THE RECONSTRUCTION OF NEIGHBOURHOODS HIT BY THE 4TH OF AUGUST BLAST
WITHIN A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES
Programme of the Thematic Workshop March 2021

- **Friday 12 March : 2.00 pm-5.00 pm**
  **TRANSPORTATION & URBAN MOBILITY**

- **Main issues to be discussed :**
  - The Economic and Financial Crisis and its Impact on Transportation Policies.
  - The Revision of CEDRE Project and its impact on Public Transportation Projects.
  - Short & Mid Term Alternative Solutions and the role of Informal Sector.
  - Windows of Opportunities and the Emergence of Soft Transportation Solutions.
  - Pilot Projects (Local Initiatives).

- **Impact of the Economic Crisis and the revision of CEDRE Project on Transportation Sector (2.00 pm – 3.15 pm)**
  **Round Table Moderated by Gustave Cordahi (Strategy Consultant, Transportation expert)**
  - Marc Haddad (Lebanese American University), Mohammad Mezghani (Secretary General International Union of Public Transportation), Tamam Naccache (Senior Transport Systems Expert, TEAM), Mira Morad (World Bank), Christian Philip (Secretary General CODATU), Ali el Zein (AET Laboratory, Perpignan University).

- **Windows of Opportunities - The Emergence of Transportation Initiatives in Lebanon (3.15 pm-4.30 pm)**
  **Round Table Moderated by Carinne Assaf (KU Leuven)**
  - Firas Bou Diab (Chair of OEA Transportation Committee), Chadi Faraj (Rider’s Rights NGO), Elie Feghali (Urban Planners Association OEA), Véronique Haché (Ecole des Ponts Paris Tech), Natheer Halawani (Bicycle Mayor Tripoli), Zeina Hawa (The Chain Effect), Carlos Naffah (Train Train NGO).
  **Public Discussion (4.30 pm -5.00 pm)**
  Moderated by Firas Bou Diab, OEA Board Member

- **Saturday 13 March 2021 : 10.00 am-1.00 pm**
  **HOUSING POLICIES, in collaboration with the Public Corporation for Housing**

- **Main issues to be discussed :**
  - Current State of Real Estate Market and Relevant Stakeholders.
  - The impact of the financial crisis on Subsidized Loans for Property Ownership.
  - The new policy for the production of affordable Housing proposed by the Public Corporation for Housing.
  - The potential operators for the production of affordable Housing (Home Buyer’s Plans, Rented Housing, Cooperatives, etc...) and the Legislative framework.
  - Which opportunities for Pilot Projects?

- **The Impact of the Financial Crisis on the Housing Sector in Lebanon (10.00 am -11.15 am)**
  **Round Table Moderated by Mona Fawaz (Beirut Urban Lab-AUB)**
  - Mireille Korab Abi Nasr (Vice President of the Association of Developers REDAL), Elias Azzam (Banker & Teacher at Institut Supérieur des Études Bancaires), Jihad el Hokayem (Economist & Real Estate specialist), Nassif Ghobril (Chief Economist, Byblos Bank Group), Bruno Marot (Urban Planner, Housing Consultant), Walid Moussa (President of the Real Estate Syndicate of Lebanon - REAL, World President of the International Real Estate Federation), Nasser Yassin (Leading the Crisis Observatory, American University of Beirut).

- **Towards a New policy for Affordable Housing (11.15 am-12.30 pm)**
  **Round Table Moderated by Firas Mourtada (President of Urban Planners Association OEA)**
  - Bertrand Bret (Délégué aux Relations Internationales et Conseiller du Président Paris Habitat), Maya Geara (Legal Advisor to the National Tenants Committee), Rony Lahoud (Chairman and General Director of the Public Corporation for Housing), Ahmad Montaza (Secretary General- Landowners Association in Lebanon), Tarek Osseirane (Deputy Head of country Program UN Habitat), Yves-Laurent Sapoval (Responsable des relations Internationales et Conseiller du Directeur DHUP).

- **Public Discussion (12.30 pm-1.00 pm)**
  Moderated by Rony Lahoud (Chairman and General Director of the Public Corporation for Housing),
- **Saturday 13 MARCH 2021 : 2.00 pm- 5.00 pm**
  WHICH FUTURE FOR BEIRUT PORT ?

  ✓ Main issues to be discussed :
  - Beirut Port in the national and regional context (Tripoli, Tartous and Haifa Ports)
  - The impact of the Blast on the Organization and Functioning of Beirut Port.
  - The present Port capacity and the various development scenarios (revision of 2018 Master Plan)
  - The relationship between the port area and the rest of the city

  ✓ **The Future of Beirut Port in the geostrategic context of the Eastern Mediterranean region (2.00 pm - 3.15 pm)**
  Round Table Moderated by Serge Yazigi (American University of Beirut)
  Geoffrey Caude (French Ministry of Ecological Transition), Bassem Kaissi (Director Beirut Port), Hervé Martel (President Marseille Fos Port), Edgard Mourad (Director urban planning & Design - Khatib & Alami Consultants), Anne Cecile Souaid (Senior Transport Specialist, World Bank), Hermann Schnell (Head of Architecture & Workplace Consulting).

  ✓ **The relationship between the port area and the rest of the city ( 3.15 pm - 4.30 pm)**
  Round Table Moderated by Serge Yazigi (American University of Beirut)
  Alberto Cappato (Director Innovation -Genoa Port), Carola Hein (TU-Delft University), Olivier Lemaire (General Manager International association of Port Cities), Rami Semaan (Managing Partner TMS Consult), Jordi Torrent ( Head of Strategy-Barcelona Port), Frans van Zoen (Head Legal Emeritus- Rotterdam Port).

  ✓ **Public Discussion(4.30 pm - 5.00 pm)**
  Moderated by Elie Karam, President OEA Civil Engineering Section

- **Sunday 14 MARCH 2021 : 10.00 am-1.00 pm**
  HERITAGE LEGISLATION in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, DG of Antiquities

  ✓ Main issues to be discussed :
  - The Draft Law on Heritage and the Law concerning the protection of neighbourhoods affected by the 4th of August Blast : Opportunities and limits
  - The Transfer of Building Rights Procedures

  ✓ **The Decret 1936 / 12-10-2017 Draft Law for the Protection of Heritage Sites and Buildings (10.00 am-11.15 am)**
  Round Table Moderated by Khaled Rifai (Lebanese Ministry of Culture –Directorate General of Antiquities)
  Chiara Dezzi Bardeschi (UNESCO), Eric Huybrecht (IAURIF), Abdel Halim Jabr (Beirut Heritage Initiative), Souhair Mabsout (ICOMOS L ebanon), Fabien Senechal (French Ministry of Culture).

  ✓ **The Law 194 / 16-10-2020 for the preservation of Neighbourhoods hit by the Blast (11.15 am-12.30 pm)**
  Round Table Moderated Joseph Kreidi (UNESCO Beyrouth)
  Cynthia Bou Aoun (Nahnoo), Sarkis Khoury (DG Antiquities), Sébastien Lamy (Majal), Nizar Saghiel (Legal Agenda).

  ✓ **Public Discussion (12.30 pm-1.00 pm)**
  Moderated by Pr. Ibtihal el Bastawissi, Dean of the Faculty of architecture- Design and built environment, Beirut Arab University

- **Sunday 14 MARCH 2021 : 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm**
  TOWARDS A MASTER PLAN FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOODS HIT BY THE BLAST

  ✓ Main issues to be discussed :
  - The urban setting, the interaction with Downtown Beirut and adjacent area, the mobility at the local scale
  - The urban characteristics of various sub-neighbourhoods, Urban Fabric and Urban Heritage
  - Opportunities for the development of Public Spaces, Pilot Projects and Tactic Urbanism

  ✓ **The preservation and revitalization of Urban and Cultural Heritage (2.00 pm- 3.15 pm)**
  Round Table Moderated by Atef Mecheimech, President of OEA Architecture Association
  Maysssa Abou Rahal (Emergency Cell, DGA/BACH), Fadlallah Dagher (Beirut Heritage Initiative), Sophie Loubens (French Ministry of Culture), Yasmine Maakaroun (Restoration and Conservation Center, Lebanese University), Leila Rizk (UNESCO), Georges Zouain (Gaia Heritage).

  ✓ **Towards a Master Plan for the Neighbourhoods Hit by the Blast ( 3.15 pm- 4.30 pm)**
  Round Table Moderated by Elie Khoury, President of the Architecture Section at OEA
  Habib Debs (Architect & Planner), Emmanuelle Didier (French Ministry of Culture), Karim Hendeli (UNESCO), Antoine Fichfich (Emergency cell DGA/BACH-USEK), Bachir Mojaes (ALBA), Nina Zeidan (Urban Planners Association OEA).

  ✓ **Public Discussion(4.30 pm– 5.00 pm)**
  Moderated by Mosbah Rajab (Lebanese University, Urban Planning Department)

- **Sunday 14 MARCH 2021 : 5.00 pm- 6.00 pm**
  CLOSING SESSION
  Round Table Moderated by Toufic Sanan, President of OEA Scientific Committee
  Pierre Duquesne, (Ambassador in charge of the coordination of International Support to Lebanon), Ernesto Ottone R. (UNESCO Assistant Director General for Culture), Emmanuel de Lanversin (Assistant Director, DHUP Ministère Français de la Transition Ecologique), Thomas Vonier (President of the International Union of Architects), Elie Haddad (President of the Organization of Arab Architects), Jad Tabet, (President of the Lebanese Federation of Engineers & Architects).