

# Conference Program



The 4<sup>th</sup> International Educational Conference  
**TRANSFORMING EDUCATION**  
Enhance the Future of Education in the Gulf Countries

5 - 6 November 2024  
Kuwait



# Day 1 (Tuesday| November 5, 2024)

## Opening ceremony

08:45 - 09:15

Opening of the conference exhibition

- ◆ National anthem of the State of Kuwait
- ◆ The Holy Quran
- ◆ **His Excellency Eng. Jalal Al-Tabtabaei**, Minister of Education in Kuwait
- ◆ **His Excellency Mr. Jasem Al-Budaiwi**, Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
- ◆ **Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Asimy**, Director General of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS)
- ◆ **Mr. Svein Oesttveit**, UNESCO-IBE Director a.i.
- ◆ **Dr. Salem Al-Malik**, Director General of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO)
- ◆ **Dr. Mohamed Al-Sharija**, Director of the Gulf Arab States Educational Research Center (GASERC)

09:15 - 10:00

## Keynotes

10:00 - 10:20

**Prof. Leonardo Garnier**, Former Minister of Education in Costa Rica, and Special Advisor of UN Secretary General for the 2022 Transforming Education Summit  
**Topic:** Education challenges in a global, unequal and uncertain world

10:20 - 10:35

**Dr. Andreas Schleicher**, Director for Education and Skills at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)  
**Topic:** The future of education: insights from PISA and OECD research evidence (via video)

10:35 - 10:50

Coffee Break

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## Plenary Session (1)

Goals of education: knowledge, skills and values for life,  
work and sustainable development

**Moderator: Prof. Ibrahim Al-Humaidan**, General Supervisor of the Education  
Research Center at Ministry of Education, Saudi Arabia

10:50 - 11:10

**Renato Operti**, Senior Expert at UNESCO's International Bureau of  
Education

**Topic:** Transformative curriculum and pedagogy to support a  
renewed vision of education and society

11:10 - 11:30

**Dr. Hessa Al-Thani**, Assistant Professor at the Department of Educa-  
tional Sciences, and Former Dean of the College of Education, Qatar  
University

**Topic:** Toward a Fulfilling Life for Building Sustainable Educational  
Environments

11:30 - 11:50

**Prof. Fernando Reimers**, Professor of International Education at  
Harvard University

**Topic:** Educating Students for a better future (via video)

11:50 - 12:10

**Prof. Najoua Ghriss**, Professor at Higher Institute of Education and  
Continuous Training, University of Tunis

**Topic:** Goals of education: knowledge, skills and values for life, work  
and sustainable development

12:10 - 12:20

General Discussion

12:20 - 12:50

Coffee Break

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## Plenary Session (2)

Teaching Profession: teacher support policies to lead education transformation

**Moderator: Dr. Subeh Al-Mukhizim**, Faculty Member at the College of Engineering and Petroleum, Kuwait University

12:50 - 13:10	<b>Dr. Lucy Bailey</b> , Dean of Bahrain Teachers College <b>Topic:</b> The Teaching Career: teacher support policies to lead education transformation
13:10 - 13:30	<b>Dr. Ora Kwo</b> , Faculty of Education, University of Hong Kong <b>Topic:</b> Opportunities for teacher development: Bridging the Gap between knowledge and practice
13:30 - 13:50	<b>Carlos Vargas-Tamez</b> , Chief of Section of Teacher Development, UNESCO, and Head of the Secretariat of the International Task Force on Teachers for Education 2030 <b>Topic:</b> UNESCO/TTF Global Report on Teachers: Improving the attractiveness of teaching by reforming teacher career structure
13:50 - 14:10	<b>Prof. Aisha Al-Harhi</b> , Professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Administration at the College of Education, Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman <b>Topic:</b> Teacher Support Policies to Lead Transforming Education in the Arab Gulf States: Reality and Requirements
14:10 - 14:25	General Discussion
14:25 - 16:30	Lunch Break

# Day 1 (Afternoon)

## Two parallel activities

### Roundtable Discussion on:

Challenges of transforming education and enhancing the future of education in the Gulf countries

**Moderator: Prof. Abdul Salam Al-Joufi**, Advisor, the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States

16:30 - 18:30

Participants in the roundtable:

- **Conference speakers**
- **Education Officials from Gulf Countries:**

Members of the Executive Council of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (Deputy Ministers of Education)

Members of the Board of Trustees of the Gulf Arab States Educational Research Center

- **Representatives of International and Regional Educational Organizations**

### Training Workshop on:

Applications of artificial intelligence in education

16:30 - 18:30

**Workshop speaker: Dr. Nadia Al-Riyahi**, Faculty Member, College of Education, Kuwait University

## Day 2 (Wednesday | November 6, 2024)

### Keynotes

09:30 - 09:50

**Dr. Moudhi Al-Humoud**, Chairman of Abdullah Al-Salem University Administrative Board

**Topic:** Fourth Generation Education (EDU 4.0): From Digital Transformation to Artificial Intelligence

09:50 - 10:10

**Prof. Blaženka Divjak**, Professor of Mathematics and Information Science, Faculty of Organization and Informatics, University of Zagreb, and former Minister of Science and Education in Republic of Croatia

**Topic:** Reimagining Education: What is the Role of Humans in the Era of AI?

### Plenary Session (3)

Digital transformation in education: demands, opportunities and challenges

**Moderator: Dr. Mona Al-Janahi**, Deputy Dean of the College of Education, United Arab Emirates University

10:10 - 10:30

**Prof. Fengchun Miao**, Chief of the Unit for Technology and AI in Education, Education Sector, UNESCO

**Topic:** Human-centred AI in education: policies and competencies

10:30 - 10:50

**Dr. Joseph South**, Chief Innovation Officer at ISTE and ASCD

**Topic:** Transformational Learning Principles: Bridging Technology and Pedagogy in Modern Classrooms

10:50 - 11:10

**Dr. David Santandreu Calonge**, Head of Educational Program Development, Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Topic:** GenAI and the Future of Education in the Gulf Region

11:10 - 11:30

**Prof. Fayez Al-Dhafiri**, Professor of Educational Technology at Kuwait University

**Topic:** Digital Transformation in Education: Towards a Sustainable Education System

11:30 - 11:45

General Discussion

11:45 - 12:15

Coffee Break

## Day 2 (Wednesday | November 6, 2024)

### Plenary Session (4)

Financing of education and enhancing the efficiency of the educational system

**Moderator: Dr. Intisar Al-Banna**, Educational Supervision Advisor, Ministry of Education, Kingdom of Bahrain

12:15 - 12:35	<p><b>Prof. Mark Bray</b>, UNESCO Chair Professor in Comparative Education at the University of Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Supplementing Schooling: Private Tutoring in the Gulf Countries and Beyond</p>
12:35 - 12:55	<p><b>Dr. Fadila Caillaud</b>, Practice Manager for the Education Practice in the MENA region at the World Bank</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Stronger and Smarter investments in MENA countries</p>
12:55 - 13:15	<p><b>Dr. Maciej Jakubowski</b>, Associate Professor, Warsaw University, and Director of the Educational Research Institute, Poland</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Education, Human capital and Economic growth in GCC countries</p>
13:15 - 13:35	<p><b>Prof. Nayyaf Al-jabri</b>, CEO, Research Center for Assessment, Measurement, and Accreditation, Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> The Economic Value of Improving the Quality of Education in the Arab Gulf States</p>
13:35 - 13:50	General Discussion

### Closing Session

13:50 - 14:00	<p><b>Dr. Khalaf Al-Abri</b>, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Educational Foundations and Administration, College of Education, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> The final statement of the conference</p>
14:00 - 14:10	Closing address by <b>Dr. Mohamed Al-Sharija</b> , Director of the Gulf Arab States Educational Research Center



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