



A journey of discovery connecting cultures across centuries

August 2015

6th Annual ... AEP Forum
September 18-19, 2015 - Elkader, Iowa USA



**WHY EMIR ABDELKADER
MATTERS IN TODAY'S WORLD**

Register Today>>

Friday, September 18

6:00pm Pre-Forum Welcome Dinner

Location: Johnson's Restaurant, Elkader (public event)

"Meet & Greet" with brief program – RSVP 563.245.2770 by 09.15.15 – buffet at own cost

Co-hosted by non-profit AEP, Elkader Development Corporation, and Elkader Int'l Connections

Saturday, September 19

MORNING SESSION – 9:30-1:15pm – Seminar and Network Luncheon

Pre-Registration Required - Click [HERE](#) to register

Location: Keystone Area Education Agency, Elkader

Welcome: Kathy Garms, AEP co-founder & Executive Director, Elkader, IA

Opening Remarks: David Hamod, CEO/President, National US-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Washington, DC

Educational Programs and Outreach

Facilitator: Ann Schodde, AEP Board & President Emeritus, Center for Citizen Diplomacy, Des Moines, IA

- John Kiser, AEP co-founder & Advisory Board, Sperryville, VA
- Tamar Miller represents Harvard Pluralism Project's 'Ethical Leadership' case-study, MA
- Aameena Jandali, Content Director, Islamic Networks Group, CA
- Marcia Powell/Karla Duff, Consultants, Professional Development Training - Educators, IA

Business Opportunities with Algeria

Facilitator: Chuck Montgomery, AEP Board & Senior Managing Attorney for MidAmerican Energy Company, Des Moines, IA

- H.E. Ambassador Madjid Bouguerra, Embassy of Algeria, DC
- Dr. Ismael Chikhoun, CEO/President, US Algeria Business Council, DC
- Mr. Abdelmalek Sahraoui, CEO Promo-invest, Algeria
- Dr. Belgacem Haba, AEP Board, co-founder of Silicon Pipe, Inc., CA
- Dr. Chiang Lee Wee, President, Northeast Iowa Community College, IA (TBC)

AFTERNOON SESSION – 1:30-4:00pm – Free Public Event

AEP Forum Program

Location: Historic Opera House, Elkader

1:30pm – “Meet & Greet” – River Connection Jazz Band

2:00pm – AEP Forum Program

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **State of the AEP with Visions for the Future**
 - Kathy Garms, AEP co-founder & Executive Director, Elkader, IA
 - John Kiser, AEP co-founder & Advisory Board, Sperryville, VA
- **In the Footsteps of the Emir**
 - Abdelmalek Sahraoui, CEO Promo Invest; President, Abdelkader Assn, Algeria
 - Dr. Ismael Chikhoun, CEO/President, US Algeria Business Council, DC
- **Keynote Address**
 - H.E. Ambassador Madjid Bouguerra, Embassy of Algeria, Washington, DC
- **Abdelkader Global Leadership Prize Awards**
 - Students, Educators, and Special Guests
- **Closing Remarks**

EVENING SESSION – 7:00pm – Free Public Event

Musical Entertainment Across Centuries, Continents, and Cultures

Location: Historic Opera House, Elkader

Algerian Andalusian Band – Algerian Arab Rock Band – Local Area Musicians

ABOUT

Abdelkader Education Project - AEP



ABDELKADER EDUCATION PROJECT (AEP) is a 501c3 NPO that promotes cultural literacy, civility and respectful engagement between all people through education and outreach drawing on the life story of Emir Abdelkader (1808-1883). His legacy as a unifier is a powerful and accessible example of moral leadership exhibiting universal values – courage, integrity, intellect, humility and compassion – that transcend culture and faith traditions.

AEP DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAM FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES are available.

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