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DISCOVER FOOTBALL • Agenda

Needs Assessment / Orientation Meeting – Northern Lebanon Project

November 8 - 9, 2019 at DISCOVER FOOTBALL (Richardstr. 43, 12055 Berlin)

Summary: Two-day strategy session to exchange ideas and identify goals for the event in North Lebanon in June 2020. Participants include four experts of women's football from Lebanon and five members from DISCOVER FOOTBALL who serve the Lebanon Project.

Day 1 • Friday Nov. 8

13:00 - 14.30	Welcome	Introductions and brief presentation on DISCOVER FOOTBALL
14:30 - 14:45	Break	
14:45 - 16:15	Geopolitics of the North Lebanon Region (<i>open discussion</i>)	Key topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of soccer in Lebanon and NL • Cultural factors / social dynamics • Current status of women's rights – challenges / signs of progress • Political climate • Regional / national conflicts - historical and current • Refugees • Traditions – attitudes / beliefs that shape daily life • Family structure – monolithic or fluid?
16:15 - 17:00	Break	
17:00 - 18:30	Going Forward – how can soccer support women's rights issues (<i>open discussion</i>)	Input about the connection of soccer and women's rights in different countries and regions, followed by an open discussion about women's rights, women's and feminist movements and soccer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are soccer and women's rights connected? • How can there be new alliances between different groups around these issues? What kind of structures/connections exists in North Lebanon?
18:45	Dinner	

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..... **Day 2** **Saturday Nov. 9**

10:00 - 11:30	Existing networks and soccer organizations for women/girls in NL	<p>Inited Experts from Lebanon will present an overview on currents structures, followed by questions and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiba El Jaafil: Insides in the Lebanese Women’s Football National Team structures • Zainab Halabi: Life skill coaching • Fatima Azizeh: Coaching experience in NL • Carole Mansour: Experiences and obstacles as female football player
11:30 - 11:45	Break	
11:45 - 13:15	Developing Women’s Soccer in NL <i>(open discussion)</i>	<p>In a region with significant challenges/opportunities, where should we focus on energies to maximize positive outcomes for women’s football and in NL?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what are the next steps and best practices for launching and implementing programs for women’s soccer in NL • how to engage more girls at the local level - grass roots efforts, schools, sports networks • how to constructively engage with parents – understanding social/cultural restrictions to create useful dialogue with parents • strategies for keeping girls active in soccer as they become older
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30	Advice / Guidance / Suggestions For a Successful DISCOVER FOOTBALL Conference and Festival <i>(open discussion)</i>	<p>Experts from Lebanon will share their ideas and suggestions with DISCOVER FOOTBALL members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general advice • topics that should be handled with care and sensitivity • optimal location for the festival • what else should we consider that we haven’t thought of? • establishing contact with teams, coaches, networks and refugee camps
15:45 - 16:15	Closing Round	
19:00	Dinner	

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