Biodiversity Awards to be distributed to the best Lebanese villages

Beirut, Lebanon – 10/10/2014 - The American University of Beirut Nature Conservation Center is co-organizing the "Baldati Bia'ati" Biodiversity Village Awards Ceremony and Maps Exhibition at 10am on Saturday October 11, 2014 at the Charles W. Hostler Center in AUB. The event will be in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, with the support of the Directorate General of Administrations and Local Councils within the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities and funded by Coca Cola Foundation. The awards will take place at 10 am on Saturday followed by a lunch around 1:00 pm, where representatives from more than 50 villages are invited.

This event rewards the villages participating in the Baldati Bi'ati Program for their outstanding achievements in biodiversity conservation on communal lands. Its main objective is to bring together the representatives of the villages with the various stakeholders involved in local development and rural tourism. A gathering that would create linkages, build up relations, foster interaction and the exchange of information and expertise.

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