Awareness Workshop for the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women in collaboration with the Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO (LNCU) and Internal Security Forces ISF at the village of Khrab El Hayatt – Akkar within the framework of 16 days to raise awareness globally on the elimination of violence against women in December 2020.



## SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth

1. For the third consecutive year, the Business Club in cooperation with BLOM Invest participated in BLOM Invest Stock Exchange National Competition. This competition is organized for all universities in Lebanon and is divided into two phases. In the first stage, students from the same university compete and the best is to be selected. In the second stage, the competition will be between students of the participating universities where students compete in the field of investment in global stock markets to achieve virtual profits. This competition took place on 20 September, 2020.
2. The Faculty of Law and Political Science at Beirut Arab University in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for Gulf Countries held a webinar on 27 November 2020 about "Harassment and Bullying in the laws of Arab Countries between Reality and Expectations". Civil society organizations, a number of specialists in the field of law, researchers and interested people in the issue of harassment and bullying, and 470 participants were present to listen to the session. The webinar discussed proposals for developing the Arab laws, especially adding the law of bullying to the Arab laws and working on developing the law of harassment stipulated in some Arab countries' legislations. It also reviewed some positive points and discussed the gaps in some Arab laws in addition to working to find realistic solutions for these legal loopholes.
3. For the occasion of the International Youth Day on 12 August 2021, Beirut Arab University hosted a Youth Meeting with the UN Assistant Secretary-General, Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator Najat Rochdi with representatives from UNESCO, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The meeting included presentations of the Youth innovative initiatives in responding to the explosion of Port Beirut on the 4th of August 2020. It also included presentations and discussions from the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Built Environment at Beirut Arab University, which aimed to develop children's emotional attachment to the territory of Beirut Blast through activating their participation in the construction of cognitive maps strategically designed in a game environment under the supervision of the Faculty Dean, Professor Ibtihal Y. El-Bastawissi. Moreover, the Youth Against Corruption (YAC) initiative "Empowering youth against corruption" also presented their activities aiming to strengthen youth capacity in creating innovative anti-corruption projects.



## SDG 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

1. BAU collaborated with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Ministry of Industry in Lebanon to establish two new vocational training centers for Electricity and Solar energy, and create job opportunities that develop market-based vocational training skills in July 2020 at Tripoli campus. Following December 2020, BAU will take the lead and keep sustaining the center through continuous training delivered to the local community in the North of Lebanon.
2. A Traffic Engineering Lab was established to educate civil engineering students on studies in traffic engineering and safety (in the framework of the EU-project ERASMUS+) at the Faculty of Engineering, as well as allow graduate and faculty members to conduct scientific research and use modern software.
3. BAU -The Faculty of Architecture – Design & Built Environment collaborated with UNFPA-UNESCO-UNODC to develop children's emotional attachment to the territory of Beirut Blast through activating their participation in the construction of cognitive maps by playing with spatial maps strategically designed in a game environment. This funded project was selected by the 3 UN-agencies within the framework to promote Youth Led Initiatives in response to the Beirut port explosion including the following activities:
  - a. More than 225 participants including teachers' school have attended the capacity building webinar on the 24th of April 2021. UNIDO and the Faculty of Architecture – Design & Built Environment, in Tripoli, collaborated to refurbish the fabrication lab with new equipment installations, including a 3D printer and scanner
  - b. On the 18th of May 2021, BAU in partnership with UNESCO, UNFPA and UNODC organized a workshop targeting 30 children and in collaboration with NGO "Himaya Daeem Aataa". This workshop took place in Karantina Park. The children explored the large-scale model of selected heritage buildings in Beirut.
  - c. On 25th June 2021, The President of Beirut Arab University Prof. Amr Galal El – Adawi inaugurated "Beirut Miniature Model Art Exhibition to introduce Cultural Heritage to Children» that was launched by BAU – Faculty of Architecture, Design & Built Environment in partnership with UNESCO, UNFPA, and UNODC at ST Nicholas Stairs, Gemmayzeh. The three day exhibition took place after the great efforts performed by the Faculty of Architecture- Design and Built Environment team for a period of six months to provide a large number of architectural miniatures of heritage buildings in Beirut with the contribution of the Urban Laboratory. These models were in high quality and accurate showing the architectural details of these buildings.





- d. On the 12th of August 2021 BAU hosted the UN Assistant Secretary-General, Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator Najat Rochdi with representatives from UNESCO, UNFPA and UNODC to meet with Youth who presented innovative initiatives to respond to the explosion of the Port of Beirut. The meeting included presentations and discussions of BAU - Faculty of Architecture, Design and Built Environment project, which aims to develop children's emotional attachment to the territory of Beirut Blast through activating their participation in the construction of cognitive maps strategically designed in a game environment under the supervision of Faculty Dean, Prof. Ibtiha Y. El-Bastawissi.
4. The Faculty of Architecture - Design and Built Environment at Beirut Arab University participated in Beirut Urban Declaration Conference for restoration of afflicted areas after the huge explosion that occurred on August four. The conference was organized on 10 April 2021 by the Order of Engineers and Architects in Beirut in cooperation with the Faculties of Architecture in Lebanon whereby this event came after long preparations and workshops in addition to direct field work which started directly after Beirut Port explosion on August 4, 2020.
5. Since December 2018, BAU has been leading SDG 9 with the IAU HESD Cluster. It has been addressing SDG 9 through different aspects, one of which is research. In collaboration with Elsevier's Digital Commons Platform, BAU publishes six scholarly journals and books supported by the university. The journals cover a wide range of fields such as Science and Technology, and Creative Sustainable Development.
6. BAU developed its own digital platform to map how BAU activities align with SDG9 and its indicators by organizing them into 4 categories: Research Projects & Initiatives, Published Articles, Conferences & Workshops, and Patents to the BAU database. The total number matching with SDG9 over the past four years is 448.
7. Through its students, employees, and the academic staff, the University formed groups of helpers that participated in the removal of rubble and in surveying the damage that had befallen the port area, including the archaeological buildings in the old neighborhoods. The University spares no efforts, equipment and resources needed for the Urban Lab, such as a 3D scanning mechanism. Further, researchers in the field of preserving cultural heritage, including architects and engineers are brought together, to contribute with official and non-official bodies, such as the Beirut Municipality and the Ministry of Culture represented by the General Directorate of Antiquities, the Order of Engineers and Architects, and civil societies, in the development of the necessary engineering plans and the proposition of solutions to save historic buildings that are at risk while preserving the character of historic Beirut.
8. In response to the Beirut explosion, the BAU community was mobilized to help NUSANED on 19 August 2020 in conducting value-based needs assessment of the affected areas. Four volunteers from the Faculty of Architecture – Design and Built Environment have been involved for the past week gathering data and supervising repair works. NUSANED is a humanitarian, community-based and volunteer organization, supporting communities based on a non-biased and egalitarian process.



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The Faculty of the Health Sciences at Beirut Arab University – the Physical Therapy Department harvested the first prize of the eighth Undergraduate Virtual Research Competition across their category “Clinical Science” on 23 June 2021. Beirut Arab University’s team consisted of seven Physical Therapy Undergraduate Students: Aya Sidani - Dana AlKoush - Entissar Rahal - Hadeel Youssef - Lama Jarjour - Sami Ghanem - Moustafa Zebdawi. Their research project was entitled “Testing the Reliability of Angle Meter Application as a Means of Virtual Range of Motion Assessment for Further Use in a Future Protocol”. Their research project dove into validating a method of virtual range of motion assessment to accommodate patient care through the difficult time ruled by the Covid-19 pandemic. The team’s application (Angle Meter Application) was proven a reliable, applicable, and affordable way for therapists to accurately assess patient range of motion and get numerical readings rather than rely on approximation and experience, while being connected to these patients only virtually. This competition was held between numerous countries, whereby Eighty-Seven Universities participated from United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Egypt, Lebanon, Algeria, Syria, Malta, Morocco, Tunisia, Palestine, Indonesia, Malaysia, and other countries, submitted their 315 undergraduate research projects from across the MENA Region

9. UNIDO, with generous contribution of the Government of Japan collaborated with Beirut Arab University and The Ministry of Industry in Lebanon to establish two new vocational training centers on 20 July 2020 for Electricity and Solar energy at the BAU – Tripoli campus. The project aims to create economic opportunities and jobs in the construction sector for members of the host and refugee communities –especially vulnerable women and youth –since investment in skills development and innovation are crucial drivers of economic growth and development.
10. The Faculty of Engineering at Beirut Arab University, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Biomedical Engineering Program represented by two teams won the First and the Third place at the “Lebanese Biomedical Student Competition LBSC2021” on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2021 for their projects entitled: “Postural Stability Assessment Using a Stabilometric Platform” and “Development of a New Biometric Authentication Approach Based on ECG Signals”, respectively.
11. Beirut Arab University, represented by Prof. Ibtihal Y. El-Bastawissi (Dean, Faculty of Architecture – Design & Built Environment) and Siam University, represented by Prof. Pornchai Mongkhonvanit (President of Siam University) have been invited by the IAU (International Association of Universities) to share their experience in engaging with the Cluster and sustainability in the Networking Session in the York Virtual Conference on Sustainable and Inclusive Internationalization.



## SDG 11 Sustainable cities and communities

1. A stakeholder workshop at the Doctoral School of Sciences and Technologies was attended by the Faculty of Engineering, organized in the framework of the ENI CBC Med funded AQUACYCLE project: Towards Sustainable Treatment and Reuse of Wastewater in the Mediterranean Region, on July 25, 2020, in Tripoli.
2. In presence of Deputy Secretary General for BAU- Tripoli Campus Affairs Mr. Mohamad Hammoud, and UNIDO Project Coordinator in Lebanon Mrs. Nivine Chahni, a certificate distribution event took place, for the second group of graduates, whom officially completed a training on Home Electricity and Solar Energy, within the newly established Vocational Training Center, implemented by UNIDO at Beirut Arab University – Tripoli Campus. Forty-eight trainees from this class, has fulfilled the requirements of, and benefited from enhanced skills related to, Home electricity & solar energy, by attending a 10 days training starting from 19 August 2020 to acquire the latest technologies and practices in the market, and to furtherly put the skills learned, in their field of work.
3. With the aim to formally introduce ENVIPRO\_Med project team present in Lebanon and reset project timelines due to delays caused by COVID-19 lockdowns, a project meeting was held on Dec. 8th, 2020, at the Faculty of Science at Debbieh Campus. “International Post Graduate Studies in Environmental Management and Sustainability for Mediterranean Countries” (ENVIPRO-Med) Project is designed to develop a collaborative postgraduate master's program between the Faculty of Science at BAU and the Master “Ingénierie en Écologie et Gestion de la Biodiversité” (IEGB) of Montpellier University, France in partnership with the Environmental Observatory O-Life, and ECO-MED, France. ENVIPRO\_Med aims at strengthening environmental education and building capacities of Lebanon and the region to address the severity and complexity of current environmental challenges
4. Beirut Arab University, represented by Prof. Ibtiha Y. El-Bastawissi (Dean, Faculty of Architecture – Design & Built Environment) and Siam University, represented by Prof. Pornchai Mongkhonvanit (President of Siam University) have been invited by the IAU (International Association of Universities) to share their experience in engaging with the Cluster and sustainability in the Networking Session in the York Virtual Conference on Sustainable and Inclusive Internationalization.
5. Since February 2021, Professor Ibtiha Youssef El-Bastawissi the Dean of Faculty of Architecture – Design and Built Environment, representing Beirut Arab University, has been assigned as the Director of the Scientific Chair for Creative Sustainability at the Secretariat of the Executive Council and the General Conference / National Committees Section affiliated to the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization - ALECSO. The chair focuses on developing creative sustainability in the Arab world.



## SDG 16 Peace and Justice Strong Institutions

1. The Human Rights Center at Beirut Arab University held a dialogue seminar on 12 February, 2020 in collaboration with "Fighters for Peace" entitled "Fighting for Peace". The Seminar aimed to spread awareness for the Youth in order to decrease the violence in the society through the reinforcement of peace and citizenship especially in the current circumstances. The seminar included screening a short movie entitled "Fighting for Peace" followed by a dialogue between the participants.
2. The Human Rights Center received a grant on April 2020 from the Office of The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for the PBF project "*Dealing with the Past Memories For Future Rights of Enforced Disappeared Persons*" which aims to direct human rights efforts to address root causes of past conflict and present social tensions, such as incitement to discrimination and violence based on sectarian/confessional identities; and facilitate cross-confessional dialogue and engage Lebanese youth.
3. The Faculty of Human Sciences at Beirut Arab University organized an International Virtual Conference via Zoom on 30 March 2021 entitled "The Impact of Crisis on Culture and Human Behavior". The idea of the conference emerged from the aftermath of the Beirut Port Blast in response to the great pain, suffering and losses sustained. Interventions tackled the issues that arose from the crises, and the ways in how to deal with particularly the material and human problematics. Topics included how culture can deal with such crises, the role of the intellectual in the wake of the disaster that has befallen Beirut, as well as such crises as the spread of COVID-19 Pandemic and the diverse aspects of collapse.
4. The Human Rights Center signed a cooperation agreement on 25 June, 2021 with Kreisau Initiative (foundation founded in 1989 by citizens to support the set-up and maintenance of an international youth meeting center in Poland) on a project funded by the European Union where students from different countries will be trained on topics related to International Criminal Court (ICC) procedures and human rights standard at its headquarters in Poland and participate in the Model of International Criminal Court (MICC).
5. The Human Rights Center at Beirut Arab University represented by the Senior Specialist Salam Zahran, participated in a round table discussion entitled "Lebanon and Human Rights," that was held at the La Nau Cultural Center at the University of Valencia in Spain on 30 June 2021. The discussion dealt with the Human Rights Situation in Lebanon in the context of the recent crisis considering the financial collapse, Right to Health Medication during the pandemic, and Beirut Blast, with a focus on Lebanese women's rights and Palestinian refugee women in Lebanon. The seminar was accompanied with a photography exhibition by the photojournalist German Caballero which depicted the status of the Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon's Camps.





6. A play was organized by the Human Rights Center on 20 September 2021 as a part of the activities related to the PBF project *Dealing with the Past - Memories for Future Rights of Enforced Disappeared Persons*, were BAU students participated in acting to highlight and reflect the suffering of the families of the kidnapped and disappeared, how were they affected and what steps they took to seek the truth and achieve justice.
7. A Capacity Building on Truth and Justice was held at BAU – Tripoli campus and lasted for two days from 2 October till 3 October 2021. 13 participants attended training sessions. The aim was to shed more light on people who experienced the enforced disappearance of others and provide enough information to highlight the root causes of past conflict and present social tensions. In addition to that, it aims to opening public debate and facilitating cross-confessional dialogue, which helps the engagement of the Lebanese youth.



### SDG 17 Partnerships for the goals

1. Since its selection to lead SDG 9 “Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure” in the IAU HESD Cluster in December 2018, BAU has been committed to promoting and leading SDG 9, including how to implement SDGs within the university strategies reflecting on SDG 9, to integrate SDG 9 into the university courses, to foster innovation and entrepreneurship, to map research to the SDG 9, and to strengthen local and global partnerships for SDG 9.
2. Beirut Arab University in partnership with UNESCO awarded Dr. Bilal Azakir, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Medicine. He has been selected and received an award to partner in organizing a series of webinars and online meetings (July-October 2020) on Ethics of Science and Technology to engage youth, research and policy communities in the global conversations and to come up with recommendations in the Arab region regarding Ethics of Artificial Intelligence, Research ethics and Ethics in the time of climate change. More than 250 experts, academics, young researchers and students had participated in these webinars from the Arab region.
3. In February 2021, Professor Ibtihal Youssef El-Bastawissi, Dean of Faculty of Architecture – Design and Built Environment has been selected as the Director of the Scientific Chair for “Creative Sustainability” at the Secretariat of the Executive Council and the General Conference / National Committees Section affiliated to the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization - ALECSO. The role of the chair is to develop creative sustainability in the Arab world through spreading the culture of creativity, innovation and sustainability.





## \*Appendices



Appendix 1: A training organized by UNIDO and Beirut Arab University about Market-based Construction Skills for All.



Appendix 2: First and Third Place won by BAU at the Lebanese Biomedical Student Competition LBSC2021.



Appendix 3: BAU Harvester the 1st prize in the 8th Undergraduate Virtual Research Competition.



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Appendix 4: BAU participation in Beirut Urban Declaration Conference after Beirut Port Explosion



Appendix 5: Capacity Building on Truth and Justice held at BAU – Tripoli Campus

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Appendix 6: Faculty of Architecture- Design & Built Environment Inaugurated Beirut Miniature Model Art Exhibition



Appendix 7: BAU Workshop Organization for Activating Children in Creation of Game Board