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## **Technical Information**



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Dear Friends,

We would like to welcome you to the IFLRY Executive Committee and the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

This IFLRY event is held with the support of our member organization Future Movement – Youth Sector.

Please find enclosed information regarding the technical aspects of the event. There are instructions about how to get to the hotel and information on the supporters of the event. A draft programme, agenda and other documents can all be found online. The information in the package is important, so please read it carefully! You will also find a list of the participants.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via [office@iflry.org](mailto:office@iflry.org), or the IFLRY Office: (t) +44.7842893871, or (f) +44.2071008159.

We look forward to seeing you in Beirut!

On behalf of the IFLRY Bureau and our hosts, Future Youth Sector,

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## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**\*This is very important information. Please read carefully and bring the necessary documentation with you to the seminar!**

### BASIC INFORMATION:

- **DATE:** The EC/GA will run November 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>th</sup> 2010. Please be advised that you should **arrive on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of November. Departure** is set to **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.**
- **REGISTRATION** for the EC/GA is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 15.00-18.00 in the Hotel lobby.
- **PARTICIPATION FEE:** The participation fee covering accommodation, food and participation is 75 EUR for sponsored slots, and 442 EUR for non-sponsored slots (Option A in the nomination form). For those wishing to only have participation and full catering during the event it is 100 EUR (Option B), and 25 EUR for those wishing to only have participation and limited catering (Option C). This is **to be paid prior to the event** and by bank transfer, unless other arrangements are made with the office.

IFLRYs banking details are:

Account no. 430-0285381-95

IBAN : BE76 4300 2853 8195

BIC : KREDBEBB

Bank Address: KBC Bank NV, Arenbergstraat 11,1000 BRUSSEL, Belgium

As a references please write EC, EGA, Seminar and your name, organisation and country.

Please note that the deadline for fee payment is 12th of November 2010. For fees paid after that date, you have to bring a proof of the payment.

- **CANCELLATION:** For all the cancellations the full participation fee will be charged in addition to the cancellation fee of 50 EUR.



- **LANGUAGE:** English will be the working language of the EC/GA. Translation will unfortunately not be available. In Beirut the average Lebanese person will in addition to the native Arabic language be able to speak both English and French quite fluently.

## WHAT TO BRING

- **YOURSELF:** You will be a representative of your political organization, so please come prepared to discuss the items on hand.
- **PR MATERIAL:** Please bring information on your organisation. In previous cases, many people brought cards, buttons, and posters that they swap with others.
- **CURRENCY:** The currency of Lebanon is the Lebanese Liras/Pounds, but US dollars are accepted in most places as well. Withdrawals from ATMs can be made in either Lebanese Liras/Pounds or US dollars. One dollar is approximately 1,500 Liras.
- **DRESS CODE:** The dress code for the duration of the event will be smart casual. Jeans are accepted. You want to dress according to the weather – Beirut has an average temperature of 19°C in November with possibility of rain.
- **ADAPTER:** In Lebanon, the power sockets are two-pined “Northern European” standard. The voltage is 110/220V and the frequency 50 Hz.



## SAFETY

Since 2009, Lebanon has become a safe place and the number of tourists is dramatically increasing. Beirut itself is safe, but take some caution when if going to South Beirut and Baal-beck. Photography of military personnel and installations is prohibited. You should also be careful in taking photographs in the Dahiye (the southern suburbs), if you don't want to get in contact with Hizbollah. As in any city, be careful and use common sense when moving

around in the city. Keep your luggage in sight and avoid carrying around too many valuables or big sums of money. Do not walk on dark streets or through dark alleys and empty pedestrian subways – especially late at night. Visitors to Beirut should not drink the tap water, but rather buy bottled water.



## VENUES

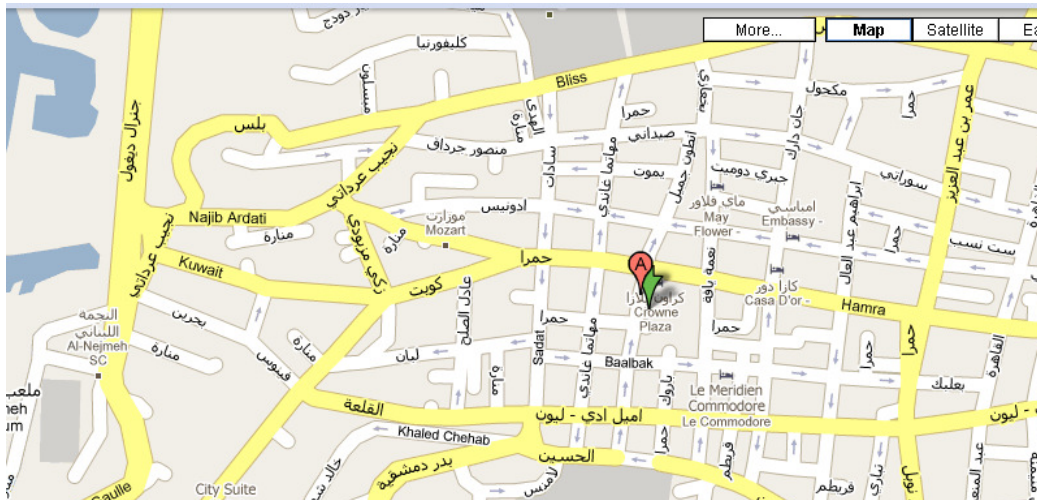
**THE HOTEL:** Participants will be accommodated at **Hotel Crowne Plaza Beirut** (<http://www.cpbeirut.com/index.php>). Address: Hamra Street, Beirut, Lebanon, P.O. Box 113-7512;  
Phone no. +961- 1- 754 755

Your accommodation will be reserved from the Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of November to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. Participants will be accommodated in double or triple rooms, if nothing else has been requested prior to the events. A data line socket is located on the desk phone in each guest room, there are also some computers in the Business Center located on the conference floor.

### HOW TO GET TO THE HOTEL:

**From Beirut Rafic Hariri International Airport:** The airport is situated within 9 km from Beirut city centre. The easiest way to get into the city from the airport is by taxi. There are airport taxis with an airport logo on the side, which have a fixed honest rate and leave from the arrivals level of the airport. Then there are regular taxis, which can be cheaper, but be sure to agree on a price with the driver before getting inside. You should not pay more than around 20\$, or 30,000 Lebanese lira/pound.

The hotel is situated in the heart of Beirut, with a 5 minutes walk to downtown Beirut and 5 minutes to the sea front promenade.



PARTNERS



## Future Youth Sector

Future Youth Association was founded in 1994 by a group of students at the American University of Beirut. Then it spread out to all over Lebanon. The aim of the Future Youth members is clear; After emerging from war they needed to create an association that could bring Lebanese youth together in order to build a sustainable peace situation. The Future Youth strive to foster Lebanese youth democratically, politically, environmentally, educationally, and socially. They want to build a free and tolerant society without any form of discrimination, goals that can only be reached through a democratic system of governance.

### Future Youth Sector Duties

- Put a public policy that is consistent with the ideas, proposals and decisions of the political bureau of the Future Movement.
- Examine the various issues files and projects that have to do with the youth and provide suggestions around it.
- Put plans for implementing policies of "Future Youth" that have to do with the youth.
- Activate the role of Future Youth in society.
- Attract young people and encourage them to join the Future Movement.
- Work to disseminate political thought and social power among future youth in coordination with the Central Office of Education and Preparation
- Establish youth activities.
- Oversee the management of electoral sectoral processes at the decision to participate, and the implementation of alliances map in accordance with the directions of the political bureau of the Future Movement.

Future youth is the first Arab organization to be a full member in the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY).

The Youth sector aims to expose principles of liberalism, which it partly acquires from its extensive participations with IFLRY and FNF, to the Lebanese youth and public, so that the principles of liberalism will be clear to the public, in a region where these principles are desperately needed.



## THE LOCATION

**Lebanon** Source:FM Media Sector



### Lebanon, The Message

Lebanon stretches over 10,452 squared kilometres, with 18 confessions, vast landscapes, and harmonial coexistence next to an array of unique and recognized cultures. Lebanon truly is a message in itself.

This small country has occupied the world with its news and events since its creation. Late Pope John Paul II described it as “a message that transgresses the limits of a nation”.

The Lebanese people, throughout dilemmas in its modern history, affirm that “if Lebanon was not initially my homeland, I would not choose any other!”

After the ravaging 15-year civil war concluded by the Taef Accord, Lebanon was reconstructed and placed back on the world map as Martyr Premier Rafic Hariri dedicated all his efforts, Arab and international connections for the sake of refurbishing its economy and infrastructure.

Martyr Premier Hariri’s success went beyond matter towards investing in people.

He restored Lebanon’s pioneering role but sullen elements assassinated the Prime Minister on February 14, 2005 and since then, Lebanon has witnessed a peaceful Intifada, the Second Independence Intifada under the banner “Lebanon’s sovereignty, freedom and independence.”

The Intifada is a pivotal incident recorded in Lebanon’s history next to the Taef Accord and the retreat of the Israeli enemy.

With Beirut as the capital, Lebanon is a parliamentary democracy based on three main authorities: Parliament (legislative), Council of Ministers (executive) and Law (judicial). It is a destination for Arab and foreign tourists and is considered one of the major banking and cultural spots in the Middle East and even, the world.

One visit to Lebanon would be enough for everyone to see “with their own eyes” that it is the land of life, freedom and democracy. Lebanon is a nation that survives on the culture of life and rejects the culture of death. It is an example on the imperativeness of coexistence among Muslims and Christians.



**Beirut** Source: FM Media Sector

### **Beirut, the City of Life**

Beirut is Lebanon's largest and most important cities as it holds life, hope and the future. It never dies, for, as long as we can remember, it brazened out at wars and ordeals to rise again and again as a phoenix. Beirut is the mother of legislations, pearl of Arabia and jewel of the East.

The capital, chosen as the World Capital of Book in 2009, constituted a portal between the East. The voice of a Mosque preacher merges with Church bell chimes in the region inhabited by more than a third of the Lebanese people.

It is a hotbed of business, banking, cultural and political life in Lebanon. Beirut's evenings alone are a major attraction for foreign tourists and expatriates. Besides, the capital has a rich cultural and historic heritage which dates back to the Roman, Byzantine, Persian and Ottoman eras.



Some of its hot destinations are:

Downtown, the new face of Lebanon's culture is composed of the Martyr Square, Governmental Serail, Parliament headquarters, Al-Amine Mosque, Martyr Prime Minister Rafic Hariri's shrine in addition to quite a lot of fiscal, trade, tourism establishments, restaurants and hotels.



Hamra which “abbreviates” Lebanon in one street is the heart of Beirut’s culture and life. Lebanese youth, cultivated categories and journalists assemble in bars and restaurants next to the presence of economic, financial and health spots. The National Museum which encloses priceless archives of old civilizations. Beirut’s seafront starting from Ramlet al-Bayda, Rouche, Manara and Ras Beirut contain restaurants and cafes spread opposite to the sea.

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