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ARELEN

Arab European Leadership Network in Higher Education

HANDLING GLOBAL CHALLENGES FACING UNIVERSITIES IN THE ARAB WORLD

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ARELEN is an organised body that was formed to enhance "Leadership in Higher Education Management". It was established by Association of Arab Universities in collaboration with Cardiff Metropolitan University. ARELEN aims at building cooperative activities between universities in the Arab region and Europe. The body comprises of a network of 200 Arab universities and 100 European universities, rendering itself suited to build bridges and provide a platform for exchange of views and best practices in the industry.

With growing demands and trends in higher education and changes in society that happen with evolution of times, the need for sound management systems to respond effectively and aid future growth, becomes imperative.

ARELEN joins hands with its member institute, Gulf College, a premier higher education institution in the MENA region and a member of AARU, in its endeavour to provide an international forum for member universities to meet, discuss matters of concern, exchange views, share good practices and find solutions to modern issues and challenges facing the higher education community.

This event will serve as a bridge between universities in the Arab region and Europe to increase international cooperation and to develop mutual respect for their contributions and leadership in the sector.



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Gulf College
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Sultanate of Oman

AIM OF THE EVENT

The programme aims to explore the global challenges that universities in the region face and enable participants to prepare responses to those challenges. It will focus on internationalisation and engagement with industry and commerce in particular and other topics, as raised by the participants. It aims at being...

Issue-centered: analytically focused on issues that are relevant to universities.

Purposive and action oriented: experience will be geared towards providing and formulating appropriate action plan for the universities.

Collaborative: there will be cross fertilisation of experiences and good practices through discussion and feedback sessions.

Comparative: programme facilitators will encourage participants to look at international evidence and experience of peer institutions on select issues.

Frank and open: discussion will be based on transparency and readiness to share experiences and evaluate and accept advice.

Challenging: channelise expert and analytical questioning on the adequacy of national and international responses to challenges facing higher education.

FLOW OF EVENTS:

Day 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Global challenges : Gulf & international perspectiveThe challenges as we see them: opportunities, threats and priorities for actionInternationalisation: what is happening elsewhere?Engaging with industry and commerce	Day 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reflection on yesterdayInternationalisation: opportunities for Gulf UniversitiesEnabling women leadersPriorities for responses
Other sessions may be added according to the interest and challenges being faced by participants	

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This programme is for Vice Chancellor of Universities, Deans of Colleges, Rectors & Vice-rectors of Universities and senior staff members of universities in the MENA region.

HOW WILL IT BENEFIT YOU?

The programme will enable participants to

- Reflect on key issues and challenges and develop responses for adoption in their universities
- Share their experience and develop their leadership capabilities
- Acquire specific skills and competencies needed to succeed in the field of higher education
- Meet fellow members to improve understanding and aid business ties
- Hone internal management systems to be prepared for the future of this sector.

SPEAKERS



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