

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)**