

# Towards the Establishment of Knowledge Society in the Arab World

28-29 October 2009, Mina A'Salam Hotel, Dubai

Unveiling of the *“Arab Knowledge Report 2009: Towards Productive Intercommunication for Knowledge”*  
Under the Esteemed Patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum,  
Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai

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<b>Patron of Ceremony</b> <b>Dr. Sulaiman Al Hattlan</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Arab Strategy Forum	
Arab Strategy Forum Opening Video	10:00 - 10:05
<b>Opening Address</b> <b>H. E. Mr. Adel Al Shared</b> Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation	10:05 – 10:15
<b>Special Address</b> <b>H.E. Ms. Amat Al Alim Alsoswa</b> Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Regional Director, Regional Bureau for Arab States, United Nations Development Programme	10:15- 10:25
<b>Special Address</b> <b>His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum</b> Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai	10:25 – 10:35
<b>Presentation</b> <b>Overview of the major recommendations of the Arab Knowledge Report</b> <b>Dr. Ghaith H. Fariz</b> , Director-Arab Knowledge Report, United Nations Development Programme	10:35 – 10:45
Networking Break	10:45 – 11:30
<b>Plenary Session*</b> <b>Knowledge gaps and the enabling environments for the knowledge society in the Arab region: where are the flaws?</b> <b>Dr. Kamal I Abdellatif</b> , Professor Philosophy, Mohamed V University, Morocco <b>Dr. Abdul-Kareem El-Eryani</b> , Political Advisor to the President of Yemen and Former Prime Minister <b>Dr. Turki Al Hamed</b> , Political analyst, journalist, and novelist, Saudi Arabia <b>Mr. Mohamed Alabbar</b> , Chairman, Emaar Properties PJSC  <b>Moderated by</b> <b>Dr. Sulaiman Al Hattlan</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Arab Strategy Forum, UAE	11:30 – 13:00
Lunch – Wharf Restaurant	13:00 – 14:30
<b>Special Address: “Tangible Innovation”</b> <b>John P. Keegan</b> , Chairman and President, Charles Edison Fund, Edison Innovation Foundation, USA	14:30 – 15:00

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<p><b>Plenary Session*</b> <b>Foundations and mechanisms of action for building the knowledge society in the Arab Region</b> <b>Dr. Mahmoud Abdel Fadil</b>, Professor of Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University, Egypt <b>Dr. Ghaith Fariz</b>, Director-Arab Knowledge Report, United Nations Development Programme <b>Dr. Aziz Al-Azameh</b>, Professor, Central European University, Hungary</p> <p><b>Moderated by</b> <b>Mr. Khalfan Al Miheiri</b>, Cultural Advisor to Muhammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation, UAE</p>	15:00– 16:30
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**Day Two – Thursday, 29 October 2009**

<p><b>Opening Speech</b> <b>Dr. Sulaiman Al Hatlan</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Arab Strategy Forum</p>	9:00 – 9:30
<p><b>Workshop</b> <b>Innovation: the road to knowledge society</b> <b>Dr. Adnan Shihab-Eldin</b>, Kuwaiti Intellectual, formerly acting for the Secretary General for OPEC <b>Dr. Moin Hamza</b>, Secretary General, National Council for Scientific Research, Lebanon <b>Dr. Naila Sellini</b>, Professor, University of Sousse, Tunisia <b>Dr. Inam Bioud</b>, Author and Artist; Director, Higher Arab Institute for Translation, Algeria</p> <p><b>Moderated by</b> <b>Dr. Mohammed bin Hwaiden</b>, Professor of Political Science, United Arab Emirates University</p>	9:30 – 11:00
<p><b>Workshop</b> <b>Transfer or indigenization of knowledge?</b> <b>Dr. Abdallah Al Najar</b>, Presidnet, Arab Science and Technology Foundation, UAE <b>Dr. Antoine Zahlan</b>, Author and International Consultant in Science Policy in London, UK <b>Dr. Nagla Rizq</b>, Associate Professor of Economics, American University in Cairo, Egypt <b>HE Dr. Maitha Al Shamsi</b>, State Minister, UAE</p> <p><b>Moderated by</b> <b>Dr. Ziad Bin Abdullah Aldrees</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the KSA to UNESCO</p>	11:00 – 12:30
Networking Break	12:30 -13:00
<p><b>Workshop</b> <b>Information and communications technology: the bridge for intercommunication and the reform axis of the modern knowledge society</b> <b>Dr. Omar Bizri</b>, Prominent Arab Intellectual and Independent Consultant, Lebanon <b>Dr. Mohamed Al Amin El Tom</b>, Professor Mathematics, University of Khartoum, Sudan <b>Dr. Hassan Reesheh</b>, Ambassador of Syria to Russia <b>Dr. Taher Kanaan</b>, Managing Director, Jordan Center for Public Policy Research and Dialogue, Jordan</p> <p><b>Moderated by</b> <b>Dr. Tayeb Kamali</b>, Vice Chancellor, The Higher Colleges of Technology, UAE</p>	13:00 – 13:30

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Lunch Break	13:30 – 15:00
<b>Workshop</b> <b>Education and Formation of Knowledge Capital: Have Arabs built their required knowledge capital?</b>  <b>Dr. Ali Fakhro</b> , Former Minister of Education, Bahrain <b>Dr. Ramzi Salamé</b> , Expert in Education Reform, Lebanon <b>Dr. Rafia Ghubash</b> , President of the Arab Network for Women in Science and Technology <b>Dr Khalid Al-Dakhil</b> , Assistant Professor of Political Sociology at King Saud University, KSA  <b>Moderated by</b> <b>Dr. Sulaiman Al Hattlan</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Arab Strategy Forum	15:00 – 16:30