ICEF Middle East Scholarship and Partnership Summit

Sultanate of Oman

SUNDAY FEB 16

Time	Event
08:00 - 09:25	**Registration**
09:25 - 09:40	**Opening and welcom** **HE Dr Rahma bint Ibrahim Al Mahrooqi** Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (Sultanate of Oman)
09:40 - 10:05	**Global challenges and opportunities for human capital development** **Dr Fanta Aw** Executive Director & CEO, NAFSA
10:05 - 11:00	**Outlines of national and regional trends, responses, innovations and next steps** **David Lock - moderator** Education Director, Gulf Conferences **Dr Hareb Aljabri** Qatar, Director of Scholarships Department, Ministry of Education and Higher Education **Dr Raed Mohammed BenShams** Advisor, Minister of Cabinet Affairs for Public Services Development **Dr Naji Al Mahdi** Chief of Qualifications and Awards in Dubai (QAD), KHDA - Knowledge & Human Development Authority National Work Force Development **HE Prof Dr Amr Ezzat Salama** Secretary-General, Association of Arab Universities **Yahya Al-Mandhari** Director General of Scholarships, Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation
11:00 - 11:40	**International and regional perspectives on trends, responses, innovations and next steps** **David Lock - moderator** Education Director, Gulf Conferences **Melissa Deschamps** Regional Manager (REAC), US Department of State (EducationUSA) **Muhammad Khaskeia** Head of Department Middle East, North Africa, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) **Thomas Lloyd** Director Oman, Education Lead GCC, British Council

11:40 - 12:10	**Refreshment break**
12:10 - 13:00	**Bridging academia and industry as a catalyst for employability, with a focus on the international student sector** **Dr Salah Al-Zadjali - moderator** Director General of Research Programs and Capacity Building, Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation **Basil Hanna** Regional Director MEA UK IRL, Kaplan **Dr Naema Al-Bimani** Assistant Professor Department of Management, Nizwa University **HE Mahmoud Saleh Fahad Al-Theeb** CEO, Royal Commission in Jubail **Dr Amor Almataani** CEO, Oman LNG Development Foundation
13:05 - 13:55	**Enhancing the cultural impact for international students to create global citizens** **Dr Ammar Al Balushi - moderator** Head of Faculty of Business Management, Majan University College **Dr Maryam Al Nabhani** Director General of Private Universities & Colleges, Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation **Sabriya Al Naamani** Head of International Office Department, German University of Technology in Oman **Dr Mohammad Alyamani** Director General for International Cooperation and Communication, Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University **Michael Armour** Program Advisor, Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK)
13:55 - 14:00	**Introduction to Roundtable discussions** **David Lock** Education Director, Gulf Conferences
14:00 - 15:00	**Networking lunch**
15:00 - 16:40	**Roundtable sessions**
16:40 - 17:05	**Refreshment break**
17:05 - 18:00	**Plenary feedback & Closing session** **David Lock** Education Director, Gulf Conferences

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