



**Speech of Rev. Fr. Hady Mahfouz**

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It is a great pleasure to have you all gathered here at USEK to reflect on, discuss and delve into one of the most momentous issues of today: Energy, and more precisely Arab governance in energy. The issue of energy is nowadays traveling around the world and I do believe that we, as universities, experts in the field of governance and energy, have a great responsibility in shaping the forms this issue takes, a great responsibility towards our societies in particular and towards the future of our societies and earth.

Our earth is wealthy! and human mind is wealthy and it is our duty to join these two poles of wealth and harmonize efforts to come up with a global action, or a I'd rather say a global symphony, that serves our future and serves the human being, all human beings without any discrimination and all the human being in all his or her dimensions.

I am sure today you will have a lot to share and to exchange as I am positive this Forum will be a cutting edge platform for sharing thoughts and for elevating a global cause in this part of the world, but let the ultimate goal be the elevation of the wealth of the human being!

I would like to extend a word of thanks today to His Excellency Mr. Arthur Nazarian, Minister of Energy and Water, represented by Mr. Gaby Daaboul for his patronage of this event. I cannot but thank also Mr. Sultan Abou Arabi, Secretary General of the Association of Arab universities, and friend of USEK for his valuable presence among us. I would like also to thank our Dean of the Faculty of Business and Secretary of the Arab Society of Faculties of Business, Economic & Political Sciences, Dr, Nehme Azoury for his valuable and dedicated efforts, and his team who worked hard for the organization of this Forum.

I wish you rich discussions and rich results always for the service of the richness of the human being!

Thank you!