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## Upcoming events at AUB

Beirut, Lebanon- 16/12/2013 - The American University of Beirut will be holding the following events in the coming days:

- **Farmers' market at AUB**

Due to the success of the previous markets and backed by popular demand, the Environment and Sustainable Development Unit (ESDU) at the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences is organizing a "Christmas Souk" Farmers' Market on December 20, 2013, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, in FAFS courtyard. More than 20 producers from all over Lebanon will sell a variety of fresh, organic and local products (fruits and vegetables, mouneh, pastries, saj etc.). The latest nutrition tips and advice will be given out at the nutrition booth. ESDU will be organizing a monthly Farmers' Market on the second Friday of every month.

- **World Bank Regional Director to talk on Lessons Learned from Arab Uprisings**

The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs is organizing an open discussion in its series, "The Ambassador in the Academy," bringing resident and roving ambassadors of countries and multinational institutions to AUB to exchange thoughts with students, faculty and staff.

On December, 20, 2013, Ferid Belhaj, World Bank Director for the Middle East Region, will give a talk entitled, "The World Bank: Any Lessons Learned from the Arab Uprisings?" from 12 noon to 1.30pm in College Hall, Auditorium B1.

As the World Bank Director for the Middle East Region, Belhaj is responsible for the region covering Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Iran. He has worked at the World Bank for more than 23 years. Before joining the World Bank, Belhaj was Deputy Chief of Mission at the Tunisian Embassy in the United States and acted as legal adviser to the Tunisian delegation to the steering committee meetings of the Middle East Peace Process. Belhaj holds a law degree from the Tunis Law School, and a Masters Degree in Constitutional Law and Political Science and, a Masters Degree in International Law from Universite Pantheon-Assas and Paris Law School. Note: The talk and discussion will be in English.

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Note to Editors

## **About AUB**

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 700 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,500 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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