



Under the Patronage of His Excellency Mr. Pierre Bou ASSI, Minister of Social Affairs,
the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut

has the pleasure to invite you to the conference

Using technology towards a better humanitarian aid

held on the 17th and 18th of December 2018 at 9:30 AM
at the Jean Ducruet Auditorium,
Campus of Sciences and Technology, Mar Roukoz



This conference aims to bring together experts, practitioners and policy makers from NGOs, public institutions, academia and industry to establish a community of stakeholders to tackle the challenges of the provisioning of humanitarian aids for refugees and the host country using technology.

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Day 1 Monday, December 17th, Jean-Ducruet auditorium

9h30-10h00 Registration

Opening Ceremony

Prof. Dany MEZHER | *SMSer local coordinator*

Mrs. Luna IACOPINI | *Head of international affairs at HES-SO*

10h00-11h00

Prof. Fadi GEARA | *Dean of the Faculty of Engineering*

Mr. Philipp BEUTLER | *Head of Swiss Cooperation Office at Embassy of Switzerland in Lebanon*

Prof. Salim DACCACHE | *Rector of Saint-Joseph University of Beirut*

HE Mr. Pierre BOU ASSI | *Minister of Social Affairs*

11h00-11h30

Welcome reception

11h30-12h00

Keynote: A vision for information integration of assisted health care facilities by digitizing the last data mile

Dr. Georges Mc Guire | *Humanitarian Health Care Logistics & ICRC*

12h00-12h30

SMSer project, Prof. Maurizio Caon | HES-SO, Switzerland

Panel: How technology can impact humanitarian aid?

Moderator: Mr. Bernard Borkhosh | *CIR, Country Manager North Africa*

Speakers

12h30-13h45

Mrs. Mireille GIRARD | *Country Director, UNHCR*

Mr. Zahi HAIBY | *Advisor to HE the Minister of Social Affairs*

Mr. Rein NIELAND | *Head of Section for Governance and Social Development, EEAS*

Mrs. Rita RHAYEM | *General Director, Caritas Lebanon*

Mr. Yousef TABSH | *Project coordinator – Relief Unit, Makhzoumi Foundation*

Mr. Abdallah WARDAT | *Country Director, WFP*

13h45-15h00

Lunch

15h00-16h30

Workshop 1. Problems in humanitarian supply chain (Maroun Semaan Congress Center)

Moderator: Prof. Maurizio Caon | *HES-SO, Switzerland*

Day 2 Tuesday, December 18th, Maroun Semaan Congress Center

9h30-10h00

Registration

10h00-11h30

Workshop 2. Supply chain for humanitarian aids, an opportunity for entrepreneurs

Moderator: Prof. Sarah YASSINE | *Université Hassan 2, Morocco*

11h30-11h45

Coffee break

11h45-13h00

Workshop 3. Organization & Pilot for SMSer

Moderator: Dr. Georges Mc Guire | *Humanitarian Health Care Logistics & ICRC*

13h00-15h00

Lunch

15h00-16h00

Results, findings & recommendations

Prof. Dany Mezher | *Saint Joseph University of Beirut, Lebanon*

Prof. Maurizio Caon | *HES-SO, Switzerland*