



Linking Graduates to Careers for Youth Economic Empowerment

14 May 2017, 8am-12.15pm (Venue: Al Qasar C, Hilton Hotel, Jeddah)

Overview

Education and skills development are crucial tools in empowering the young generation. However, linking education to labor market demand remains a critical challenge facing IDB Member Countries. This seminar will discuss how to solve this challenge. Participants will deliberate on the challenges and opportunities for education and skills development, as well as recommend policies and strategies to provide the youth with relevant skills and competencies that could meet labor market demand. Participants will also share experiences and best practices on school-to-work-transition initiatives and strengthening partnership with the private sector for youth economic empowerment. The seminar is jointly organized by the Islamic Research and Training Institute [A Member of the IDB Group], and the Human Development Department of IDB.

Moderator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. M. Abderrahman Beddi, Manager, Education Division, IDB 2. Houssef Eddine Bedoui, Senior Training Specialist, IRTI
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S.N	Speakers
1	Monsieur Larbi Bencheikh, Ministry of the Vocational Education and Training, Morocco

2	Dr. Michaela Baur, GIZ Country Director for Jordan and Lebanon.
3	Stephen Wilmarth, Principal, The Whitney International Project, USA.
4	Dr. Abdullah Q. Turkistani, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (tbc.)
5	Manal Quota, Education Specialist, World Bank Group
6	Abdullah A. E. AlHarbi, Director of Corporate Marketing, King Abdullah University of Science & Technology (KAUST), Saudi Arabia
7	Ozan Sonmez, Managing Director of T. Jump, San Francisco, USA.
8	Amal Dokhan, Program Design Manager, KAUST Entrepreneurship Center, Saudi Arabia
9	Gonzalo Rodriguez, Saudi Spanish Center for Islamic Economics and Finance (SCIEF)
10	Taufik Hidayat, SCIEF "What is Out There?" Competition Winner 2015 (Indonesia)
11	Lulwa Alsoudairy, SCIEF "What is Out There?" Competition Winner 2016 (Saudi Arabia)
12	Wagdy Sawahel, Founder and General Coordinator for IDB Alumni & Science Development Network