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"Transforming Education in The Arab World from Education to Learning for The Purpose of Innovation"

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CAIRO - Under the patronage of HE Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary General of the League of Arab States, and chaired by HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of the Arab Organization for Quality Assurance in Education, the 11th Annual Conference of the Arab Organization for Quality Assurance in Education (AROQA) concluded with extensive participation locally and regionally. The two-day conference held at the headquarters of the League of Arab States in Cairo focused on promoting quality of education, innovation and dialogue between academics and researchers to cooperate in the preparation and implementation of several projects related to quality in education, improve and develop its outputs, and achieve all the requirements and needs of the society and the labor market in order to promote education in the light of the rapid changes, information revolution and technical progress.

A host of Ministers of Education and Higher Education, speakers, academics and researchers from all Arab countries and the delegation of the European Union Commission in Cairo took part in research and dialogue sessions focusing on the transition from education to learning and the aspects of creativity and invention as one of the standards of quality of education, as well as accreditation of educational institutions in the Arab countries.

The Conference made the following recommendations:

- Transformation from teaching to learning in the Arab world.
- Developing the role of university professors and teachers to become technical mentors rather than instructors.
- Benefitting from employing Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques and solutions.
- Developing scientific, professional and applied programs to become the basis of education.
- Developing accreditation standards in the Arab world to include digital learning and AI standards for innovation.
- Developing technical and vocational educational curricula.
- Adopting sustainable vocational rehabilitation as a curriculum for the professional and practical qualification of university students.
- Setting standards for technical education systems.
- Developing the educational system into a digital knowledge structure to build a knowledge-based society.
- Continuously support children programmers «inventors of the future.»
- Improving skills of teachers to keep up with technology.
- Activating the role of youth.
- Supporting pilot projects.
- Supporting the dissemination of educational research in scientific journals.

The Arab Organization for Quality Assurance in Education expresses its gratitude and appreciation to:

- HE Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary General of the League of Arab States for sponsoring the 11th Annual Conference of AROQA.
- Ministers of Education and Higher Education in the Arab States who participated in the conference.
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- Department of Education and Scientific Research at the General Secretariat - League of Arab States for their participation and support.
- The European Commission.
- Regional Center of Quality and Excellence in Education (UNESCO) - Saudi Arabia, for their participation.
- Heads of universities and professors who participated in the conference.
- Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN).
- Members of the Arab Organization for Quality Assurance in Education in Jordan, Algeria, Iraq, Egypt, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Yemen, Lebanon, Sudan and Palestine.
- All attendees.

This year, the Conference witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the UNESCO's Regional Center of Quality and Excellence in Education- Saudi Arabia and the Arab Organization for Quality Assurance in Education, to exchange experiences in the field of school accreditation. Moreover AROQA will host an educational forum in Jordan to discuss and review the final report of the school accreditation project in the Arab countries, with the participation of specialists in accreditation in the Arab region.

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