

HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE GCC STATES: APPROACHES TO BUILDING ECONOMIES, SOCIETIES AND NATIONS

Draft Programme

- 9:00-9.30** **Registration**
- 9.30-9.40** **Welcoming remarks: Professor Robert Springborg, Director, LMEI**
- 9.45 – 11.15** **Session 1: The Objectives of Higher Education**
Moderator: Dr Ben Fortna
- Speaker 1* **Dr Abdullah Al Karam**, CEO, Dubai Knowledge & Human Development Authority, (UAE)
To speak about higher education: public & private, domestic & foreign
- Speaker 2* **Dr André Elias Mazawi**, Associate Professor of the Sociology of Education, University of British Columbia
The Policy Politics of University Education in the Gulf Arab States: Between Globality, Geopolitics and Locality
- Speaker 3* **Dr Khalil al-Khalili**, Dean of the Education College, University of Bahrain
- Speaker 4* **Dr Warren Fox**, Office of Higher Education, the Academic Agency, Knowledge and Human Development Authority, Government of Dubai, UAE
Policy Priorities for Higher Education for the United Arab Emirates
- Speaker 5* **Dr Gregory Starrett**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of North Carolina
Institutionalizing Charisma: Comparative Perspectives on the Promise of Higher Education
- 11.15-11.45** **Coffee**
- 11.45- 1.00** **Session 2: Implementing Higher Education**
Moderator: Dr Christopher Davidson
- Speaker 1* **Dr Sheikha Jabor Al Thani (Qatar)**, Vice President & Chief Academic Officer, Qatar University
Student Recruitment, Institutional Cooperation, and Labour Nationalisation Strategies
- Speaker 2* **Dr Moudi Al Humoud (Kuwait)**, Rector of the Arab Open University
The relationship between university and further education
- Speaker 3* **Dr Mohammed Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Aouhaly (Saudi Arabia)** Under Secretary, Ministry for Higher Education
Accreditation and educational standards, teaching and research
- Speaker 4* **Dr Mohammed Alkhozai (Bahrain)**, Head, Academic & Executive Learning Centre, BIBF
The Challenges of Vocational Training
- Speaker 5* **Dr Digby Swift**, Senior Education Adviser for the Middle East and North Africa, DfID

The Potential Contribution of GCC Universities to International Development

1.15-2.15 **Lunch**

2.15-2.30 **Address**

H.E. the GCC Secretary General, M. Abdulrahman Al-Attiyah

2.30- 4.15 **Session 3: National policy responses to higher education challenges**
Moderator: Peter Mackenzie-Smith

Speaker 1 **Dr Alanoud Alsharekh (Kuwait)**, LMEI and Head of the English Department, Arab Open University, Kuwait.

Speaker 2 **Dr Abdullah Al-Hawaj (Bahrain)**, President of Ahlia University, Bahrain

Speaker 3 **Dr Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Sarmi (Oman)**, Under Secretary for Higher Education

Speaker 4 **David Lock**, Director, International and UK Projects at the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education and formerly Registrar and Acting Chief Executive of the British University in Dubai

Speaker 5 ***From Saudi Arabia tbc***

4.15 **Concluding remarks:**