

## President's Speech International Women's day March 5, 2025

I would like to welcome each and every one of you, especially Her Excellency Mrs.

Haneen Al Sayyid, thank you for your presence and thank you all for joining us.

Like every year, we are celebrating today the International Women's Day. This is an occasion that is dear to the heart of our community members because everyone at USEK knows that women do have a privileged place on our campus, and everyone knows that USEK has always been a role model when it comes to women empowerment and gender equity.

Today, we are not "aspiring" to empowering women, but we are rather showing how proud we are of what we have.

- We have a leadership team that is composed of more than 50% of women
- We have equal position opportunities available for women and men alike.
- Our Faculty Senate, the representative body of our administrative staff, and the student council, they are all direct reflections of the vital role women has on our campus.



So what we "aspire" for today is to see this model spread all over the country in its different institutions. (And here I have to say that we are already moving in the right direction at the national level).

Let's hope that all institutions in the Lebanese society do the same, as we firmly believe that building a healthier, more equitable, and more efficient society begins with recognizing the role and amplifying the voices of both women and men.