



UK•MIDDLE EAST EDUCATION SUMMIT

RSA London
17th of June 2019
Conference Programme

- 8.15-9.00 Registration Refreshments and Networking**
- 9.00 Welcome and Introduction**
Sir Christopher Stone, Global Chief Education Officer, GEMS Education
- 9.05 UK Keynote**
Graham Stuart MP, Minister for Investment, Department for International Trade
- 9.15 A discussion on the vision of the future of education**
Graham Brown-Martin, Author and Broadcaster, grahambrownmartin.com
Dr Abdulla Al Karam, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director General, Knowledge & Human Development Authority (KHDA)
- 9.35 Opportunities in Saudi Education**
A session designed for stakeholders, investors and government officials in Education to display the latest initiatives/reforms within Saudi Education & Training Sector. The session will describe “Saudi Vision 2030” and “Invest Saudi” brand initiative. The session will also be focusing on clarifying the ecosystem of Saudi education sector.
Basim K. Ibrahim, Head of Business/Investment Attraction & Development in Education Sector, General Investment Authority, Saudi Arabia (SAGIA)
- 9.55 Market Overview – Middle East education landscape**
Ashwin Assomull, Partner, L.E.K. Consulting
- 10.15 An overview of the legal and regulatory framework in the UAE and KSA**
Ross Barfoot, Partner Clyde & Co
Rizwan Osman, Legal Director, Clyde & Co
- 10.35 Ras Al Khaimah an Emirate of Opportunities**
Taner Topcu, Director of Academic Zone, RAKEZ

- 10.55 Dirty Shoes and Future Schools**
A brief overview of the NEOM Education, Research, and Innovation sector (ERI) with a focus on K-12 education and through the lens of a 30-year practitioner and his unique experiences building innovative programs and working with international students.
- Christopher Tompkins**, Executive Director of K-12 Education, NEOM
- 11.10 Refreshment Break & Networking**
- 11.30 DiT Regional focus and scene setting for Saudi and UAE**
A panel with representatives from the UAE, Saudi and DiT
- Panel Led by: Geoff Gladding**, Senior Lead, Education Team, Department for International Trade
- Panellists include:**
- Basim K. Ibrahim**, Head of Business/Investment Attraction & Development in Education Sector, General Investment Authority, Saudi Arabia (SAGIA)
- Taner Topcu**, Director of Academic Zone, RAKEZ
- Christopher Tompkins**, Executive Director of K-12 Education, NEOM
- Ashwin Assomull**, Partner, L.E.K. Consulting
- 12.00 The micro-credentialing initiative**
- Dr Naji AlMahdi**, Board Member; Chief Executive Officer of the National Institute for Vocational Education (NIVE)
- 12.20 TVET – Opportunities in Saudi and UAE**
- Panel Led by: Jonathan Ledger**, Global Technical and Vocational Education & Training (TVET) Specialist, Department for International Trade
- Panellists include:**
- Saleh AlGhamdi**, Business Development Director, BAE Systems Saudi Development and Training (BAES SDT)
- Stuart Skinner**, Head of South Asia, City & Guilds
- Frank Hughes**, Deputy General Manager, Lincoln College International
- Bhargav Busa**, Director of Finance and Operations, UK College of Business and Computing

12.50 DiT Higher Education Session

Panel Led by: Aisling Conboy, Higher Education Specialist - Education Team, Department for International Trade

Panellists Include:

Douglas Paton, Chair of Structural Geology & Basin Analysis, University of Leeds

Becky Smith, Assistant Director, International, Business Development & Delivery, Advance HE

Peter Christian, Head of Executive Education, Research Office, Royal College of Art

Professor Elaine Ferneley, Director, University of Manchester Worldwide

1.20-2.10 Lunch and Networking

2.10 Making Learning Dramatically Better, affordably

Sport has been transformed by looking at every tiny detail to see how performance can be improved. That Aggregation of Marginal Gains is suddenly transforming learning around the world, very dramatically. This talk looks at some of the details and data that matter, and the science behind them, from CO2 and pollution, to light and noise. We will look at examples from the Middle East and elsewhere of how schools and their students have seized this new opportunity to transform their learning and are loving the excitement of the changes too.

Prof Stephen Heppell, CEO, Heppell.net

2.40 Opportunities for Early Years Providers

Panel Led by: Ashwin Assomull, Partner, L.E.K. Consulting

Panellists include:

Purnima Tanuku OBE, Chief Executive, National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA)

Dr. Catherine Carroll-Meehan, Head of School, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at University of Portsmouth & OMEP World Organisation for Early Childhood UK Executive

Julie Hyde, Director, CACHE

3.10 K-12 Panel – Understanding the regulatory nuances of operating in KSA and UAE

This panel will look at the regulatory framework in KSA and across the UAE and the opportunities and challenges recent developments present to K-12 operators, as well as advice on "doing business" generally in those countries.

Led by: **Ross Barfoot**, Partner, Clyde & Co

Panellists include:

Rizwan Osman, Legal Director), Clyde & Co

Anita Gleave, Chief Executive Officer and Founder (Governor), Chatsworth Schools

3.40 Keynote address

Sir Anthony Seldon, Vice-Chancellor, The University of Buckingham

4.00 Refreshments and Networking

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