

GCHERA Conference Universities' Global Challenge: nutritional security and environmental sustainability for human health 25 & 26 June 2015, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Lebanon:

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Food security is a basic human right and must be achieved for all people. Awareness must be raised among decision makers to reduce hunger and number of undernourished people. Nutritional security must be targeted since food security by itself does not guarantee absence of deficiencies and under nutrition. Agriculture, food accessibility and economy play a role in combating food and nutritional insecurity. The conference will address these issues.

Your may have concerns for your personal security in the Lebanon in view of the reports in the media. John Kennelly, GCHERA President, has just returned from the Lebanon where he met with the Conference organisers to make the final arrangements for the Conference.

John reported back to the GCHERA Steering Committee that he had gone to the Lebanon with significant concerns relating to the security situation. Within a few hours of his arrival in the Lebanon he said that these fears were allayed and he felt very comfortable and safe. Although there is a strong security presence at the university (24 hours) as well as in the malls etc the local people seem to go about their daily lives in a very relaxed manner. Based on his observations during his visit, John has already decided to take a little extra time after the conference to explore more of the Lebanon.

The GCHERA Steering Committee look forward to receiving your registration for the conference - please see the conference website for the registration form and information on the hotels - <u>http://webapp.usek.edu.lb/forms/WS/gchera/index.html</u>

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