



Scientific Days “Harnessing Excellence and Innovation in Learning and Teaching for the 21st Century”

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16 & 17 October 2018

Coral Beach Hôtel Beirut

Tuesday October 16	
8:30-9:00	Reception and Registration
9:00- 9:10	Opening Session
9:15-10:00	Keynote Address: <i>Achieving Excellence in Teaching and Learning: A strategic Imperative</i> Ms. Narimane Hadj-Hamou, Founder and CEO of CLICKS, UAE
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-12:30	<p><i>Panel Discussion: New Challenges facing Higher Education in the 21st Century</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Miss Rima Malek, Lebanese University</p> <p>The panel involving four different panelists aims to looking at how new teaching and learning methods can help address several challenges the higher education sector faces today including areas related to widening access, improving student engagement, attaining better learning outcomes and addressing critical skills gaps. It will discuss number of existing models for integrating technologies which have proven to be efficient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Diane Nauffal – Lebanese American University (Lebanon) ○ Ms. Faten El Hage – Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (Lebanon) <i>“Innovate to enhance the learning process”</i> ○ Mr. Jacques Lanares – University of Lausanne (Switzerland) <i>“Innovate, what is the real challenge?”</i> ○ Ms. Ghada Khayat – University of Alexandria (Egypt) <i>Innovate or burst: Some tracks for a new university pedagogy.</i> <p>Discussions</p>
12:30- 14:00	Lunch

14:00-16:30	Parallel Focus Groups	
	<p><i>Excellence in the 21st Century Learning Teaching: What does it mean and what does it take to make it happen?</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Ms. Narimane Hadj-Hamou Founder and CEO of CLICKS, UAE</p> <p>During the focus group discussion, participants will be engaged in collectively addressing the meaning of excellence T&L within the context of higher education, discussing the key pillars for excellence and will explore what different support infrastructure and strategies should be put in place at an institutional level to support quality learning and teaching</p>	<p><i>Addressing the Skill Gap through Exploring the Potential of Technology</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Mr. Ali Hamie and Mr. Bilal Said - Arts, Sciences and Technology University in Lebanon (AUL)</p> <p>Building on the morning panel discussion, this focus group discussion will engage participants in discussing the skills required for the 21st century and the current skills gap; it will then engage participants in exploring how technology may help close the skills gap and develop roadmaps and action plan that could be developed by HEIs.</p>
Wednesday October 17		
9:00-9:40	<p>Keynote Address: National reforms to support learning and teaching</p> <p>Mr. Ahmad Jammal, Director General of Lebanese Higher Education</p>	
9:45-11:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Integrating Innovative Pedagogies in your Classroom</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Shereen Kakish, University of Jordan (Jordan)</p> <p>Best Practices Presentations on success stories for implementing new pedagogical approaches in Universities which are members of CONFREMO</p> <p>(4 presentations from different universities each of 15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Wadad Wazen – Saint-Joseph University (Lebanon) <i>“Designing an online course according to the competency-based approach”</i> ○ Mr. Antoine Melki – University of Balamand (Lebanon) <i>“The Role of Instructional technology Units in Incubation Global Learning in Higher Education”</i> ○ Mr. Soheil Salha– An-Najah National University (Palestine) <i>“Creativity of Education: the model of Palestine”</i> ○ Mr. Gilbert Sawma – Lebanese University (Lebanon) <i>“Interactive simulation in a techno-pedagogical environment”</i> 	
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	

Teaching and Learning Frameworks and Strategies	
11:30- 12:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Behrooz Gatmiri, University of Teheran (Iran)</p> <p>Best Practices Presentations on success stories for the development and implementation of Teaching and Learning Strategies in universities which are members of CONFREMO</p> <p>(4 presentations from different universities each of 15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Georges Nahas, University of Balamand (Lebanon) <i>The concept of Ecosystem in Higher Education, Strategic Approach to Innovation and Excellence</i> ○ Ms. Nehale Mostafa, Beirut Arab University (Lebanon) <i>"The concept of the Entrepreneurial University"</i> ○ Mr. Ahmad Heggj, University of Helwan (Egypt) <i>"Higher Education and the 4th Industrial Revolution - Towards a Global Strategy"</i> ○ Mr. Ali Hamie, Arts, Sciences and Technology University in Lebanon (AUL) <i>"Designing a Responsive Curriculum that Adapts to the Changing Needs of the Labor Market and the Student's Potential"</i>
12:30-12:45	Future Recommendations and closing session



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