AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

ABLE SUMMIT 2023

PROGRAM

ACCESSIBILITY FOR A BOLDER LEARNING EXPERIENCE

ABLE

DAY 1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 | OSB MAAMARI AUDITORIUM

TALKS SCHEDULE

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	SESSION TITLE	TRACK
9:30 AM	OPENING	**Fadlo Khuri** AUB President **Dr. Yousif Asfour** Cheif Innovation and Transformation Officer & ABLE Executive Sponsor **Maha Zouwayhed** ABLE Organiser	- National Anthem + Artistic Greeting - Welcome Note - Key Notes - Event Overview	General
9:30 AM	PLENARY	**Humberto Insolera** Executive Committee Member - European Disability Forum	Latest Initiatives at EU to Achieve Full Inclusion	
10:00 AM	TALK	**Myles Pilling** Assistive Technologist & Council Member of BATA - British Assistive Technologist Association	The Power of AT	eAccessi-bility
10:30 AM	**BREAK**			
11:00 AM	DIY COLLAB TALK	**Jeremy Seda** IT Accessibility Coordinator - North Idaho College	Collaborative Mind Map of Accessibility in Higher Ed in Lebanon	Sustain-ability & Gov

11:30 AM	TALK	**Toufic Sbeiti** - a11yOttawa Activist & Assistant Director - Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship Canada	Web Accessibility Myths Buster	E-Acces- sibility
12:00 PM	TALK	**Adam Spencer** President and CEO (GLOBAL) - AbledDocs	Accessibility Sustainability	Sustain- ability & Gov
12:30 PM	**LUNCH & NETWORKING**			
2:00 PM	TALK	**Samer Sfeir** Managing Director - ProAbled	Activating Disability Inclusion in Universities & Schools	Inde- pendent Living
2:30 PM	TALK	**Chris Gaulin** Accessibility Advocate - a11yTO / GAAD Foundation	The Entrepreneurial Path for PWDs	Inde- pendent Living
3:00 PM	TALK	**Denis Boudreau** Founder & Chief Inclusion Officer - Inklusiv Communication	**A Roadmap to Leadership Inclusion:** 15 Keys to a Diverse & Empowered Workplace	Inde- pendent Living
3:30 PM	DISCUS- SION PANEL	MODERATOR **Zeina El Helou** USAID Lebanon Civic Action Accelerator Program - Senior elections Advisor ADVISOR PANELISTS **Sylvana Lakkis** President, LUPD **Charbel Karam** Director of Business Development and Marketing - B.O.T. **Bachar AbdelSamad** Accessibility Expert	**Amplifying Voices:** How Technology Fosters Civil Rights Participation for Persons with Disabilities	Sustain- ability & Gov
4:00 PM	**SHOWCASING**			All + DIY

DAY 2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 | OSB MAAMARI AUDITORIUM

TALKS SCHEDULE

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	SESSION TITLE	TRACK
9:00 AM	OPENING	**AIM Academy** - Musical - Solo Fairouz	- Artistic greeting - Day 1 recap - Discussion	Create-Ability
9:30 AM	FIRESIDE CHAT	**- Mohammad Naccache** **- Khaled Hallak** **- Rana Kiwan** **- Mohammad Louai Khourchid**	Success Stories	Success Stories
10:00 AM	VIRTUAL	**Christopher Patnoe** Head of Accessibility & Disability Inclusion, EMEA - Google	Inclusive Innovation	eAccessibility
10:30 AM	**BREAK**			
11:00 AM	TALK	**Mohamed Mansouri** President of IBSAR Association - IBSRA Association for the Culture & Leisure of Persons With Visual Impairments	Independence as a Measure of Citizenship for Persons With Disabilities	Independent Living

Time	Format	Speaker	Topic	Track
11:30 AM	DEBATE	**MODERATOR** **Chris Gaulin** Accessibility Advocate - a11yTO / GAAD Foundation IT Accessibility Coordinator - North Idaho College **ADVISOR PANELISTS** **Jeremy Seda** IT Accessibility Coordinator - North Idaho College **Mohammad Kilani** Co-Founder - Mind Rockets **Mariette Awad** Associate Professor in Electrical & Computer Engineering - Director Human Machine Lab & Ford Foundation Artificial Intelligence Fellow - AUB	Fireside Chat AI for Accessibility	eAccessi-bility
12:00 PM	TALK	**Siddhant Shah** Access Consultant - Access For ALL	Making Visual Arts Accessible for Visually Impaired	Create-Ability
12:30 PM	**LUNCH & NETWORKING**			
2:00 PM	FIRESIDE CHAT	**MODERATOR** **Nayla Al-Akl** Dean of Student Affairs - AUB **ADVISOR PANELISTS** **May Talhouk** Artist & Restoration & Conservation Specialist - AUB **Ali Sharaf** Accessibility Advocate & ABLE Club - AUB	Student Journey	Student Success

2:45 PM	DISCUS-SION PANEL	**MODERATOR** **Maha Zouwayhed** Accessibility Advovate & Innovation Support Professional - AUB **ADVISOR PANELISTS** **Amer Makarem** President - Youth Association for the Blind **Abraham Abdallah** Executive Board Member of the National Council on Disability in Lebanon	National Strategy for Accessibility	Sustain-ability & Gov
3:30 PM	**BREAK**			
4:00 PM	CLOSING SESSION ONE MEMBER ONLINE/ VIRTUAL	**MODERATOR** **Yousif Asfour** Cheif Innovation & Transformation Officer - AUB **ADVISOR PANELISTS** **Myles Pilling** Assistive Technologist & Council Member of BATA - British Assistive Technologist Association **Humberto Insolera** Executive Committee Member - European Disability Forum **Jeremy Seda** IT Accessibility Coordinator - North Idaho College **Chris Gaulin** Accessibility Advocate - a11yTO / GAAD Foundation	ABLE Advisory Board Notes & Recommenda-tions	General
4:30 PM	**SHOWCASING**			All + DIY

DAY 1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 | WORKSHOP ROOM - OSB 211

WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	SESSION TITLE	TRACK
10:00 AM	WORKSHOP	**Samer Sfeir** Managing Director - ProAbled	Inclusive Recruitment of Persons with Disabilities	Independent Living
11:00 AM	WORKSHOP	**Lamis Akouch** Instructional Designer - AUB	Creating Inclusive Online Learning Experiences	eAccessibility
11:45 AM	WORKSHOP	**Abeer Obeid** Senior Instructional Designer - AUB	Accessible Authoring	Student Success
12:30 PM	**LUNCH & NETWORKING**			
2:00 PM	WORKSHOP	**Chad Chelius** Director of Training Solutions & Principal - Chax Training & Consulting	Creating a ccessible PDFs from Microsoft Word	eAccessibility
3:30 PM	WORKSHOP	**Myles Pilling** Assistive Technologist & Council Member of BATA - British Assistive Technologist Association	Practical accessibility tools that make a difference in the classroom	Student Success

DAY 2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 | WORKSHOP ROOM - OSB 211

WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	SESSION TITLE	TRACK
9:30 AM	WORKSHOP	**Christa Peters** Organizer - a11yTO	Usability for Low Vision Users	eAccessi-bility
10:00 AM	WORKSHOP	**Christan Seda** Accessibility Advocate - a11y CDA Camp	K-12 Student Success & Readiness	Student Success
11:00 AM	WORKSHOP	**Tarek Bacha** Microsoft certified Trainer - TA MENA & Gulf	Digital Tool for Accessibility & AI	Student Success
11:45 AM	WORKSHOP	**Jad Daniel** IT service Desk Manager - AUB	Inclusive Design Guidelines & Tips for Digital Content	eAccessi-bility
12:30 PM	**LUNCH & NETWORKING**			
2:00 PM	WORKSHOP	**Denis Boudreau** Founder & Chief Inclusion Officer - Inklusiv Communication	Designing Role-Based Accessibility Training with the ARRM Framework	eAccessi-bility
2:45 PM	WORKSHOP	**Siddhant Shah** Disability Expert - Access For ALL	Make Your Social Media Accessible	Create-Ability

DAY 1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 | EXHIBITION AREA

SHOWCASE SCHEDULE

	TIME	SLOT	ORGANIZATION	PRESENTER
D U R I N G B R E A K S	**10:35–10:45 AM**	**1**	Cybertech & Inside Vision	Mr. Kamal Assaf & Mr. Damien Mauduit
	10:45–10:55 AM	**2**	Gefinor Rotana - Talk about accessibility	Mr. Samer Aboualeiwi
	12:40–12:50 PM	**3**	Next Step AUB	Mrs. Mona Maktabi
	12:50–1:00 PM	**4**	GradMe	Mr. Karim Al Arab
	1:00–1:10 PM	**5**	Dr. Nawfal & Lebanese Psycholgical Association	Dr. Michel Nawfal
	1:10–1:20 PM	**6**	Home Mobility	Mrs. Katia Zaher
	1:20–1:30 PM	**7**	ESCWA - ADIP	Mrs. Zeina El Assi
	1:30–1:40 PM	**8**	Orphan Welfare Society of Saida	Mrs. Nisreen Khodr
	1:40–1:50 PM	**9**	Forum for Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Mr. Riad Assoum

CREATEABILITY SCHEDULE

	TIME	ACTIVITIES
D U R I N G B R E A K S		
	DAY 1 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 ǀ EXHIBITION AREA	
	ALL	Painting Wall
	12:30–2:00 PM	Blind DIY Sign Language Challenge Play Chess VS Blind Quizzes Braille Challenge
	4:00 PM	Blind Football
	DAY 2 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 ǀ EXHIBITION AREA	
	1:00 PM	Fashion Show

EXHIBITORS LIST

BOOTH#	CATEGORY	ORGANIZATION NAME
1	Creatability	ABLE Club & Khelkhal
2	Hospitality	Gefinor Rotana
3	Visual	Cybertech
4	Visual	Vision Rehabilitation Center
5	Visual	Awada Vision
6	Hearing	Beeco Hearing center
7	Hearing	Audico Hearing Center
8	Hearing	JA HEARING AID CLINIC (JAHAC)
9	Hearing	Mind Rockets for Software
10	Intellectual	Nawfal Clinics
11	Intellectual	Lebanese Psychological Association
12	Education	Next Step Program at AUB

EXHIBITORS LIST

BOOTH#	CATEGORY	ORGANIZATION NAME
13	Education	Grad.me
14	Social	FHI 360
15	Social	ESCWA
16	Hardware	Home Mobility
17	Hardware	Adkom Sal
18	Document Access	AbleDocs
19	Education	TA MENA & Gulf
20	Inclusive Employment	ProAbled
21	Tactile Art works	Access For ALL
22	Social	Orphan Welfare Organization
23	Social	The Forum for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
24	Innovation Corner	Navigatable and Vision Safe

EVENT **ACCESSIBILITY**

LIVE TRANSCIPTION

ESCORT FOR ASSISTANCE

ENGLISH ARABIC TRANSLATION

QUITE ROOMS EMERGENCY

LIVE ONLINE STREAMING

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