



**American University of Beirut**  
Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

You are invited to a webinar organized with UN FAO to identify and convey key messages from the student community to policy and decision makers on

## THE ROLE OF AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGIES IN SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS AND NUTRITION

### WEBINAR PROGRAM

- **Monday 15 February** (10:30 - 13:30)

**Plenary Session - Live transmission from Rome**

**Venue:** FAFS, Wing A, Room 205

**Opening Remarks:** Dr. Yusuf Abou Jawdah

**Speakers:**

- José Graziano da Silva, FAO Director-General, FAO, Rome, Italy
- Louise Fresco, President Wageningen University (WUR), the Netherlands
- Gebisa Ejeta, Distinguished Professor, Purdue University, USA
- Evelyn Nguleka, President, World Farmers' Organisation, Rome, Italy

- **Monday 15 February** (16:00 to 17:00)

**Panel discussion Forum: Biotechnology and sustainable development: Challenges and opportunities of Biotechnology and GMOs** (Co-chaired by Dr. Abou Jawdah Y., Dr. Chalak L. and Dr. Hamadeh S.)

**Venue:** FAFS, Wing A, Room 205

**Objective:** Prepare AUB recommendations concerning:

- Specific suggestions for policy makers on the current challenges and opportunities
- The role of policy makers of the future with regards to agriculture biotechnologies

- **Tuesday 16 February** (15:30 -18:30)

**High Level Session with ministers from different world regions and closing remarks of the FAO Director General - Live transmission from Rome**

**Venue:** FAFS, Wing A, Room 205

- **Tuesday 16 February** (18:30- 20:00)

**Student-Interaction Session: A live-discussion with University students from different world regions.**

Our student, Miss Patil Tawidian, will present the AUB students suggestions. The attending students and faculty members may participate in the live discussions.

**Venue:** FAFS, Wing A, Room 205