

# MEPI Alumni Connection

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2019 Alumni Regional Summit  
Last week of September 30<sup>th</sup>  
Application Instructions  
Application Deadline: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Alumni Regional Summit is an annual event of the MEPI Alumni Connection. The summit provides alumni with an opportunity to lead sessions, network with each other and external stakeholders, share their work and devise areas of collaboration, and reflect upon their MEPI experiences, establishing a strong foundation for networking beyond the Summit and MEPI program activities. The MEPI Alumni Connection is a program of the U.S.-Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) and implemented by IREX.

Alumni citizens and residents of Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen can apply to attend the summit. The selection of participants will be competitive, and an evaluation committee will select 150 participants.

Your responses in the summit application will help shape the themes of the summit and types of sessions in which alumni applicants express the most interested. Selected attendees will be expected to continue to contribute their ideas before, during, and after the summit to ensure its relevance to Alumni interests and sustainable impact.

## FINANCIAL PROVISIONS OF THE Summit

There is no fee to apply to the Alumni Regional Summit. If you are selected to attend the summit, the MEPI Alumni Connection will cover participation costs. Financial provisions provided by the MEPI Alumni Connection will include:

- Round-trip travel from Alumnus/Alumna's home city to the summit host country;
- Housing and meals during the summit;
- Summit materials

*Please note: the summit will not cover salary while alumni are away from work or funds for personal purchases such as gifts.*

## **TECHNICAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Completed a MEPI program before 2019 and completed the 2018 Needs Assessment and
- Are from one of the eligible countries: Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Israel, and Syria
- All Tomorrow's Leaders Alumni are eligible to apply without having completed the 2018 Needs Assessment
- All other 2018 MEPI Leadership Exchange Program graduates (Student Leaders and Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Alumni) are also eligible to apply without having completed the 2018 Needs Assessment
- Alumni must be considered a MEPI Alumni in good standing. This means that they have successfully completed a MEPI Program and, if applicable, have not been delinquent in their responsibilities towards that or any subsequent MEPI Program or Grant Competitions.

## **SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

Alumni must effectively articulate in the application:

- how their participation will add value to the summit.
- how they hope the summit will benefit them as a leader.

## **APPLICATION EVALUATION**

All completed applications received by the deadline will be evaluated competitively against the technical eligibility and selection criteria by a selection committee. Applications will be evaluated with an eye towards inclusivity to ensure a broadly representative cohort of MEPI alumni attendees, including addressing balance across countries, genders, and MEPI programs.

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

**The deadline for applications for the MEPI Alumni Regional Summit is June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Applications must be completed online at <https://www.irex.org/program/opportunity-mepi-alumni-mepi-alumni-regional-summit> .

IREX and the US Department of State reserve the right to verify all of the information included in the application. If there is a discrepancy, or information is found to be false, the application will immediately be declared invalid and the applicant ineligible.

Applications not meeting the above technical eligibility requirements will not be forwarded to the selection committee.

## **IF SELECTED:**

Selected participants will be required to complete a travel information form. If the travel information form is not submitted online by the deadline, the participant will lose his/her spot in the summit.

## **ABOUT THE U.S.-MIDDLE EAST PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE**

Aiming to advance stability and prosperity in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) program supports governments and their citizens to achieve shared political, economic and stability objectives. For further information, go to: <https://mepi.state.gov>.

## **ABOUT IREX**

IREX is a global development and education organization striving for a more just, prosperous, and inclusive world where individuals reach their full potential, governments serve their people, and communities thrive. For further information, go to: <https://www.irex.org>.