



## International Forum Program December 2-3, 2025

### "Developing University Education Programs in Arab Countries in Light of Future Skills and Professions"

#### Day One - Tuesday

Time	Activity
8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:15	Opening of the Accompanying Exhibition
9:15-9:45	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Royal Anthem</li> <li>- Recitation from the Holy Qur'an</li> <li>- Speech by H.E. Minister of Education and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dr. Mohammed Bin Mubarak Juma</li> <li>- Welcome Address by H.E. President of Arabian Gulf University, Dr. Saad Bin Saud Al Fahaid</li> <li>- Address by the Director General of the UNESCO Regional Centre of Quality and Excellence in Education (UNESCO RCQE), Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Mudaires</li> <li>- Video Presentation of the Forum</li> </ul>
9:45-10:15	<b>Presentation of the Reference Framework for Developing University Programs in Light of Future Skills and Professions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Fatimah Roaiss - Deputy Director General of UNESCO RCQE</li> <li>- Dr. Chokri Barhoumi - Knowledge Management Specialist, UNESCO RCQE</li> </ul>



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<p>10:15–11:00</p> <p><b>Session Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Mudaires</b> Director General of the UNESCO Regional Center for Quality and Excellence in Education</p>	<p><b>Ministerial Session “The Future of University Education in Arab Countries”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma - Minister of Education and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council, Kingdom of Bahrain</li> <li>- His Excellency Prof. Marwan Jamil Al-Halabi - Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Syrian Arab Republic</li> <li>- His Excellency Dr. Yacoub Ould Amin - Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Islamic Republic of Mauritania</li> <li>- His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Maalainine Ould Eyih- Minister of Vocational Training, Handicrafts and Crafts, Islamic Republic of Mauritania</li> <li>- Honorable Prof. Mohammed Al-Zahrani- President of the Saudi Electronic University and Representative of Minister of Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</li> <li>- Honorable Dr. Jassim Al-Ali- Secretary-General of Council of Private Universities and Representative of Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, State of Kuwait</li> <li>- Honorable Dr. Hareb Mohammed Al Jabri- Assistant Undersecretary for Higher Education Affairs and Representative of the Minister of Education and Higher Education, State of Qatar</li> </ul>
11:00–11:15	Announcement of the joint Chair between the Arabian Gulf University and the UNESCO Regional Center for Quality and Excellence in Education
11:00 – 11:30	Forum Official Group Photo and Honoring
11:30–11:45	Coffee Break

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<p>11:45–12:30</p> <p><b>Session Moderator</b></p> <p>Prof. Waleed Zubari</p> <p>Dean of College of Education, Administrative and Technical Sciences - Arabian Gulf University</p>	<p><b>Organization Directors' Session "The Role of Regional Organizations in Developing University Education"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- His Excellency Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama - Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities</li> <li>- His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Al-Moqbel - Director General of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States</li> <li>- Prof. Anasse Bouhilal - Regional Program Specialist for Higher Education and TVET, UNESCO</li> <li>- Honorable Mrs. Shirley Choppy - CEO of Institute of Early Childhood Development, UNESCO Category 2 Institute, Republic of Seychelles</li> </ul>
<p>12:30–13:45</p> <p><b>Session Moderator</b></p> <p>Dr. Fatima Al-Ruwais</p> <p>Deputy Director General of the UNESCO Regional Center for Quality and Excellence in Education</p>	<p><b>First Session</b></p> <p><b>"Global Trends in University Education Development"</b></p> <p><b>Main Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Her Excellency Sheikha Dr. Hessa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Wellbeing Center, Qatar</li> <li>- Dr. Mahmoud Abdo Ali Elsayed, Senior Education Economist specializing in global education practices at the World Bank</li> </ul> <p>Presentation duration (30 minutes per speaker)</p> <p>Discussion (15 minutes)</p>



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13:45-14:45	Prayer and Lunch	
14:45-16:00	<p><b>Second Session</b></p> <p>"International Models in University Program Development"</p> <p><b>Session Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Rima Abdul Razzaq Dean of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, Arabian Gulf University</li> </ul> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Sharifa Alghowinem Research Scientist in the Personal Robotics Group, Media Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology</li> </ul> <p>Presentation duration (60 minutes per speaker) Discussion (15 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Third Session</b></p> <p>"Arab Experiences in Modernizing University Education"</p> <p><b>Session Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Khaldoon Al-Roomi Associate Professor in Family and Community Medicine, Arabian Gulf University</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Mohammed bin Yahya Alzahrani President of the Saudi Electronic University</li> <li>Prof. Adel bin Mohammed Abu Zenadah President of King Faisal University</li> </ul> <p>Presentation duration (30 minutes per speaker) Discussion (15 minutes)</p>
16:00-16:30	Prayer, Break and Coffee	

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16:30–18:30	<b>Workshop 1</b> <b>“Integrating Sustainability and Future Skills into Curricula”</b>  <b>Workshop Coordinator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Ibrahim Alhussein Director of Educational Excellence Department (UNESCO RCQE)</li> </ul> <b>Workshop presenter:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Anies Al-Hroub President of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children (WCGTC), American University of Beirut, Cambridge University</li> <li>Prof. Anasse Bouhilal, Regional Program Specialist for Higher Education and TVET, UNESCO</li> </ul>	<b>Workshop 2</b> <b>“Models of international Academic and Research Collaboration and Student Exchange”</b>  <b>Workshop Coordinator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Amani Owaidah Director of Princess Aljawhara Al-Ibrahim Center of Molecular Medicine, Genetics and Genetic Disorders, AGU</li> </ul> <b>Workshop Presenter:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Nahla Mahmoud Gahwaji Dean of the College of Human Sciences and Design, King Abdulaziz University</li> <li>Prof. Shadia Salah Hassan Salem, Head of the Development and Quality Unit at the Faculty of Human Sciences and Design, King Abdulaziz University</li> </ul>	<b>Workshop 3</b> <b>“Youth and Future Skills”</b>  <b>Workshop Coordinator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Haifa Bin Khamis Capacity Building and Consulting Specialist (UNESCO RCQE)</li> </ul> <b>Workshop leadership:</b> A group of students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maryam Al-Saqoufi - PhD student in Gifted Education at AGU</li> <li>Abdul Rahman Hadid - Postgraduate student at CEATS, AGU.</li> <li>Al-Zein Al-Arki- Fifth year medical student at CMHS, AGU.</li> <li>Mohammed Buhaza - Fifth year medical student at CMHS, AGU.</li> </ul>



## Day 2 - Wednesday

Time	Activity	
9:00–10:15	<p><b>Fourth Session</b></p> <p><b>"Transforming Higher Education: "The Future of Sustainable Development"</b></p> <p><b>Session Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Odeh Al-Jayyousi Head of Innovation and Technology Management, Arabian Gulf University</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Amr Khairy Abdalla Expert at the University for Peace in America, United Nations</li> <li>Dr. Sabah Al-Jenaid Associate Professor of GIS and Environment, Arabian Gulf University</li> </ul> <p>Presentation duration (30 minutes per speaker) Discussion (15 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Fifth Session</b></p> <p><b>"Partnerships between Universities and the Labor Market"</b></p> <p><b>Session Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Abdelhalim Deifalla Dean of the College of Medicine and Health Sciences, Arabian Gulf University</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Ziad Omar Al Shaltouni School Principal of Al Ahliya private school in the UAE</li> <li>Mr. Amer Marhoon Director General of Bahrain Skills (Tamkeen)</li> <li>Ms. Ahlam Oun Director of General Assembly Bahrain</li> </ul> <p>Presentation duration (20 minutes per speaker) Discussion (15 minutes)</p>
10:15–10:45	Coffee Break	



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10:45–12:00	<p><b>Sixth Session</b></p> <p><b>"Towards Activating the Arab Reference Framework for the Development of University Education"</b></p> <p><b>Session Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Chokri Barhoumi Knowledge Management Specialist (UNESCO RCQE), Saudi Arabia</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Ghazi Al-Otaibi Vice President of Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, Arabian Gulf University</li> <li>Prof. Salwa Al-Jassar Professor at the College of Education at Kuwait University</li> <li>Prof. Abdulsalam Al-Joufi Advisor to the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States</li> <li>Dr. Omar Halli Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)</li> <li>Dr. Mahfoudh Mohamed Abderrahmane Hbib Director General of Technical and Vocational Training, Islamic Republic of Mauritania</li> </ul>
12:00–12:30	Forum Final Communiqué
12:30–13:00	Closing Remarks
13:00–14:00	Prayer and Lunch





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14:00–16:00	<b>Workshop 4</b> <b>" Professions of the Future and Emerging Skills: Integrating AI into University Programs"</b>  <b>Workshop Coordinator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Najwa Fezzaa Programs and Projects Department Director, (UNESCO RCQE)</li> </ul> <b>Workshop Presenters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Enas Abulibdeh Professor of Educational Technology and E-Learning Al Ain University- UAE</li> <li>Ms. Tracey Jones CEO at Chrysalis Training and Mindset Development Center, United Kingdom</li> </ul>	<b>Workshop 5</b> <b>" Envisioning Emerging Professions: Strengthening Digital and AI Competencies in Higher Education"</b>  <b>Workshop Coordinator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Nouredine Ben Khalaf Associate Professor in Molecular Medicine, Arabian Gulf University</li> </ul> <b>Workshop Presenter:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Yuan Xin Program Officer at the Office of Global Partnerships and Programs, UNESCO Center for Innovation in Higher Education, China</li> </ul>	<b>Workshop 6</b> <b>" The Teaching - Research Nexus for Environmental Sustainability"</b>  <b>Workshop Coordinator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Sumaya Yusuf Assistant Professor in Environmental Engineering, Arabian Gulf University</li> </ul> <b>Workshop Presenters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Hussein Kazem Professor at Sohar University, UNESCO RCQE Chair in Emerging Renewable &amp; Sustainable Energy Technologies</li> <li>Prof. Waheeb Alnaser Professor of Applied Sciences at AGU – Representative of Sheikh Zayed Al Nahyan's Chair for Environmental Sciences at Centre of Environmental and Biological Studies</li> </ul>