

Rethinking Education for a Prosperous and Sustainable Future

In Collaboration with The World Bank Group Kuwait

Objective: It is generally debated worldwide that the current higher education system doesn't fit the purpose for the practicality and the dynamics of the job market; therefore, reforms need to be developed with an awareness of both risks and opportunities to promote an educational system for a sustainable future.

Keynote Speeches	
9:00 AM	Welcome Note Ms. Rola Mourdaa – Manager of Teaching and Learning Center, Australian University
9:10 AM	Rethinking Education in the Face of Contemporary Challenges Eng. Omar Al Kandari – The Secretary General for the Private Universities Council
9:20 AM	Graduate Attributes and Employability Prof. Isam Zabalawi – President of the Australian University
9:40 AM	Education, Youth and the Future of Work Mr. Ghassan Al Khoja – Resident Representative of the World Bank Office in Kuwait
10:00 AM	The British Experience with the Transitional Higher Education (TNE) Prof. Adi Arida – University Consultant and Member of the Executive Committee, University of Al Fujairah, UAE
10:20 AM	Rethinking Teaching for Teachers and Learning to Learn for Students Dr. Abdulaziz Abal – Educational Consultant, Kuwait
10:40 AM	Discussion

Coffee Break 11:00 AM – 11:20 AM

Panel Discussion I: Needed Skills and the Future of Work Main Priorities of Kuwait Vision 2035

Panel Moderator: Ms. Rola Mourdaa – Manager of Teaching and Learning Center, Australian University

11:20 AM	Education in a Knowledge-Based Economy Era Dr. Khalid Mahdi – Secretary General, Supreme Council for Planning and Development in Kuwait
11:40 AM	Needed Skills and the Future of Work Ms. Ghada Al Kadi – Unit Head, Learning and Talent Development at Burgan Bank Kuwait
12:00 PM	Developing a Strategy for the Labor Market in Kuwait Mr. Reyadh Faras – Assistant Professor of Economics, Kuwait University
12:20 PM	STEM Education, 21st Century Skills Ms. Muna AlAnsari – General Supervisor of Sciences, Ministry of Education - Kuwait



12:40 PM	Discussion
Lunch Break 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	
Panel Discussion II: Digital Transformation and the Future of Education and Higher Education	
Panel Moderator: Dr. Jean El Achkar – Assistant Professor at Petroleum Engineering Department, Australian University	
2:00 PM	The Impact of Game-Based Learning on Academic Performance of University Students Dr. Vladimir Simovic – Associate Professor in Scientific Research Center, Australian University
2:20 PM	Transformation of Higher Education for the Fourth Industrial Revolution Mr. Yves Khalil – Higher Education Industry Lead, Middle East and Africa – Microsoft UAE
2:40 PM	Micro-Credentials: A New European Approach to Life-Long Learning Dr. Sventlana Belic Malinic – Academic Director at the Institute for Contemporary Education Serbia
3:00 PM	Discussion
Panel Discussion III: Post-Covid Psychological Well-Being of Teachers and Students	
Panel Moderator: Dr. Bodour Al Shakhs – Assistant Professor at Marketing Department, Australian University	
3:20 PM	Supporting the Well-Being of Students and Faculty in Post-Pandemic Higher Education Dr. Saliha Kozan – Licensed Psychologist and Director at Fawzia Sultan Healthcare Network, Kuwait
3:40 PM	Post-Covid Psychological Well-Being Ms. Rawa Abdulaziz Al Ali – Founder of Roaa Center Consulting Group, Kuwait
4:00 PM	Discussion
Closing Recommendation Session	

