



## Special Meeting with the Finalists

Sursock Museum

30 May 2019

### Program

- 10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome note by Ms. Gisèle Khoury Kassir**, President of the Samir Kassir Foundation  
**Opening remarks by H.E. Ms. Christina Lassen**, Ambassador of the European Union to Lebanon
- 10:15 – 10:45 Reading of excerpts from the finalists' opinion and investigative articles  
Screening of the finalists' audiovisual news reports
- 10:45 – 11:45 **Professional, political and security challenges facing journalists in the MENA region**  
A debate with the 2019 Samir Kassir Award finalists  
*Moderator:* Ms. Najat Charafeddine, radio host, VDL 93.3
- 11:45 – 12:15 Coffee break
- 12:15 – 13:30 **Protecting free and independent journalists**  
How to fight disinformation and impunity of crimes against journalists  
*Speakers:* Mr. Fadi El-Abdallah, Spokesperson of the International Criminal Court; Ms. Aya Majzoub, Researcher, MENA division, Human Rights Watch; and Ms. Rawan Shaif, Filmmaker and Researcher, Bellingcat  
*Moderator:* Mr. Ayman Mhanna, Executive Director, Samir Kassir Foundation
- 13:30 – 14:30 Lunch