

8TH EDITION 2026

REEF Encounters

SCHEDULE



25-27

SEP

The Land and its Keepers

Al-Carmelia School

Kobayat, Akkar



DAY 1 – FRIDAY 25 SEP



All activities take place at Al-Carmelia School in Kobayat and are free of charge.
Please be advised that food and beverages are at the attendees own expense.

8:00 AM	Becoming an Environmental Activist with Antoine Daher & Screening of Short films produced by REEF Youth Ambassadors	Youth Program
9:45 AM	Animation as a Tool for Environmental Advocacy, with Fadi Syriani & screening of Animated films	Youth Program
11:30 AM	Zero Waste is Not Science Fiction, with Ziad Abi Chaker	Youth Program
4:00 PM	Seeds of Dignity a documentary by Ali El Sheikh , followed by a discussion on seeds and food sovereignty	Screening
5:00 PM	Local Market – Opening Food, crafts, and mouneh from surrounding villages	
7:00 PM	Welcome and official launch	
7:30 PM	Biodiversity & Cinema II – Between Serenity and Disappearance Our Sky is Cursed (Kay Ayach) And the Whale Floated Leaving the Sea (Robert Minassian) Mono No Aware (Charbel Chouchany) The Donkeymentary (Joe El Hajj) Silent Spring (Hasan Haidar) Black Gold (Ghina Daou & Gabrielle Nour Kacha) Screening of 6 films in competition, followed by Q&A	Screening competition

Environmental Activists Forum (Sept 24–26)

This forum runs in parallel with REEF Encounters.
It is a closed side event by invitation only,
with the schedule and venue details shared directly with participants.

DAY 2 – SATURDAY 26 SEP



All activities will take place at Al-Carmelia School in Kobayat, except for the **hike, farm visit, and lunch**, which will take place at Al-Shambouk
Requirement: prior registration on the following number 81 073 756.
All activities are free of charge and a small contribution will be requested for bus trips.
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8:30 AM 12:30 PM	Hike to Haykal Al-Shambouk Registration required	HIKE
9:00 AM	Farm Visit and Hands-on workshop at Al-Shambouk farm Registration required	Youth Program
11:00 AM	Artistic Workshop: Natural Pigments & Eco-Printing with Takla Khoueiry Registration required	Youth Program
1:00 PM	Lunch at Haykal Al-Shambouk – Farm Products Registration required	
3:00 PM	Natural Pigments & Eco-Printing, with Takla Khoueiry (Adults session) Registration required	Workshop
3:00 PM	Upcycling Vintage Fabrics, with Rytta Couture (Adults session) Registration required	Workshop
5:00 PM	“Akkar’s Rivers: Lifelines or an Open Stage for an Ongoing Crime?” with Legal Agenda – speaker Saada Allaw	Panel
7:00 PM	Tribute to Mona Khalil – Testimonies and screening of Nafas by Sabine El Chamaa	
7:30 PM	Biodiversity & Cinema II – Rooted in the Land Soumoud Organic (Hussein Bassal) Hidden Havens (Ghinwa Daher) Qasf al-Omr (Ali J. Dalloul) And I Saw the Universe as a Tree (Rawane Nassif) Screening of 3 films in competition, followed by Q&A	Screening competition
9:30 PM	Ziyad Sahhab – An Evening of Classical Arabic Music	Concert

DAY 3 – SUNDAY 27 SEP



All activities will take place at Al-Carmelia School in Kobayat.
To join the Akroum hike, registration is required on the following number 81 073 756.
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Land is Woman activities

8:30 AM 1:30 PM	Hike: Akroum – From Rome to Babylon Registration required	Hike
10:00 AM	"Make it Fit" Sewing Workshop facilitated by Rytta Couture Open Call for Women from Akkar	Workshop
11:00 AM	"From Our Hands" Market Opening of a crafts and mouneh market by the women of Akkar	
1:00 PM	Traditional Akkari Lunch at the Market	
4:00 PM	Land is Woman – Films Premiere Six short films by women from Akkar, Tripoli and Hermel Not Just a Tree Raghdaa Zaher El Rumman Fadwa for the Land Your Grandma is Calling Against the Tide Co-creators: Alaa Shkhaidem, Batoul Dandash, Roukaya Charaf Al-Dein, Randa Matar, Rim Al Amine, Rima Farah, Doha Ali, Fadwa Annous, Marina Awad, Nour Diab, and Helena Makhoul. under the mentorship of filmmaker Joëlle Abou Chabké	Screenings
6:30 PM	Awards Ceremony and Closing	
7:00 PM	screening of Hijra by Shahad Ammen Closing Feature Film - Out of Competition	Screening