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**Official Newsletter of the Chair of "Fondation Diane"**  
*Education in Eco-citizenship and Sustainable Development*



## Christelle Kassargy's PhD thesis FUNDED BY CEEDD

The Chair of "Fondation Diane" funded Christelle's Kassargy's PhD thesis on the Development of a Conceptual Model addressed to Lebanese Municipalities. This model focuses on local governance, sustainable development, and eco-citizenship. This tool represents a way of improvement of our municipalities' work, efficiency, and taking into consideration sustainable development in all their projects. Christelle defended her thesis on the 22nd of December 2020. CEEDD also held a meeting with her to discuss the use of this promising conceptual model that she developed.



## Training on olive waste treatment in Akkar FUNDED BY USAID

In the frame of the Task Order 3 (TO-3), "Technical Assistance Services for Lebanese Organization", of the Lebanon Community Support Program (CSP) funded by USAID, CEEDD is working on a project answering the Environmental Compliance component which aims to build the capacity of the "Cooperative for Production and Processing of Olives in Akroum and surroundings" on the eco-friendly means to process the olive liquid and solid waste. Our expert in olive waste treatment, Dr. Jean El Achkar conducted a training among members of the Cooperative, in order to build their capacities on the eco-friendly ways to treat the olive liquid and solid waste.



## Training on water conservation in Akkar FUNDED BY USAID

CEEDD also answered the component related to Water Conservation which aims to build the capacity of teachers of a public school in Akkar to raise students' awareness on water conservation. Our expert in water conservation Dr. Elyssa Fawaz conducted a training to the teachers on raising students' awareness around water conservation. She will also conduct an OJT and produce guidelines on raising students' awareness. Infographics will also be addressed to students on water conservation to be hang up next to the lavatory basins.







## CEEDD'S SERIES OF FREE WEBINARS

In order to maintain the education and awareness-raising activities on eco-citizenship and sustainable development despite the lockdown, CEEDD organized a series of free webinars on Zoom, around topics related to Sustainable Development. The Chair supported the speakers before D-Day to ensure an interactive presentation, through quizzes, polls and open questions which were the subject of interesting and fruitful discussions with the participants. The webinars were recorded and will soon be posted on the Chair's website.



The webinars that have taken place are as follows:

- **“Climate change in Lebanon: rallying you to the heart of the action”**  
by Léa Kai (in charge of UNDP projects related to climate change, at the Ministry of the Environment), on November 27, 2020, with a number of 72 participants.
- **“Mental Health: A Challenge for the present and the future”**  
by Dr. Sami Richa (Professor of Psychiatry at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Saint-Joseph, Head of Department of the Hôtel-Dieu de France and President of the Lebanese Society of Psychiatry), on December 8, 2020, for which 27 participants were present.
- **“Agroecology: opportunities for young people and new farmers in Lebanon? »**  
by Olivier Thaler (Lecturer at the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Montpellier, Director of the Master of Engineering in Ecology and Biodiversity Management (IEGB), Researcher in biological control and parasite ecology at INRAE of Montpellier, and Treasurer of the Conservatory of Natural Spaces of the Occitanie region), on January 15, 2021, bringing together 57 participants.

“ Sustainable development is the pathway to the future we want for all. It offers a framework to generate economic growth, achieve social justice, exercise environmental stewardship and strengthen governance.

BAN KI-MOON





# CEEDD'S AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON WATER CONSERVATION

FUNDED BY USAID



CEEDD has been implementing a project in the frame of the Lebanon Water Project (LWP) funded by USAID, on water conservation in the Metn area. In 2020, several activities that help raise awareness among students and citizens about sustainable use and management of natural water resources and bridge the gap between the people and water actors were proposed and presented. The project in Metn area, referred to as Sustainable Education and Awareness for Water Management in Metn (SEAWMM) has been working so far (before COVID-19) towards meeting its objectives through a set of activities including townhall meetings, awareness sessions working with teachers' and school staff trainings, and parents' awareness sessions. However, SEAWMM's last phases were cancelled due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. With funds remaining from the ongoing phase and new ideas to adapt to the lockdown situation in the country, CEEDD proposed a way to continue engaging and triggering behavioral change in youth and adults of the Metn region towards sustainable water use and management, by employing digital tools in an attempt to keep the momentum created.

**CEEDD is therefore currently producing a series of 2-3 min videos on different topics related to water, that will be posted very soon on social media and on the website along with posts, e-flyers and activities related to the episodes.**

**WE ARE COVERING 9 TOPICS RELATED TO  
WATER CONSERVATION.  
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