



American University of Beirut
Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
Environment and Sustainable Development Unit



ESDU 10th Anniversary

“Towards sustainable rural livelihoods in the Arab region: A decade of mixed opportunities?”

Date: Friday, May 21st, 2010

Venue: American University of Beirut, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences,
Room 102
Food and Craft Fair: Agriculture parking lot

- 09:30- 10:30 The AUB perspective:
- Welcome note and FAFS role: Dean Nahla Hwalla
 - ESDU : the bitter sweet experience: Dr. Shadi Hamadeh, ESDU coordinator
 - The AUB backdrop: Dr. Rami Zurayk, Director, Interfaculty Graduate Environmental Sciences Program (IGESP)
- 10:30- 11:00 *Livelihoods at work!* A silent tribute
- 11:00- 11:30 Coffee Break-Food Heritage
- 11:30- 1:00 The Regional perspective:
- The UNCCD experience: Dr Elie Kods, Regional Team Leader
 - The FAO experience: Dr. May Hani, Communication Officer (Research and Extension), Office of Knowledge Exchange, Research and Extension (OEKR)
 - IFAD's journey: Dr. Nadim Khouri, Director. Near East and North Africa Division
 - IDRC's journey: Dr. Eglal Rached, Regional Director- MENA
- The Community's perspective:
- A Lebanese experience: the Aarsali coop
 - A Jordanian experience: Iraq Al Amir Women Association
- 10:00- open Food and Craft Fair