



## **REGIONAL SEMINAR**

### **Enhancement of Higher Education Teaching and Learning in the Southern Mediterranean**

#### **Overview**

The scope of this TAM addresses key issues of Teaching and Learning in higher education which have a direct impact on the quality of higher education in the region. Today's higher education requires a paradigm shift where teachers are expected to be more of a facilitator of learning than a presenter of information. Today's higher education environment requires that academic staff focus not only on teaching up-to-date content, but also identifying the most effective ways to engage students in learning. The quality of higher education institutions and systems depends on the extent to which Teaching and Learning issues and practices are prioritized through developing a framework of standards for Teaching & Learning and through innovating institutional strategies for HE teachers training and support. Key European trends in Teaching and Learning will be presented, highlighting international schemes to enhance higher education teaching capacities in the Southern Mediterranean Countries.

#### **Expected outcomes:**

- Learn about European trends in Teaching and Learning<sup>1</sup>.
- Learn about international schemes to enhance higher education teaching capacities in the Southern Mediterranean Countries.
- Share institutional practices for enhancing Teaching and Learning in HEIs in the Southern Mediterranean Countries.

**Countries invited:** Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Egypt, Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco

**Language used in the Seminar:** English

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<sup>1</sup> In reference to “*Trends 2018 on Teaching and Learning*”

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27- 28 November 2019  
Beirut, Lebanon

**Draft Programme**

**DAY 0: TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2019**

**19:00 - 21:00** Welcome Reception offered by NEO Lebanon

**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2019**

**09:00 - 09:30** Registration and Welcome Coffee

**09:30 - 10:30** **Opening session:**

- Welcome and expected outcomes : *Aref Alsoufi, NEO Lebanon*
- *The Issue of HE Pedagogy in The Light of the XXI Century: Nada Moghaizel-Nasr, University of Saint Joseph and HERE Lebanon*
- Participant Engagement Survey on T&L: *Hana Al Ghali, American University of Beirut and HERE Lebanon*

**10:30 - 11:30** **Keynote Presentation 1: European Trends, in Teaching and Learning**

- Speaker: *Lewis Purser, Director of Learning, Teaching and Academic Affairs, Irish Universities Association*
- Moderator: *Anasse Bouhlal, Programme Specialist (Higher Education), UNESCO Regional Bureau (tbc)*

**11:30 - 12:00** **Coffee Break**

**12:00 - 13:45** **Roundtable 1: National and Institutional Higher Education Mechanisms and Units for Enhancing Teaching Capacities within Higher Education in Southern Mediterranean Countries (Institutional structures and mechanisms for training and supporting teachers to enhance their teaching practices. Ex: Centers for T&L, platforms for the exchange of good practices, diplomas, networks, etc.)**

<i>Georges Yahchouchi, USEK</i>	<i>Lebanon</i>
<i>Mustafa A. Y. Safa</i>	<i>Palestine</i>
<i>Thafer Assaraira</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Jaafar Khalid Naciri (tbc)</i>	<i>Morocco</i>

- Moderator: *Fabrice Hénard, Learning Avenue*

**13:45 - 15:00**

**Lunch**

**15:00 - 16:45**

**Roundtable 2:** *National and Institutional Incentives to Value and Promote Innovative Teaching Practices.* (National policies, institutional human resources strategies: recruitment, promotion, awards, etc.)

<i>Saouma BouJaoude, AUB</i>	<i>Lebanon</i>
<i>Samir Daoud Mousa Najdi</i>	<i>Palestine</i>
<i>Abeer Al-Bawab</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Jaafar Khalid Naciri</i>	<i>Morocco</i>
<i>Nagwa El Badri</i>	<i>Egypt</i>

- Moderator: *Ghadeer Al-Shaba'an, Manager, Jordan-Korea Center for ICT, Balqa Applied University*

**16:45 – 17:00**

Closing of first day

**19:00 – 21:00**

**Dinner (venue tbd)**

## **DAY 2: THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2019**

**09:30 - 10:30**

**Keynote Presentation 2:** *Bridging Teaching and Learning with Research and Labor Market*

- Speaker: *Fabrice Hénard, Learning Avenue*
- Moderator: *Hervé Sabourin, Director of Middle East Office of the University Agency of Francophony (AUF)*

**10:30 - 11:00**

**Coffee Break**

**11:00 - 13:00**

**Roundtable 3:** *National and Institutional Initiatives to Bridge the Gap between Teaching Practices and Research and the Market in Southern Mediterranean Countries (Structures to enhance researches in Teaching and Learning process, initiatives to reinforce the link between university and industry)*

<i>Berytech</i>	<i>Lebanon</i>
<i>Waleed Mohammad Abdul Fattah Deeb (tbc)</i>	<i>Palestine</i>
<i>Hasan Shalabi</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
<i>Cherradi Taoufik (tbc)</i>	<i>Morocco</i>
<i>Hany Elsayed Abdelazizi Madkour</i>	<i>Egypt</i>

- Moderator: *Lewis Purser, Director of Learning, Teaching and Academic Affairs, Irish Universities Association*

**13:00 -13:30**

**Next Steps:** *Recommendations for Enhancing Teaching and Learning Capacities in Higher Education in Southern Mediterranean Countries*

Participant Engagement Survey on T&L

**13:30 -15:00**

**Lunch**