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Druze Council
Eghtirab Affairs Committee

**DCEC 2019
REPORT**





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Executive Summary

The Eghtirab Affairs Committee Achievements of 2019 were on plan...

In March of 2019, the Duze Council Eghtirab Affairs Committee (DCEC) presented its strategic objectives, and five-year plan.

By May of 2019, DCEC had proceeded to create the website, as well as the introductory publications in Arabic and English.

During June 2019, the initial website was developed, and by July 2019 it was launched.

In July 2019, in order to further strengthen the internal collaboration between the active Committees of the Druze Council, and to help achieve higher targets within our local community, we opted to go hand in hand with the Social Affairs Committee, and jointly develop the 2019 Annual Dinner.



The Annual Dinner 2019:

The dinner was a highly successful international standards event. Well-attended by a long list of: Political and religious leaders, VIPs, business leaders, active community members and special group of expatriates from over 15 countries with large participation from USA and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



The DCEC Special Recognition Awards:

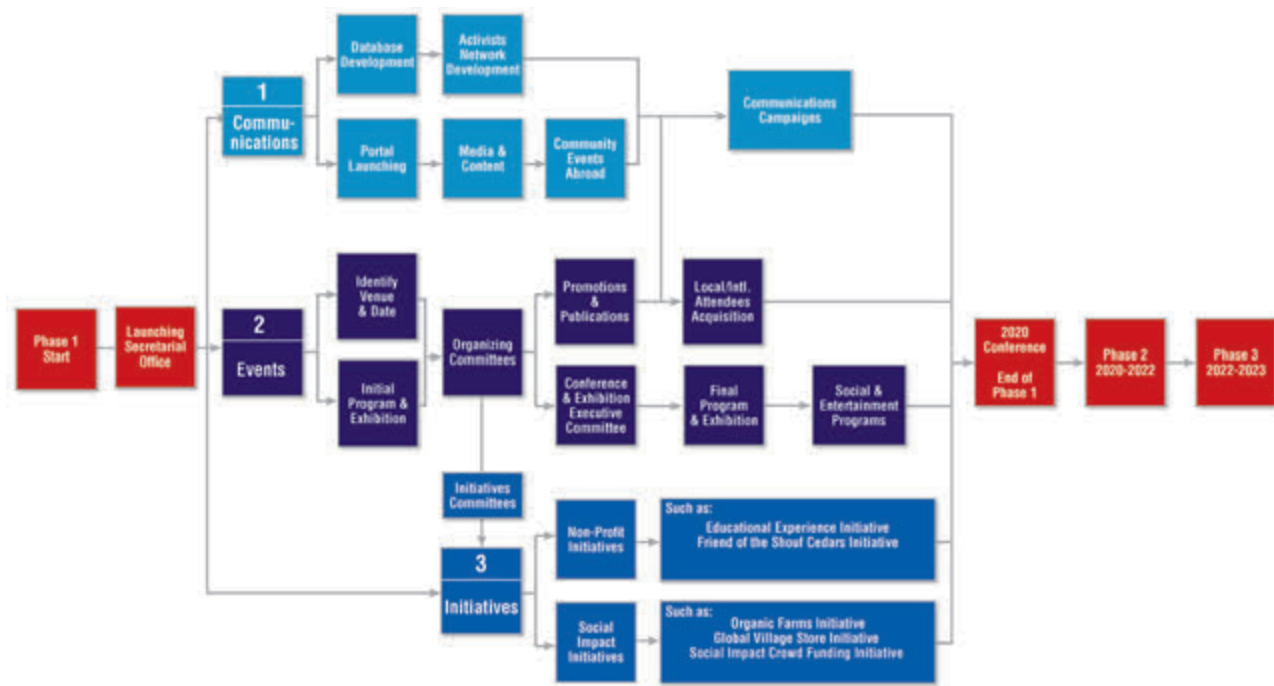
The DCEC Committee also launched its special Recognition Awards Program of the International Druze Community, with two distinctive recognitions: The first for Outstanding Philanthropic Contributions, the second recognition was for Leadership and Excellence in Technology.

The Recognition Awards Program will be an element of all future DCEC events.

Respectable targets for fundraising were attained:

Considering Lebanon's economic situation and the expected impact on financial donations and contributions, the evening was a real success and surpassed our expectations. The donations collected were around \$240,000.

DCEC 2019 Achievements...



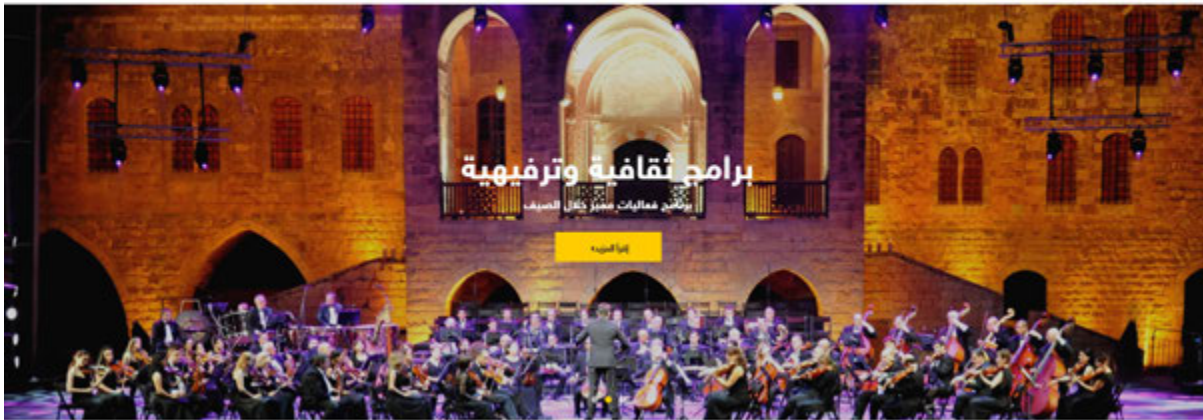
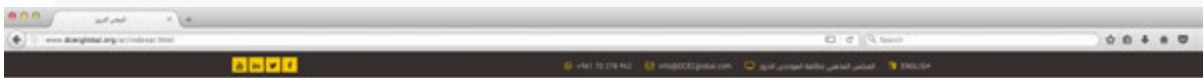
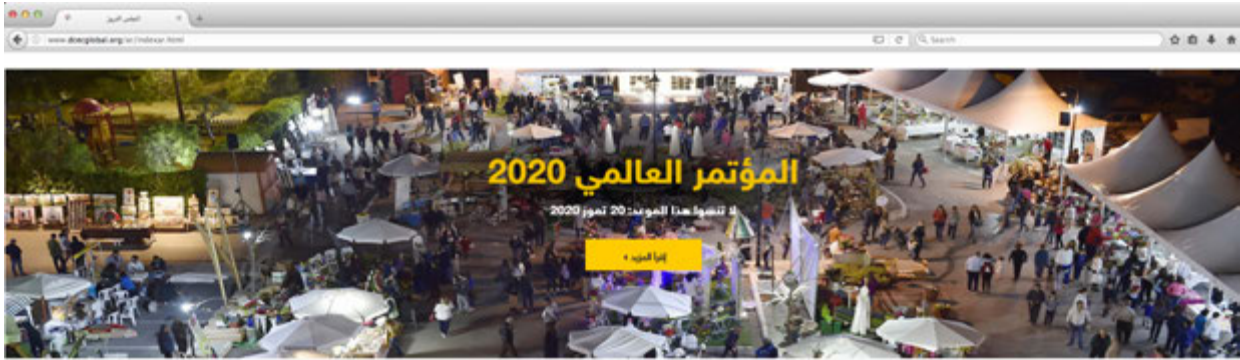
1. Presenting the strategic road map and objectives...

In **March of 2019**, the Druze Council Eghtirab Affairs Committee (DCEC) presented its strategic objectives, and the related multi-track five-year plan and road-map.

The plan multiple tracks focused on three primary areas: Communications, Events, and Druze Community social development initiatives.

All three tracks were worked on concurrently. Communications databases were obtained, as well as two key events were worked on for the initial period of 2019 and 2020. The **Joint Annual Social Affairs Committee Dinner** at the Phoenicia Hotel, and the preparation of the **2020 International Conference** in Lebanon.

Initial drafts of the 2020 conference program were developed to cover all key topics of concern, as well and to provide a platform for the Community Social Development Projects.



2. Creating Communication Products...

By **May of 2019**, the DCEC had proceeded to create the communications key products, which included the Committee Web as well as publications in Arabic and English to help stakeholders understand and participate in the various concurrent tracks of the plan.

During **June 2019**, the initial website was being developed and tested, and by **July 2019**, The website was launched and uploaded on line as www.dcecglobal.org (as well as via www.dcecglobal.com).



**The Annual
DINNER 2019**



The Annual Dinner 2019



H.E. Minister Marwan Hamadeh and H.E. Minister Ashraf Rifi with the organizing team



H. E. The Lebanese Ambassador at the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and his wife, Journalist Raghida Dargham, Mr. Nehme Taomeh, and H.E. Minister Marwan Hamadeh

The collaboration was a perfect example of synergy, both Council programs: Social Affairs, and Eghtirab Program awareness and outreach magnified their efforts.

The international standards event was well-attended by a long list of: Political and religious leaders, VIPs, business leaders, active community members and special group of expatriates from over 15 countries, that included over 20 participants from the USA, as well as a high level delegation from Saudi Arabia,

led by the Lebanese Ambassador to the Kingdom and the leadership of the Saudi-Lebanese Business Council.

We also took advantage of the evening to brief the stakeholders on the objectives of the DCEC that included a presentation on the plans, and Social Impact Investment Programs, plus hand outs of the 5 year plan brochure along with the Social Affairs Committee brochure and hand out summarizing their hard work efforts during the last few years.



Large participation by religious delegations at the dinner



H. E. Minister Wael Abou Faour, H. E. Minister Ashraf Rifi, and H. E. Minister Anwar Al-Khalil



The Word of the DCEC presented by Eng. Jamal Jawhari, representing Shk. Al-Akl Naeem Hasan and the head of the Druze council.



The Word of the Social Affairs Committee presented by Mrs. Ghada Jumblatt

The Annual Dinner 2019



A group of Lebanese businessmen in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with H. E. Minister Wael Abou Faour, and Journalist Raghida Dargham.



General view of guests at the Social Dinner

The DCEC Committee also launched its Special Recognition Awards Program of the International Druze Community, with two distinctive recognitions: The first for Outstanding Philanthropic Contributions, was presented to the spirit of Mrs. Afifi Assaf Masri for her 60 years of relentless work and contribution to Druze Orphans and the Needy. The Second recognition was presented to Engr. Nidal Abou Lteif for Leadership and Excellence in Technology.

The Recognition Awards Program will be an element of all future DCEC events. We will be establishing a specialized inner committee within the DCEC for identification and recognition of outstanding contributions by our expat community around the world.

Considering Lebanon's economic situation and the expected impact on financial donations and contributions, the evening was a real success. The donations collected were around \$240,000.



Dr. Rima and Dr. Farid Muakkasa of DOCO receiving the recognition on behalf the late Mrs. Afifi Assaf Masri for her 60 years of contributions to Druze Orphans



Engr. Nidal Abou Lteif receiving the recognition for Leadership and Excellence in Technology



The National Higher Conservatory of Music Orchestra, consisted of 30 Lebanese students



The guests enjoyed exceptional music from the Orchestra



Druze Council Social Affairs Committee and volunteers along with the event manager Rami Salman, were key contributors to event success



The combined event organizing teams worked together seamlessly and efficiently

Community
OUTREACH



Brazil Community Outreach



5th International Druze Conference October 10, 2019 - São Paulo, Brazil

The DCEC Committee travelled to Brazil in October 2019, to participate in a 5th International Druze Conference in Brazil. The DCEC was represented by Eng. Jamal Jawhari, Mr. Walid Daou, while Mr. Wissam bou Dargham represented Mashaikhat Al-Akl.

The trip was a success, and allowed us to get closer to our Community in Brazil.

On October 10th, the Opening Ceremony was held at the Druze Community Center in São Paulo. The event was attended by wide range of community leaders, that included the Lebanese Council General Mr. Rudy Al-Azzi, and the Archbishop of Maronites Church in Brazil, H.E. Edgar Madi. Druze Community leaders were presented by Mr. Haithem Masri, Shk. Fahad Alameddin, and Shk. Amir Riman.



Mr. Haithem Masri welcomed the Guests



Eng. Jamal Jawhari presented the Shk. Al-Akl and Druze Council Word.



H.E. Mr. Rudy Al-Azzi, the Lebanese Council expressed his support



Conference Participants during the playing of Brazilian and Lebanese National Anthems



*Mr. Wissam Abou Dargham,
representing Mashaikaht Al-Akl*



*Shk. Fahad Alameddin representative of
Shk. Al-Akl in Brazil delivered a word*



*Shk. Amir Rimam representative
of Shk. Al-Akl in Bara Region in
Brazil delivered a word*

Brazil Community Outreach



**Welcome Reception
October 10, 2019 - São Paulo, Brazil**



Mr. Haithem Masri with the DCEC Delegation during the reception at the Druze House in Sao Paulo

Great welcome and reception organized by the community in São Paulo...

The visiting DCEC delegation received a warm welcome and was introduced to the various members of the community. The delegation was also introduced to church and consulate officials.

The community in São Paulo organized a warm reception at the Community House after the conference proceedings and speeches were concluded.



H.E. the Archbishop Edgar Madi at the reception



Community Members at the reception



Strong participation by the ladies at the event



Community Youth also participated in the event

Brazil Community Outreach

Workshop held at Community Center to enhance communications and collaboration



On October 12, 2019, a workshop was organized at the Community Center in São Paulo to discuss the best way forward toward enhancing communications and collaboration between Lebanon and Brazil, and to organize coordinators with the DCEC in São Paulo.

The participants were also updated on the DCEC plan and the July 2020 International Conference and his tentative program, and participants were called upon to help spread the word and encourage the participation of a sizable Brazilian Delegation to the conference.



Delegation was hosted at a picnic in São Paulo to facilitate getting further acquainted with the Community



On October 13, 2019, the Community invited the Delegation to a Picnic to further get acquainted with members in a relaxing natural Brazilian setting. A most enjoyable day was spent with our hosts, and reintroduction to true fine Metay was also part of the program.

In addition, Mr. Wissam Abou Dargham had a large number of community

members and youth who wanted him to explain and enhance their knowledge on our teachings and the Druze faith in general...

Community members of all ages and youth in particular were very keen to hear Wissam Abou Dargham. Discussions were often extended many hours to satisfy the youth's large interest for information...

Brazil Community Outreach

The Lebanese Counsel hosted a reception and a dinner for the delegation, and community officials at his house...



H.E. the Counsel General of the Lebanese Republic, Mr. Rudy Azzi hosting the DCEC delegation and a number of the Lebanese Community in São Paulo.

The hospitality extended beyond our community. The Lebanese Counsel invited the delegation and community leaders to a reception and a dinner at his house.

We expressed our appreciation of the kind hospitality on behalf of the Druze Council.



The DCEC delegation with Mr. Haithem Masri, President of the Druze Community Center



The Archbishop of the Maronite Church in Brazil, H.E. Edgar Madi hosted the DCEC delegation



H.E. The Archbishop and his staff hosting the DCEC delegation

The DCEC Delegation was also extended an official welcome by His Excellency Edgar Madi, Archbishop of the Maronites Church in Brazil.

We had a warm meeting, were given a nice tour of the church.

At the end of our visit, we presented his Excellency with a commemorative plaque of appreciation for his support of our community.



H.E. The Archbishop receiving a Commemorative Plaque from the DCEC Delegation

Brazil Community Outreach

DCEC Delegation visits Druze Community in Foz do Iguaçu October 15 - 16, 2019



The Community Center in Foz do Iguaçu



The Community Center entrance

On the 15th and 16th of October we visited another Druze Community and center at Foz do Iguaçu, met with members in get acquainted activities, and discussed the best way forward toward enhancing communications and collaboration between Lebanon and Brazil.

The participants were also updated on the DCEC plan and the July 2020 International Conference and its tentative program.

Participants were also called upon to help spread the word and encourage the participation of a sizable Brazilian Delegation to the conference.



Presenting Commemorative trophy to the President of the Druze Community Center in Foz do Iguaçu Mr. Nasser Bou Latief



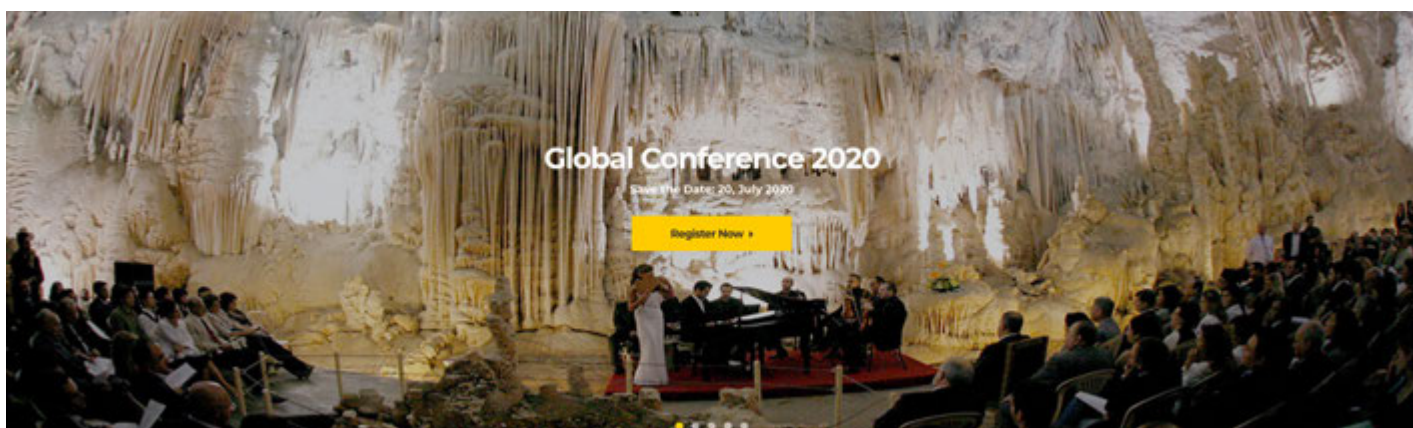
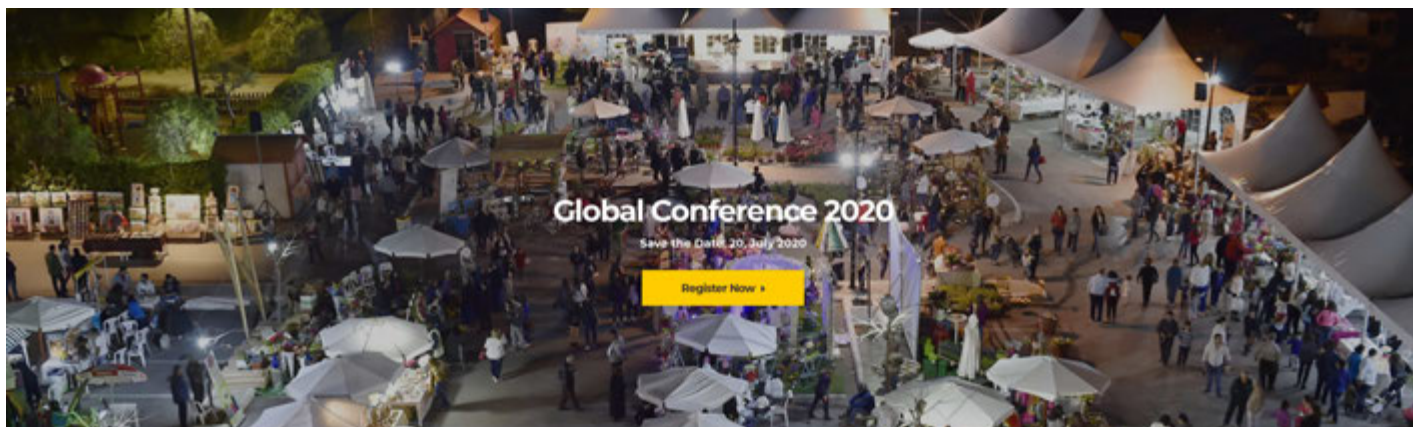
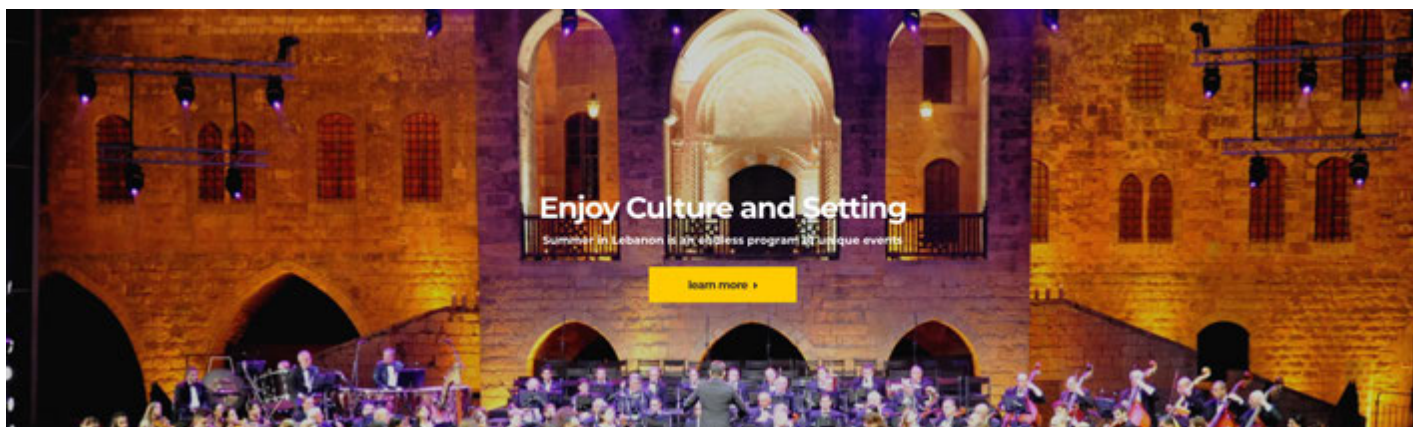
A group picture at the Druze Community Center in Foz do Iguau



A commemorative picture with Community hosts in Foz do Iguau

Looking Ahead: Developing and Promoting 2020 Conference Locally and Internationally...

Looking forward to 2020, despite the uncertain times we are going through at this time in Lebanon, we continue to be hopeful of peaceful resolution in the upcoming months and as such we continue to develop our plans for the international conference planned for late July 2020, just before Eid Al-Adha.



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