



Seminar Programme

The ICEF Middle East Scholarship Summit
18 - 19 Feb, 2024 • Muscat, Oman



In collaboration with:





Sunday, February 18 (Day 1)

09:30 – 10:00

Official opening



H.E. Dr. Rahma bint Ibrahim Al Mahrooqi
Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation of the Sultanate of Oman

10:00 – 11:30

Conference session 1: Regional visions and the opportunities for universities and scholarships

The objective of the session is to introduce a sample of regional visions in a global context and identify the role of scholarships, opportunities for universities and scholarships providers.

Ministerial statements followed by an international perspective, then questions and discussion.

Speakers:



Sultanate of Oman – Vision 2040
Mr. Sarhan Shatayat Suweilem Al Ghannami
VP – Education, Learning, Scientific Research, and National Capabilities Priority



Qatar Vision 2030
H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Bin Saleh Al-Naimi
Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education



Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Vision 2030
H.E. Dr. Abdulmoneim Al Hayani
Deputy Minister for Higher Education, KSA



UAE Vision
H.E. Dr. Hassan AlMheiri
Assistant Undersecretary for the Planning and Educational Services sector, UAE



Dr. Fanta Aw
Executive Director and CEO, NAFSA: Association of International Educators, USA



David Lock (Moderator)
Education Director, Gulf Conferences, UK



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11:30 – 12:00 **Refreshment break**

12:00 – 13:30 **Conference session 2: Maximising the value of scholarships in a sustainable way**

Identifying how success is achieved through scholarships, how their value can be maximised in a sustainable and comprehensive way.

Panel session including case studies and identification of what worked, what didn't, and lessons learnt.

Panel members:



Craig Hastings

Division Advisor, Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge, UAE



Sarah Kay Wietzke

Director of International Admissions, University of South Florida, USA



Dr. Lily Cho

Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (International), Western University, Ontario, Canada



Krista Hestehauge

Global Partnerships Manager, StudentRoomStay



Sarah Crowther (Moderator)

President of Collective Study

13:30 – 15:00 **Lunch**



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15:00 – 17:00

Conference session 3: Roundtable themed discussions

In-depth discussions around tables of 10–12 on regional opportunities and key strategic issues for universities relating to scholarships. There will be two sittings of each table: 15:00 – 16:00 and 16:00 and 17:00.

Table themes:



1. Oman – Vision 2040

Dr. Zaid Zabanoot

Cultural Attaché, Embassy of Sultanate of Oman, Washington DC



2. United Arab Emirates – Centennial plan 2071

Michael Armour

Program Manager, Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge, UAE



3. Kuwait – Vision 2035

Dr. Khaled Mahdi

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Planning, Kuwait



4. Bahrain – Vision 2030

Dr. Raed Mohammed BenShams

Advisor for the Minister of Cabinet Affairs for Public Services Development



5. Qatar – Vision 2030

H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Bin Saleh Al-Naimi

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Qatar



6. Iraq – Vision 2030

Dr. Hazeem Baqer Taher

Director of Scholarships, Ministry of Education, Iraq



7. US and International Perspective

Dr. Fanta Aw

Executive Director and CEO, NAFSA: Association of International Educators, USA



8. Canada and International Perspective

Martin Charron

Senior Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Canada, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



9. UK and International Perspective

Dr. Nesma Mostafa

Head of MENA Higher Education Insights and Student Mobility, British Council



10. Rendez-vous en France: Skills & Friends for Life

Serge Borias

Head of North Africa & Middle East Unit, Campus France

17:00 – 17:30

Refreshment break

17:30 – 18:30

Closing session