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Chronology of Events and History

Suad Joseph, University of California, Davis
Founder and Coordinator

1999-2001. Suad Joseph convened the Presidents and Provosts of the American University of Beirut (AUB), the American University in Cairo (AUC), and Lebanon American University (LAU) to lay the groundwork for the BCBC initiative. This was done in Suad Joseph's capacity as Director of the UC Education Abroad Program (UC EAP) at AUC in cooperation with UC EAP Director John Marcum.

July 2001. The first official BCBC meeting was held in Beirut, Lebanon on July 6-8. Presidents, Provosts, and Deans of AUB, AUC, LAU and key faculty (around 70-80 total) met in Beirut, hosted by AUB and LAU. The UC team of seven, led by John Marcum, included representatives from four University of California campuses: Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara. The meeting resulted in a memorandum of agreement signed by AUB, AUC, LAU Presidents to work with UC on collaborative projects. Six project areas were identified, to be co-funded by AUB, LAU, and UCEAP. The meeting was organized by Suad Joseph.

Present from AUB were: President Dr. John Waterbury; Provost Dr. Peter Heath; Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. Khalil Bitar; Dean of Engineering and Architecture Dr. Ibrahim Hajj; Dean of Business Dr. George Najjar; and Acting Director for Center for Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies Dr. Nadia El Cheikh.

Present from AUC were: Provost Dr. Earl Sullivan; Dean of School of Sciences and Engineering Dr. Fadel Assabghy; Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences Dr. Nicholas Hopkins; and Dean of School of Business, Economics, and Communication Dr. Amr Mortagy.

Present from LAU were: President Dr. Riyad Nassar; Provost Dr. Nabeel Haidar; Dean of the School of Engineering Dr. Abdallah Sfeir; Dean of the School of Business Dr. Wassim Shahin; Director of Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World Dr. Mona Khalaf; and Director of Sponsored Programs Dr. George Nicolas.

Faculty members were present from AUB, AUC, LAU and from four University of California campuses. Dr. John Marcum led the UC team which included: one faculty member from UCB, three from UCLA, one from UCD, and one from UCSB.

Collaborative initiatives history and goals were discussed. Each university presented its priorities. Collaborative priorities and potential collaborative initiatives were identified. Small groups were organized to discuss collaborative priorities. By the end of the meetings, the various universities had agreed upon guiding principles for future institutional collaboration. Six projects were organized as a result of the meeting: environmental studies, gender studies, Middle East studies, migration studies, and health consequences of population change.

November 2001. The BCBC Steering Committee met next on November 18 in San Francisco, in conjunction with the [Middle East Studies Association](#) annual meeting. There were provosts, deans, and faculty from each university including: Osman Galal of UCLA; Earl Sullivan of AUC; Ann Kerr of UCLA; Gail Harrison of UCLA; Suad Joseph of UCD; and Dwight Reynolds of UCSB. The meeting was organized by Suad Joseph.

September 2002. The AUB/AUC/LAU/UC Collaborative Women and Gender Studies Collaborative Initiatives Workshop was held from September 13-14, 2002 at the [Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World](#) at the Lebanese American University in Beirut, Lebanon. Attendees from California included Suad Joseph and Omnia El Shakry from UC Davis, and Sondra Hale from UCLA. Attendees from LAU included Mona Khalaf, Najla Hamadeh, Myriam Sfeir Murad, Sami Baroudi, and Anita Nassar. Attendees from AUB included Lamia Shehadeh, Nadia El Cheikh, Soha Safieddine, Sossie Balian, and Ray Jureidini. Attendees from AUC included Hania Sholkamy. On the first day of the workshop, the agenda included a welcome, programmatic histories and objectives from each team, and discussion of developing women and gender studies curricula. The second day included discussions on research, applied work, gender practices, and planning collaborative work.

November 2002. Sixty faculty from AUB/AUC/LAU/UC (including LAU Dean, AUC Provost, faculty from UCD, UCB, UCLA, UCSB) participated in a 1-day BCBC workshop offered in conjunction with the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Faculty worked on all six project areas identified in Beirut in 2001: water; gender; Middle East studies; humanities and Arabic studies; and public health. The agenda for the day included: an introduction and background to BCBC; development of

partnership project ideas; preparation of preliminary project group proposals, and project groups presentations, including fundraising plan. The workshop was organized by Suad Joseph.

1. Present at the meeting from the **Water Project Group** were: Co-Facilitator Mutasem El-Fadel of AUB; Co-Facilitator Bassam Younis of UCD; Nicholas Hopkins of AUC; Sharif Elmusa of AUC; Fuad Hashwa of LAU; Scott Cooper of UCSB; and William Hoffman of AUB.
2. Present at the meeting from the **Gender Project Group** were: Co-Facilitator Suad Joseph of UCD; Co-Facilitator Mona Khalaf of LAU; Cynthia Nelson of AUC; Nancy Gallagher of UCSB; Cynthia Anthony of AUC; Nelly Hanna of AUC; Nadia el Cheikh of AUB; and Sondra Hale of UCLA.
3. Present at the meeting from the **Middle East Studies Project Group** were: Co-Facilitator Juan E. Campo of UCSB; Co-Facilitator Sami Baroudi of LAU; Larry Michalak of UCB; Graeme Bannerman of LAU; Michael Reimer of AUC; Walid Kazziha of AUC; Dan Tschirgi of AUC; Emad Shahin of AUC; and Hayat Alvi of AUC.
4. Present at the meeting from the **Humanities and Arabic Studies Project Group** were: Co-Facilitator Nariman Al-Warraki of AUC; Co-Facilitator Stephen Humphreys of UCSB; Nadia Harb of AUC; Jehan Allam of AUC; Nabila El-Assyouti of AUC; Emily Gottreich of UCB; Samira Aghacy of LAU; Ann Kerr of UCLA; Garay Menicucci of UCSB; Nuha Khoury of UCSB; and Margaret Larkin of UCB.
5. Present at the meeting from the **Public Health Project Group** were Osman Galal of UCLA and Nicholas Hopkins of AUC.

March 2003. The BCBC work groups met on March 21, 2003 in the University of California, Santa Barbara, MultiCultural Center. Faculty were in attendance from AUC, LAU, UCLA, UCSB, UCD, and UCD UOIP (Raba Gunasekara). Both the Water Group and the Gender Group developed preliminary proposals for external funding. The meeting was co-funded by UC Santa Barbara, UC Davis, and the Office of Global Affairs (known as the University Outreach and International Programs office at the time of the meeting). It was coordinated by Suad Joseph

Water and Environment Group participants included: facilitator Scott Cooper from UCSB; Mutasem El-Fadel from AUB; Bassam Younis from UCD; Nicholas Hopkins from AUC; Sharif Elmusa from AUC; Fuad Hashwa from LAU; William Hoffman from AUB, Ann Kerr from UCLA; and Osman Galal from UCLA.

Women and Gender Group participants included: facilitator Suad Joseph from UCD; Nancy Gallagher from UCSB; Garay Menicucci from UCSB; Nuha Khoury from UCSB; Mona Khalaf from LAU; Cynthia Nelson from AUC; Cynthia Anthony from AUC; and Helen Rizzo from AUC.

Arabic Language Group participants included: facilitator Jehan Allam from AUC; Nariman Naili al Warraki from AUC; Nadia Harb from AUC; and Nabila Al Assiouti from AUC.

Osman Galal of UCLA represented the **Public Health Group** and Nuha Khoury of UCSB represented the **Humanities Group**.

The schedule of the events included: an introduction from Suad Joseph; presentations from the November 2002 meeting; and work group planning sessions. The various project groups assembled, developed proposals, and planned for raising funds.

On the following day, the **Center for Middle East Studies** of the University of California, Santa Barbara held its fifth annual Middle East Studies Regional Conference. The event was held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the UCSB MultiCultural Center. Two of the BCBC work groups participated in panel discussions: the

Women and Gender Working Group and the Water and Environment Working Group. Those involved with the Women and Gender Working Group panel were Chair Suad Joseph of UCD and discussants Cynthia Nelson of AUC, Mona Khalaf of LAU, Nadia el Cheikh of AUB, Sondra Hale of UCLA, Nancy Gallagher of UCSB, Garay Menicucci of UCSB, and Omnia El Shakry of UC Davis. Those involved with the Water and Environment Working Group panel were Chair Scott Cooper of UCSB and discussants Sharif Elmusa of AUC, Mutasem El Fadel of AUB, Fouad Haswa of LAU, Bassam Younis of UCD, and Salem A. Thawaba of the University of Arkansas.

April 2003. The BCBC Women and Gender Group met in UC Davis to continue the development of a Gender Project Proposal. The meeting was attended by AUC, UCLA, UOIP (Dennis Dutschke), and UC Davis. This meeting was funded by a UOIP Seed Grant and organized by Suad Joseph.

June 2003. The BCBC Women and Gender Group met in Beirut, hosted by LAU, and attended by 50 faculty from AUB, AUC, LAU, UCD, and UCLA. The conference/workshop was co-funded by UCD UOIP and LAU. The Co-Organizers were Suad Joseph (UCD) and Mona Khalaf (LAU).

April 2004. The BCBC Women and Gender Group met in UC Davis. Participants attended from AUC, Birzeit, and UC Davis to develop new strategic plan. The meeting was organized by Suad Joseph.

May 2004. A 3-day Proposal Writing Workshop for faculty at the American University of Beirut was attended by approximately 60 faculty members. Trainers included Suad Joseph, David Szanton (UCB), Carl Keen (UCD), Dan Werthimer (UCB), and Mary Kate Morris (UCB). The workshop was organized by Suad Joseph.

Summer 2004 and 2005. Dean Fuad Hashwa, LAU, visited Davis where he met Dean Enrique Lavernia, and Vice Provost William Lacy to pursue the Water Group project.

January-March 2005, also 2007 and 2008. UCD Professor Fadi Fathallah spent one-quarter sabbaticals at AUB working on musculoskeletal disorders among full-time homemakers and migrant agricultural workers. This research was conducted in collaboration with Professors Rima Habib and Iman Nuwayhid from AUB Faculty of Health Sciences. Dr. Fathallah gave lectures on Health and Safety Research in California Agriculture and yearly (2005-2011) guest lecturers at on occupational health. These were organized by Fadi Fathallah.

February 2005. Iraq Agricultural Higher Education and Development (AHEAD) meeting at AUB. Fadi Fathallah gave four lectures on UC Davis agricultural engineering research, curricula, and outreach. These were organized by Fadi Fathallah.

September 2005. A discussion of the Water Project was held at the UC Davis Fall Chancellor's Conference. Meeting participants included: Dean Neal Van Alfen; Dean Enrique Lavernia; Associate Dean Jim Hill; Associate Dean Karen McDonald; Vice Provost William Lacy; Dennis Dutschke; Nicole Ranganath; Mohammad Mohanna; Majid Rahimian; Gretchen Kalonji; and Suad Joseph. The event was organized by Suad Joseph.

Fall 2005. Birzeit University officially joined the consortium, now called BCBCB in Fall 2005, an acronym for AUB/AUC/LAU (in **Beirut**)/UCD/BZU).

January 2006. Joseph Jabbra, the new President of LAU, asked Suad Joseph to connect him with the Dean of Agriculture for consultation about their new school of agriculture in South Lebanon. UC Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Science (CAES) Associate Dean Jim Hill met with Jabbra in Washington, D.C. in May 2006.

March/April 2006 Suad Joseph visited Lebanon and Egypt where she met with President Waterbury (AUB), President Jabbra (LAU), and Provost Tim Sullivan (AUC). Together they agreed to fund a representative to come to UC Davis to build on BCBCB water and gender initiatives.

May 2006. Associate Dean Jim Hill (UCD) visited the American University in Cairo and met with Provost Tim Sullivan and Dr. Richard Tutwiler. (Hill's April visit to Beirut to meet with AUB President John Waterbury and LAU President Jabbra had been postponed. His August trip to Beirut was not possible because of July/August war.) These were organized by Jim Hill.

September 2006. The Deans and Associate Deans of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Engineering, and the Vice Provost of the UC Davis University Outreach and International Programs, UOIP Program Officers and UC system-wide representatives met to advance the BCBCB Water Project, at the Granlibakken lodge near Lake Tahoe.

November 2006. Delegation from AUB (Nadim Farajalla), AUC (Richard Tutwiler), LAU (Fuad Hashwa), Birzeit (Simon Kuttub) visited UC Davis for one week. They met with Deans of all colleges, schools, Provost, Vice Provosts and other key faculty. The visit was organized by Suad Joseph with collaboration of Deans, UOIP, and Kais Menoufy, CEO [Delegata](#), Sacramento.

Between January 2007 and March 2007. The BCBCB Water Project was conducted under the direction of the two Principal Investigators, Richard Snyder and Wes Wallender.

March 2007. The UC Davis Chancellor and faculty delegation visited Egypt for the BCBCB Consortium Conference. Attendees included Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef, AUC President David

Arnold, AUB Provost Peter Heath, LAU President Joseph Jabbra, Birzeit University President Nabil Kassis and key Deans, Vice Chancellors, Vice Provosts, and faculty. At this meeting they signed a comprehensive BCBCB Consortium agreement of cooperation. The event was organized by: Suad Joseph, William Lacy and Robert Kerr of UOIP, and AUC President David Arnold.

Between March and October 2007. Pierre Zalloua, LAU, College of Biological Sciences and Anthropology co-coordinated and developed the DNA Project.

October 2007. Richard Snyder and Suad Joseph organized the Water Project Group meeting at UC Davis. It was attended by Richard Snyder and Wes Wallender from UC Davis, Nadim Farajalla from AUB, Richard Tutwiler from AUC, and Jean Chatila from LAU.

October 2007. Pierre Zalloua visited UC Davis to advance the Water Project.

December 2007. The Steering Committee of BCBCB met in Cairo. The meeting was attended by Suad Joseph from UCD, Helen Sader from AUB, Richard Tutwiler from AUC, Irma Ghosn from LAU, Ziad Mimi from Birzeit, and other key faculty of AUC. The meeting was organized by Suad Joseph.

January 2008. AUC Dean of Engineering Medhat Haroun visited UC Davis School of Engineering. His visit was organized by UCD Provost Enrique Lavernia and Suad Joseph.

February 2008. The "Gender and Modernities Workshop in the Middle East & South Asia" was held at AUC with Nivedita Menon, Delhi University and Martina Rieker, American University in Cairo.

June 2008: At the invitation of LAU Dean Fuad Hashwa, UC Davis College of Biological Sciences Dean Ken Burtis visited LAU as a reviewer for the graduate program in Molecular Biology.

June 2008. The Arab Families Working Group provided Proposal Writing Workshops at AUB for Graduate Students and Non-Governmental Organizations.

July 2008- March 2011. While Fadi Fathallah served as UC EAP Study Center Director at the AUC, he presented several lectures about opportunities at UC Davis and its programs in the departments of Mechanical Engineering and Electronics Engineering, and the Biotechnology Graduate Program. Fathallah facilitated the link between AUC students and UC Davis researchers in biotechnology. Beneficiaries included AUC PhD student, Reem Al Olaby, who conducted doctoral research on hepatitis C virus at the UC Davis School of Medicine. Fathallah fostered the relationships between Richard Tutwiler, Director of the Desert Development Center at AUC with the late Stephen

Everhart, Associate Dean of the UC Davis Business School and with Ruihong Zhang from the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering. This led to a collaborative endeavor to construct an anaerobic digester at AUC and the exploration of other alternative energy sources in Egypt. Fathallah organized a 3-day visit of Professor Pierre Zalloua (LAU) to AUC as a Distinguished Visiting Professor. This led to further collaborations between LAU, AUC, and UCD biotechnology programs. Fadi Fathallah and Richard Tutwiler (AUC) received a small grant from AUC office of research to look at musculoskeletal disorders among AUC agricultural and ground maintenance workers.

October 2008. LAU Professor Faculty of Science Pierre Zalloua visited UC Davis for one week, giving the [Storer Lecture](#) and meeting with key research partners. His visit was hosted by the College of Biological Sciences with co-organizers Dean Kenneth Burtis and Suad Joseph.

January 2009. Suad Joseph organized a visit for the Dean of Engineering, AUC, to UC Davis.

March 2009. The Arab Families Working Group provided Proposal Writing Workshops in Cairo for faculty, graduate students, and NGOs.

April 2009. Professor Hani Sayed, incoming Chair of the Department of Law, School of Public Affairs and Global Policy, AUC, visited UC Davis, for one week to develop action plans for future collaborations. His visit was hosted by the UC Davis Martin Luther King Jr. School of Law. The visit was co-organized by Beth Greenwood, director of International Programs at the UC Davis School of Law, and Suad Joseph.

April 2009. Provost Lisa Anderson (AUC) exchanged plans for a graduate School of Education with Harold Levine, UC Davis Dean of the School of Education. Dean Levine extended an invitation to Provost Anderson to visit Davis to pursue collaboration. November 2009, BCBCB Coordinator, Suad Joseph, met with AUC Acting Dean SOE, Samiha Peterson to discuss collaborations.

June 2009- June 2010. BCBCB Coordinator, Suad Joseph, worked with the [Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development](#), in Qatar, to develop proposals for collaborations with UC Davis on family studies.

October 2009. The BCBCB Water Project group participated in a Middle East Irrigation Outreach Program Workshop in Beirut where they met to finalize a funding proposal. Participants attended from AUB, AUC, LAU, Zagazig University, University of Jordan, UC Cooperative Extension and UC Davis. The PIs were Dr. Richard Snyder, Wes Wallender, Khaled Bali, UC Davis. The workshop was co-organized by Richard Snyder and Suad Joseph.

October 2009. BCBCB Coordinator Suad Joseph organized visit of Pierre Zalloua to UC Davis.

December 2009. The Arab Families Working Group hosted a Proposal Writing Workshop for Faculty, Graduate Students and NGO's at Birzeit University in Palestine.

December 2009. A Proposal Writing Workshop for Faculty for Faculty of Zayed University was held in Dubai. The event was coordinated by Suad Joseph on behalf of the Arab Families Working Group.

December 2009. BCBCB Coordinator, Suad Joseph, met with Mr. Faris Saeed in Dubai to consider developing a UC Davis Center in Dubai focusing on Environmental Studies.

January 2010. Arab Families Working Group hosted Proposal Writing Workshop as a Vice Provost's New Faculty Workshop at UC Davis.

April 2010. Suad Joseph traveled to Qatar to explore opportunities for collaborations with UC Davis and other BCBCB partners. Joseph met with representatives from the Doha International Institute for Family Studies & Development (DIIFSD) and key leaders from Qatar University including: the President; the Vice President for the Office of Research; Social & Economic Survey Research Center and faculty. Her exploratory discussions also included: Qatar Foundation President and Executive Director of Research of the Qatar National Research Fund; numerous branches of the Qatar Foundation; and government agencies.

June 2010. Mr. Faris Saeed and Dr. Fabiana Tessele visited UC Davis for one week. They met with the Chancellor, Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research, Deans and faculty of Division of Social Science, Engineering, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, and Graduate School of Management. They were hosted by George R. Mangun, Dean of the Division of Social Sciences. Mr. Saeed proposed a UC Davis Dubai Center for Environmental Studies, focusing initially on training professionals in waste management and water treatment. He envisioned the center evolving into a college. He offered to provide the land and start-up costs. The visit was co-organized by Dean George R. Mangun, Victoria Austin, and Suad Joseph.

September 2010. Bruce White, Dean of UC Davis College of Engineering, agreed to be Lead Dean on the Davis Dubai Center for Environmental Studies, working with Faris Saeed.

September 2010. Mr. Faris Saeed initiated his \$250,000 commitment to Middle East/South Asia Studies, for Arab Studies, donating \$50,000 annually.

September 2010. Stephen Everhart, Dean AUC School of Business and Richard Tutwiler, Director of Desert Development Center, AUC, developed a biogas project with Ruihong Zhang, UC Davis. Tutwiler had

come to UC Davis twice with the BCBCB project. Everhart and Tutwiler visited UC Davis together in 2008. Joseph met Everhart and Tutwiler in Cairo in 2009 to follow up.

November 2010 Harold Levine, Dean UC Davis School of Education, met with Samiha Peterson, Dean of AUC Graduate School of Education, and with Suad Joseph in San Diego to discuss collaborations. Dean Levine planned a February 2011 trip to Cairo which was postponed due to the Egyptian revolution.

December 2010. Suad Joseph provided a Proposal Writing Workshop for Graduate Students, staff and faculty at Birzeit University Palestine. This was provided on behalf of the Arab Families Working Group.

June 2011. Suad Joseph provided a Proposal Writing Workshop for Graduate Students at LAU. This was provided on behalf of the Arab Families Working Group.

June 2011. Bryan Jenkins, faculty UC Davis School of Engineering, hosted a lunch with business leaders from Abu Dhabi.

July 2011. Atef Idriss, UC Davis Food Science alumnus and head of [MEFOSA](#) (MENA Food Safety Associates), met with Suad Joseph in Beirut to explore potential collaboration with UC Davis on food safety and value chains. Joseph introduced Atef Idriss to UC Davis faculty: Jim Hill, Associate Dean for International Programs for the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Glen Young of Food Science and Technology, and Fadi Fathallah from the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering. Hill, Young, Fathallah, and Joseph met to consider a range of collaborations. The conversations continued via email with Atef Idriss over the next 8 months. Idriss was invited to visit UC Davis and planned a visit for Spring 2012. The co-organizers were Glen Young and Suad Joseph.

July 2011. The BCBCB Consortium applied to the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (CMCC) in Italy for funding of the Water Project Proposal: "Cross-Border Cooperation within the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), Mediterranean Sea Basic Joint Operational Programme." This effort was organized by Richard Snyder.

July 2011. Meetings were held in Beirut to build establish relationships to address the impacts of salt on vascular health. Participants included: Kamal Badr, Founding Dean of the Lebanese American University School of Medicine and Professor of Medicine AUB (Nephrology and Hypertension); Associate Dean for Medical Education; Associate Chair for Medical Education, Department of Internal Medicine; Director, Vascular Medicine Program at AUB; and Suad Joseph. Suad Joseph contacted Claire Pomeroy, Dean UC Davis School of Medicine who introduced Associate Dean Kamal Badr to three faculty from the UC Davis Department of Nutrition: Department Chair Carl Keen, Francene Steinberg, and David McCarron.

July 2011. Fadi Fathallah, Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, UC Davis visited the Universite Saint-Esprit de Kaslik (USEK) in Lebanon on behalf of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences International Programs Office to explore potential collaborations between UCD and other BCBCB Consortium partners. Fathallah met with the Dean of Agriculture, the Associate Dean of International Programs, and the Director of Public Relations.

August 2011. George Khalaf, Director, [Middle East and North Africa Synergos](#), in Beirut asked Suad Joseph to connect him with UC Davis faculty who might be interested in working collaboratively on a US AID project for social entrepreneurship. Joseph introduced Khalaf with two faculty from the UC Davis Graduate School of Management: Dean Steve Currall and Wilton Agatstein.

October 2011. Former LAU Dean Fuad Hashwa invited UC Davis School of Biological Sciences Dean Kenneth Burtis to Beirut to conduct external review of LAU's Bachelor of Science Program in Biology, School of Arts and Sciences. This was the second external review mission for Burtis at LAU.

October 2011. Former Dean Hashwa (LAU) and Former Dean Ken Burtis (UCD) discussed possible student exchanges between their universities.

December 2011. The Arab Families Working Group provided Proposal Writing Workshops at LAU for faculty.

December 2011. Suad Joseph coordinated and presented a Proposal Writing Workshop for Graduate Students at LAU. This was provided on behalf of the Arab Families Working Group.

December 2011. Samiha Peterson, Dean of AUC Graduate School of Education met with Suad Joseph in Washington, D.C. to discuss re-initiating collaborations with UC Davis School of Education, after Egyptian Revolution.

December 2011. Samiha Peterson, Dean of AUC Graduate School of Education requested that Harold Levine, Dean, UC Davis School of Education identify reviewers for tenure dossiers at AUC.

March 2012. Suad Joseph introduced Vice Chancellor Harris Lewin to LAU Interim Dean Pierre Zalloua regarding mitochondrial DNA research.

May 2012. BCBCB Consortium renewed its partnership through March 2017.

May 2012. The Arab Families Working Group provided Proposal Writing Workshops for Graduate Students in Egypt, Lebanon and Palestine.

April 2012. Atef Idriss, Middle East Food Safety Associates of Beirut visited UC Davis. During his 3-day visit which focussed on food safety and post-harvest issues, he met with: Neal Van Alfen; Harris Lewin; Fadi Fathallah; Jim Hill; Marita Cantwell; Matthew Agastein; Carl Keen; Carl Winter; and Bart Wiener. He visited the [Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Sciences](#), the [Olive Center](#), the [Child Family Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#), and Synergos. The visit was coordinated by Glen Young and Suad Joseph.

November 2012. Faris Saeed (Diamond Developers, Tadweer, Dubai) visited UC Davis. He met with the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Research, and faculty from the Colleges of Engineering, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, and Letters and Sciences. He and Chancellor Katehi signed an agreement to develop a UC Davis Sustainable Engineering Research Center and a Social Research Center in Dubai. This meeting was followed with conference calls and Provost Committee meetings.

December 2012. The Arab Families Working Group provided Proposal Writing Workshops in Cairo for Graduate Students in Egypt, Lebanon and Palestine.

January-December 2013. Chancellor Katehi appointed committee to plan her visit to Dubai, UAE and Doha, Qatar in November of 2013 and to develop the Master Agreement with Diamond Sustainable City in Dubai and Exhibits for the UC Davis Sustainable Engineering Research and Training Center and the Social Research and Training Center in Diamond Sustainable City. Suad Joseph facilitated committee. Meeting of the presidents of the BCBCB Consortium planned for Dubai in November as well. AUB, AUC, LAU, Birzeit presidents all accepted Chancellor Katehi's invitation to Dubai. Diamond Developers committed to funding local costs in Dubai. Chancellor's committee planned trips. Core committee of Suad Joseph, Bryan Jenkins, Cindy Kiel, Ahmad Hakim-Elahi developed Master Agreement and Exhibits. November trip postponed to March 2014.

March 2013. The Arab Families Working Group provided Proposal Writing Workshops in Cairo for Graduate Students and Junior Scholars in Egypt, Lebanon and Palestine.

September 2013. The Arab Families Working Group provided Proposal Writing Workshops in Cairo for Junior Faculty at Egyptian Public Universities.

December 2013. Suad Joseph hosted discussions with Malak Zaalouk, AUC, School of Education, about possible collaborations with UC Davis School of Education.

February 2014. An agreement was signed between Diamond Developers (Dubai) and UC Davis for the Sustainability Research and Training Program (SRTP), which focused on engineering, social research and training for sustainable living in Dubai, as a template for other countries in the Middle East and North African region.

March 2014. Meeting of BCBCB Consortium Presidents, Provosts, and Deans in Dubai to explore collaborative opportunities generated by the Sustainability Research and Training Program, and other programs. UC Davis delegation included Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi, Vice Chancellor for Research Harris Lewin, Vice Provost for International Programs William Lacy, and Drs. Bryan Jenkins and Suad Joseph.

March 2014. Representatives from UC Davis and American University of Beirut met to explore collaborative opportunities. The UC Davis delegation included Chancellor Linda Katehi and Dr. Suad Joseph. They met with President Peter Dorman, Provost Ahmad Dallal, and AUB engineering, medical, and social science deans and faculty.

October 2014. Lisa Anderson, President of the American University in Cairo welcomed the BCBCB Steering Committee Members. The Steering Committee heard reports on the Sustainability Research and Training Program areas: research grants; indices of sustainability; and online curriculum. AUB/AUC/LAU announced a joint diploma on Green Technology.

January 2015. LAU School of Medicine Dean Youssef Comair and Associate Dean Elias Aboujoudi, as well as LAU Dean of Graduate Studies, Pierre Zalloua, visited UC Davis. Their meetings included conversations with representatives from the UC Davis School of Medicine to explore opportunities for student exchanges and partnerships to address global health issues. They also discussed the possibilities of dual graduate degree programs.

February 2015. Suad Joseph traveled to the United Arab Emirates. She met with Faris Saeed and Wassim Adlouni in Dubai to discuss developments in the Sustainability Research and Training Program. She met with President Björn Kjerfve of the American University of Sharjah (AUS). Chancellor Katehi (UCD), and Presidents Dorman (AUB), Hindi (Birzeit), Jabbra (LAU), and Anderson (AUC) all agreed and invited AUS to join the Consortium.

March 2015. BCBCB Consortium Steering Committee met via teleconference to discuss progress in the Sustainability Research and Training Program and to continue to explore collaborative research opportunities.

June 2015. BCBCB Consortium Steering Committee met via teleconference to explore potential collaborative initiatives.

July 2015. Chancellor Björn Kjerfve from the American University of Sharjah visited UC Davis. He met with administrators and faculty including: Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi; Vice Chancellor of Research Harris Lewin; Provost Ralph Hexter; Dean Paul M. McNeil; Associate Dean Shyhtsun Felix Wu; Shauna Oh, Executive Director of the Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute; and Bryan Jenkins, Co-Director of the Sustainability Research and Training Program. He was hosted by Suad Joseph.

July 2015. BCBCB Consortium met via teleconference. Nesreen Ghaddar (AUB) and Ted Purinton (AUC) were thanked for their years of service to the Consortium and the roles they had played on the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Sustainability Research and Training Program. New members: Hala Muhtasib, Interim Associate Provost and Professor of Cell Biology at the American University of Beirut; Ehab Abdel Rahman, Vice Provost for Research and Acting Director of Yousef Jameel Science and Technology Research Center, American University in Cairo; and Khaled Assaleh, Interim Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies, American University of Sharjah, were introduced and welcomed.

September 2015. BCBCB Consortium met via teleconference to prepare for the October 14-15 meetings in Dubai.

October 2015. Chancellor Linda P. B. Katehi presented at the Eco-Cities World Summit in Abu Dhabi on topics of “Leadership and Education” and “Education for Tomorrow’s Ecocitizens.” Suad Joseph and Tim Rogmans (Diamond Developers) presented an academic session on the Sustainability Research and Training Program.

October 2015. Diamond Developers hosted the BCBCB Consortium Chancellors, Presidents, and Steering Committee in Dubai. Those present participated in the soft launch of The Sustainable City, shared information regarding sustainability research and training activities, and discussed collaborative initiatives. Participants included delegations from all Consortium member institutions:

- UC Davis delegation included: Chancellor Linda P. B. Katehi; Vice Chancellor and CFO David Lawlor; Vice Provost of Global Affairs Joanna Regulska; Distinguished Professor Suad Joseph; and Professor Bryan Jenkins.
- American University of Beirut delegation included President Fadlo Khuri and Interim Associate Provost Hala Muhtasib.
- American University in Cairo delegation included Provost Sherif Sedky and Vice Provost for Research Ehab Abdel-Rahman.

- American University of Sharjah included Chancellor Björn Kjerfve, Interim Vice Provost Khaled Assaleh, and Professor Nawar Al-Hassan Golley.
- Birzeit University delegation included President Abdul Latif Abu Hijleh and Vice President Henry R. Jaqaman.
- Lebanese American University delegation included President Joseph G. Jabbra and Professor Fuad A. Hashwa.
- Diamond Developers participants included: Mr. Faris Saeed, CEO; Mr. Wassim Adlouni, Executive Director; and Dr. Tim Rogmans, consultant.