Draft Programme

World Arabic Language Day Celebration

“The Arabic Language and New Technologies”

18-19 December 2017

UNESCO House (Room IV)

Monday, 18 December

9.30 a.m.  Welcoming of Participants

10.00 a.m.  Opening

  Speech by Director-General of UNESCO, Ms Audrey Azoulay

  Speech by President of the General Conference, H.E. Ms Zohour Alaoui

  His Highness the Prince Saud Bin Sultan Bin Abdelaziz Al Saud, Deputy Secretary-General, Foundation of the Prince Sultan

  Speech by Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO, Dr Ibrahim Al Balawi

10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.  ALECSO-Sharjah Award for Linguistic and Lexical Studies

  Speech by His Highness Dr Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Ruler of Sharjah, President of the Arabic Language Academy in Sharjah

  Speech by H.E. Dr Saoud Hilal Al Harbi, Director-General of the Arab Organization for Education Culture and Science (ALECSO)

  Presentation of the books edited by the Permanent Delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO on the occasion of the Arabic Language Day 2017

  Present and Future of the Arabic Language: Challenges and Perspectives
  The Arabic language, a Language of Universal Culture
11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Arabic Language and Science (Cultural Heritage and Perspective in terms of Knowledge)
Chairperson:
Dr Ibrahim Al Balawi, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO
Speakers:
H.E. Mr Ghattas Khoury, Lebanon Minister of Culture
H.E. Dr Khaled Al Karaki, Former Minister, Director of Arabic Language Center - Jordan
H.E. Mr Pierre Joxe, Former Minister
H.E. Dr Mustafa Cherif, Former Minister

1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Lunch

3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Linguistic Planning and its Role in Expanding the Arabic Language
Chairperson:
Dr Abdulazziz Al Sobail, Secretary General for the International Prize of King Faisal
Speakers:
Dr Abdullah al Washmi, Secretary General of the King Abdullah bin Abdulazziz Center
Mr Henri El Arwit, Secretary General of the Arab Thought Foundation
Dr Jarjoura Hardane, Professor at Al Qudais Yusif University
Dr Roshdi Rashed, Director of Research at the CNRS/Université Paris 7
Prof. Salam Diab – Duranton, Professor University of Grenoble
Mr Jean Pruvost, French Writer

Tuesday, 19 December

8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. Welcoming of Participants

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Engineering New Methods to Teach the Arabic Language
Chairperson:
Dr Ghazi Gherairi, Ambassador of Tunisia to UNESCO
Speakers:
Professor Darco Tanascovic, Ambassador of Serbia to UNESCO
Dr Abdulmohsin Al Aqli, Professor at King Saud University
Dr Mohammed Al Hanach, International Agency for Natural Language Engineering – Morocco
Dr Joseph Dichy, Professor at Lyon University - France
Dr Luc Deheuvels, Professor, Center for Languages and Eastern Civilizations in Paris (INALCO) - France
Dr Hasan Al Shamrani, Professor at King Saud University
Ms Isabelle Yazbeck, Researcher and Translator

10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. The Arabic Language, Present and Future
Chairperson: Shaikha Wafa bint Abdullah Al Khalifa, Deputy Ambassador of Bahrain to UNESCO
Speakers:
Dr Said Assaid, Professor at King Saud University
Dr Abdulhaq Azzouzi, The Moroccan Center for Multidisciplinary Studies
Dr Salih Alkholaifi, Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud Foundation
Dr Laila Al Sabaan, Professor at Kuwait University
Mr Abdo Wazen, Journalist and Writer
Dr Abbas Al Fahham, Head of Arabic Language at Al Kufa University
Dr Bandar Al Hathal, Professor, King Saud University

12.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Lunch

3.00 p.m. – 5.55 p.m. Discussion Session - Ways of Collaboration between Language Centres and Foundations

First Session
Chairperson: Dr Khalil Karam, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Lebanon to UNESCO, President of the Arab Group
Speakers:
Dr Khaled Karaki, Former Minister and Director of the Arabic Language Complex – Jordan
Dr Hassan Al Shafi, Director of the Arabic Language Union
Dr Mohammed Mustaghanimi, Secretary General of the Arabic Language Center in Sharjah
Dr Ahmed Al Dhubaib, Professor and Researcher
Dr Abdessalam Maseddi, Former Minister and Researcher
Dr Ahmed Chahlan, Professor and Academic Researcher

Second Session
Chairperson: Dr Samira Mousa, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Sultanate of Oman to UNESCO
Speakers:
Dr Abdulhamid Madkour, Secretary General of the Arabic Language Union
Dr Ahmed Yusif, Academic Researcher from Qaboos University
Dr Abdulfatah Al Hajmary, Manager of the Arabization Office
Dr Khaleel Al Nahawy, Director of the Arabic Language Center – Mauritania
Dr Saleh Belaid, Director of the Higher Council for Arabic Language – Algeria

5.55 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.  Presentation of Arabic Calligraphy for non-Arabic Speakers

6.00 p.m.  Closing and Announcement of the Theme for the Arabic Language Day 2018

6.30 p.m.  Concert of Naseer Shamma, UNESCO Artist for Peace and for the Global Project (Room I)