



**UNDER THE PATRONAGE AND THE PRESENCE OF THE
LEBANESE MINISTER OF INFORMATION**

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THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR HUMAN SCIENCES (CISH) – UNESCO

IS ORGANIZING

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HANNS SEIDEL STIFTUNG

A CONFERENCE ON

**“The Impact of Media on Democracy and Elections: Freedom of Expression and Access to
Information”**

Thursday October 14, 2021

PROGRAM

08:00 – 09:00 ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS AND REGISTRATON

Welcome drink

09.00 – 09:15 WELCOME NOTES

- **Word of Dr. Darina Saliba Abi Chedid**, *Director of the International Center for Human Sciences (CISH) – UNESCO, Byblos*
- **Word of kristof Duwaerts**, *Resident Representative at Hanns Seidel Foundation*
- **Word of H.E. Mr. Georges Kordahi**, *Lebanese Minister of Information*

9:15 – 11:15 | SESSION 1 Access to information in Lebanon: Building trust for a democratic and transparent election

- **Dr. Yazbeck Wehbe**, *Journalist, reporter and University Lecturer*
- **Dr. Claudia Kozman**, *Assistant Professor of Multimedia Journalism - Research Director Institute of Media Research and Training at the Lebanese American University*
- **Mr. Imad Moussa**, *Journalist*

Moderator: Mr. Charbel Bou Maroun, *Researcher*

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 1:30 | SESSION 2 Countering disinformation and misinformation in the context of elections and threats particularly against women journalists

- **Me. Victoria Charfane**, *Lawyer and legal expert*
- **Ms. Lara El Hachem**, *Reporter*
- **Ms. Vanessa Merhi**, *Journalist and reporter*

Moderator: Dr. Liliane Azzi, *University lecturer*

1:30 – 2:30 LUNCH BREAK

2: 30 – 4:30 | SESSION 3 Journalists skills development in covering elections and reporting responsibilities and techniques.

- **Ms. Guita Kiameh**, *Veteran Journalist*
- **Ms. Mireille Akiki Mahfouz**, *Journalist*
- **Mr. Georges Yasmine**, *Journalist*

Moderator: Mr. Antoine Saab, *Journalist*

4:30 – 5:30 | SESSION 4 Youth perception and participation “Right to Access to Information”

5:30 – 6:00 | Closing ceremony and certificates distribution