

# Main Agenda

## ■ SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

14:00

Registration Desk Opens

16:15

Opening of Exhibition with Ministerial Tour in Kempinski Ballroom

19:00

Poolside Evening Reception for all Summit Delegates Hosted by Government of Oman

## ■ MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

09:00 – 09:30

Official Opening Ceremony



Under the Patronage of the Guest of Honour His Highness Sayyid Haitham bin Tareq al Said  
Minister of Heritage and Culture

Oman National Anthem

Holy Quran Recital

HE Dr Rawya Saud Albusaidi, Minister of Higher Education, Oman

MENA Innovation Video

John Glassey, CEO, Brains Global

09:30 – 10:30

Panel Session: Driving Innovation in Higher Education



Chair: Peter Harden - Managing Director, York Press

HE Dr Rawya Saud Albusaidi - Minister of Higher Education, Oman

HE Prof Dr Khaled Abdul-Ghaffar - Minister of Higher Education &amp; Scientific Research, Egypt

HE Prof Dr Hamed Mohammad Al-Azmi - Minister of Education &amp; Higher Education, Kuwait

HE Sidi Wild Salim, Minister of Higher Education - Research, ICTs &amp; Media, Mauritania

HE Prof Dr Mohamed Ould Amar, Director General - Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation

10:30 – 11:00

Morning Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00

Panel Session: Investing in Technological Education &amp; Digital Skills for Regional Entrepreneurship



Chair: Jenna Pipchuk - Global Executive Vice President, SMART Technologies

Opening Comments: Rudolf Rogg - Head of Near &amp; Middle East, German Agency for International Cooperation

HE Dada Moussa Belkhir - Minister of Training &amp; Vocational Education, Algeria

HE Mohamed Yatim - Minister of Employment &amp; Vocational Integration, Morocco

HE Moustapha Mohamed Mahamoud - Minister of National Education &amp; Professional Training, Djibouti

HE Dr Saad bin Saoud Al Fuhaid - Deputy Minister of Education, Saudi Arabia

HE Dr Muna Bint Salim Al-Jardania - Undersecretary for Technological Education &amp; Vocational Training, Ministry of Manpower, Oman

12:00 – 13:00

Panel Session: ICTs for Delivering the 4th Industrial Revolution in MENA Region



Chair: Samy Ahmed Al Ghassany - Chief Operating Officer, Omantel

Opening Comments: Slaheddine Maaref - Senior Advisor, Arab Regional Office, ITU

HE Dr Mohamed Adbul Wahed Ali Al-Hammadi - Minister of Education &amp; Higher Education, Qatar

HE Eng Mosa Suleiman Al-Zagharneh - Deputy Minister for Telecommunications &amp; IT, Palestine

Dr Salim Sultan Al Ruzaiqi - CEO, Information Technology Authority, Oman

Ghada Bin Abdullah Al-Andas - Director of General Knowledge &amp; Digital Content, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Saudi Arabia

Dr Mohamed Jemni - Director for ICT, Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation

13:00 – 14:15

Lunch

14:20 – 18:00

Pre-scheduled Private Meetings between Government, Civil Society Officials &amp; Industry Leaders

19:30

Transport for Gala Dinner from Kempinski Al Mouj

20:00 – 22:30

Omantel Gala Dinner at Grand Hyatt Muscat

## ■ TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

**08:45 – 08:55** Welcome Speech: **HE Dr Madiha Al Shibaniyah, Minister of Education, Oman**

**08:55 – 09:50** Panel Session: **The Importance of Active Learning in MENA Schools**  
**Chair: Jane Mann** - Managing Director of Education Reform, Cambridge University Press  
**HE Dr Madiha Al Shibaniyah** - Minister of Education, Oman  
**HE Dr Majid Bin Ali Al-Nuaimi** - Minister of Education, Bahrain  
**HE Dr Othman Abdul Jalil** - Minister of Education, Libya  
**HE Prof Dr Hamid Ahmed** - Deputy Minister for Administrative Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education, Iraq  
**Dr Ali bin Abdul Khaliq Al-Karni** - Director General, Arab Bureau of Education for Gulf States

**09:50 – 10:40** Panel Session: **Advancing Greater Inclusivity & Diversity in Education**  
**Chair: Khaled Antoun** - General Manager, Canon Emirates  
**Opening Comments: Prof Eman Gaad**, Dean of Faculty of Education, British University in Dubai  
**HE Dr Marwan Awartani** - Minister of Education, Palestine  
**HE Abdullahi Godah Barre** - Minister of Education & Higher Education, Somalia  
**HE Dr Taher Hasan Al-Taher** - Secretary General of National Commission for Education & Culture, Sudan  
**HE Prof Manar Fayyad** - President, German Jordan University  
**Fadi Yarak** - Director General of Education, Ministry of Education & Higher Education, Lebanon

**10:40 – 11:05** Morning Coffee Break

**11:05 – 11:55** Panel Session: **Transformation through Critical Thinking in Education & Scientific Research**  
**Chair: Scott Smith** - Vice President, Matific  
**Opening Comments: Prof Omar Al Jarrah** - Vice President for Development, Arab Open University  
**Prof Dr Amr Galal El-Adawi** - President, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon  
**Dr Issa Al Ansari** - Rector, Prince Mohammed Bin Fahd University, Saudi Arabia  
**Dr. Rahma Al Mahrooqi** - Assistant Vice Chancellor, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman  
**Sultan Al-Qadoumi** - Vice President & General Manager, Khawarizmi University Technical College, Jordan  
**Prof Faisal Mohamed** - Director General Authority for Research, Science & Technology, Libya

**11:55 – 13:40** Young Innovators Special Session. **Chair: Abdullah Al-Rashdi** - Digitalisation Chief Architect, PDO  
**Opening Comments: Developing the Next Generation of Innovative Entrepreneurs**  
**Dr Hassan Al-Derham** - President, Qatar University  
**HE Prof Hassan Diab** - Vice President, American University of Beirut, Lebanon  
**Prof Mohammad Ibbini** - Vice President, Jordan University of Science & Technology  
**Dr Ahmed Al-Ghassani** - CEO, RIYADA, Oman

**5 minute presentations by Young Innovators (followed by audience questions & electronic vote)**  
**Edlal (Oman)** – Qais Al Tob  
**Abjjad (Jordan)** – Eman Hylooz  
**eMushrif (Oman)** – Adnan Al Shu'ailli  
**Ajeer (Qatar)** – Haitham Al-Haidari  
**Wathiq (Oman)** – Fatema Alqasabi  
**Faylasof (Jordan)** – Mohammad Zatar  
**TBD (Oman)** – Murooj Khalid Al-Saadi  
**IOT Kids (Iraq)** – Reem Emad  
**InnoTech (Oman)** – Othman Al Mandhari  
**Sadeed (Jordan)** – Abdalla Odat

**13:40 – 14:55** Lunch

**15:00 – 18.15** Pre-scheduled Private Meetings between Government, Civil Society Officials & Industry Leaders