

Syrian Arab Republic
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Conference Co-Chairs



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Introduction:

In light of the digital transformations reshaping higher education globally, the conference aims to establish a strategic vision for transitioning Syrian education from a local to a global context while preserving cultural identity through two main pillars:

- The vision for the future of higher education
- Lifelong learning and continuous education centers.

The conference also invites researchers and policymakers to build a roadmap that balances global integration with local identity through a dialogue that enriches knowledge and turns diversity into strength. This conference is not just academic discussions, but a first step towards making education a beacon of progress and hope.





Conference Objectives:

The conference aims to achieve a set of objectives that translate its ambitious vision and turn academic discussions into measurable action plans, providing an advanced educational environment that contributes to building a better future for higher education in Syria. This will be achieved through focusing on quality, innovation, international cooperation, and leveraging global opportunities through the following objectives:

- Establishing a strategic framework for Syrian higher education
- Enhancing digital infrastructure and educational resources
- Linking scientific research to market and societal needs
- Promoting a culture of lifelong learning
- Developing academic and educational competencies
- Building an international cooperation network based on equity for sharing expertise and resources





Conference Focus Areas:

- The future of higher education in Syria
- The launch of continuing education centers





Conference Program:

Syria's Future Higher Education

Sunday 1 June 2025

09:00 AM	Registration
10:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Opening Remarks
11:00 AM	
11:00 AM	Chair of the Plenary Session
01:40 PM	
01:40 PM	Break
02:00 PM	
02:00 PM	First Panel Discussion: The Role of Higher Education in Rebuilding Syria
02:40 PM	
02:40 PM	Second Panel Discussion: Engineering a Sustainable Future for Syria
03:20 PM	
03:20 PM	Third Panel Discussion: Enhancing Basic Education to Support Syria's Future
04:00 PM	

The Launch of the Life-long Learning Centers

Monday 2 June 2025

09:00 AM	Recap of Day 1 & Opening Remarks for Day 2
10:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Main Sessions
01:20 PM	
01:20 AM	Break
01:40 PM	
01:40 PM	Fourth Panel Discussion: Technical and Vocational Education – A Pathway to Recovery
02:20 PM	
02:20 PM	Fifth Panel Discussion: Medical Developments in Syria
03:00 PM	
03:00 PM	Sixth Panel Discussion: Building a Collaborative Future
03:40 PM	





Main Sessions

Day 1

Session 1

Prof. Abdul Rahim Sabouni – Academic Consultant
Internationalization: Embracing Modernization and Global Trends through Accreditation and Ranking.

Session 2

Dr. Nader Ghazal – Chairman of the African-Asian Council of AI and Cyber Security
Artificial Intelligence: AI in Higher Education, the Right Path for the Future

Session 3

Prof. Basem Al Zahabi – Kettering University
Modern Technology: Advancement in Higher Education Co-op programs

Session 4

Rama Chakaki - Impact tech investor, advisor and founder
Modern Learning: Learning in the Age of AI

Day 2

Opening of Day 2

Dr. Yasser Abdul Razzak
Life-long Learning and the Teaching and Learning Centers at Al Wataniya University

Session 5

Dr. Musallam Azzam Abdul Razzak - founder of Concereted Solutions
Smart Cities - Higher Education towards Sustainable Future - Hama the Smart City

Session 6

Dr. Osama Qadi – Economics and Management Expert
Economic Vision: New Vision for Economics Curricula in Syrian Universities

Session 7

Ms. Randa Taftaf - Educational leader and CEO
Ms. Somaya Abdul Razzak - Researcher/ PhD student at Harvard University
Transforming Learning: The Role of AI in Modern Education Teaching and Learning for the 21st Century

Session 8

Dr Mouafak Laham - Researcher / PhD candidate at Northwestern University.
Learning from the World: Shaping Syria's Future in AI Governance

Session 9

Dr. Wael Adi – Computer Science Professor
Vocational Training: Alternative Paths to Excellence through Vocational Training and Certification in Modern Syria.



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