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***Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council***

***RUW 2nd Conference on Women and Society***

***Empowering Women through Higher Education***

***(18-19 April 2018)***

**Programme**

**DAY ONE: Wednesday, 18 April 2018 (AC 02)**

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| **08.00hrs** | **Registration and Coffee** |
| 09.00hrs | **Welcome by Professor Mazin M. A Jumaah and** **Introduction to the Conference Themes by David J. Lock****International perspectives and initiatives****Session Chair****Dr. Joyce McConnell,***Provost, West Virginia University* **Panel comprising of:****H.E. Sylvia M. Kasanga,** Preparation of students for employability and entrepreneurial activity*Senator, Founder of WPL (Kenya)***Nishat Riaz MBE,** Experience from Pakistan*Director of Education, British Council, Pakistan (SKYPE)***Essa Al Mulla**, Experience from UAE*Executive Director, National Workforce Development UAE* **Prof. Balghis Badri**, Role of universities in empowering women*Director Regional Institute of Gender, Diversity, Peace and Rights, Ahfad University for Women, Sudan***Questions and Discussion** |
| 10.45hrs | **UNSDG 5 - to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls: progress, prospects and impediments****Amin Al Sharkawi,** *UN Resident in Kingdom of Bahrain* **Questions and Discussion** |
| 11.30hrs | **Coffee Break** |
| 12.00hrs | **Conference Opening Ceremony****National Anthem****Reading of the Holy Quran****Opening Remarks****by Professor Mazin M.A Jumaah** *President, Royal University for Women***The Conference themes and outcomes****David J. Lock***Education Director, Gulf Conferences***Speech by the Patron H.E. Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi***Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council***Speech by Her Highness Princess Madhawi bint Fahad bin Farhan Al Saud** |
| 12.15hrs | **Keynote addresses****Chaired by David J. Lock** **Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhahki**, Empowering Women through Higher Education*Chief Executive, Education and Training Quality Authority* **Dr. Jennifer Orlikoff**, A win-win opportunity: Empowering women through education to leadership roles*Campus President of Potomac State College, West Virginia University***Dr. Sharifa al-Yahyai,** Inspiring women to take leadership positions*Former Minister of Social Development, academic and specialist in women studies, Oman***Dr. Farzana Al-Maraghi,** Women Empowerment in Higher Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain*Director, Scientific Research, Secretariat-General of the Higher Education Council***Bahjah Mohammed Al Dailami**, Mainstreaming women's needs in Development *Adviser Supreme Council for Women*  |
| **13.30hrs** | **Lunch Break/Networking** |
| 14.15hrs | **Women into Leadership****Session Chair David J. Lock****Women and Higher Education Leadership: An Object of Desire or Something to be Avoided?****Professor Louise Morley***Director, Centre for Higher Education and Equity Research , University of* Sussex*, UK*  |
| 15.00hrs | **Building capability for Women****Session Chair: Dr. Lulwa AlMutlaq****Panel comprising of:****On STEM subjects:****Professor Mazin M.A. Jumaah***President, Royal University of Women, Bahrain***On Political engagement:****Andrea Bertone***Director, FHI 360, USA (SKYPE)***On Creativity in the Curriculum****Dr. Liza Howe-Walsh and Dr Sarah Turnbull**University of Portsmouth UK |
| **16.15hrs** | **Coffee break** |
| 16.30hrs | **Role of Universities in Empowering Women****Session Chair: Dr. Jennifer Orlikoff****Dr. David Stewart,** History of Women Education*Vice President of International Affairs, West Virginia University* **Victoria A Budson** *Executive Director women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School (SKYPE)***Dr. Haya Bint Ali Bin Hassan Al-Noaimi,** Women's Advancement*Vice President for Community Service and Alumni Affairs, University of Bahrain* **Dr. Mona Suri & Mr. Parsa Zoqaqi,** RUW perspective on empowering women by employability*Academic Vice President RUW, Director, QAAU RUW* **Nadia Abdullatif Buqais,** Role of Higher Education Council*Director of Evaluation & Follow up, Secretariat General of Higher Education Council, Bahrain* |
| 17.55hrs | **Conclusion to the day and introduction to the Conference Workshops****David J. Lock**  |
| **18.00hrs** | **End of Day 1 of Conference**  |

**DAY TWO: Thursday, 19 April 2018**

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| **08.30hrs** | **Registration and Coffee** |  |
| 09.00hrs | **POSTER SESSION (AB 22)** |
| 09.30hrs | **First Workshop Session:****Presentation and Discussion of Country initiatives and their impact** |
| **Workshop A UAE (AC 10)****Essa Al Mulla**, *Executive Director, National Workforce Development UAE* | **Workshop B Kuwait (AC 12)****Dr. Aisha Alazemi***Chief Educational Specialist,**Ministry of Education, Kuwait*  |
| 10.30 hrs | **Second Workshop Session**  |
|  | **Workshop C (AC 10)****what can be done through student services to enable women to take responsibility** **Catherine Walker***Acting Director of Student Services**Bahrain Polytechnic*  | **Workshop D (AC 12)****The Role of Universities in Developing Women Leaders****Dr. Lulwa AlMutlaq***Founding President, Golden Trust Training and Consultancy* |
| **Workshop E (AC 14)****Women into Engineering and STEM****Dr. Janon Kadhim**Dean College of Art and Design*Royal University of Women, Bahrain* |
| **11.30hrs** | **Refreshments Break** |

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| **Parallel Session 1 (AC 10)****Women Employability and Entrepreneurship** |
| **12.00hrs** | **Academic Paper Presentations I** |
|  | **Chaired by:** **Prof. Balghis Badri** |
|  | **Dr. Raija Pini Kemppainen,** Female Entrepreneurs and innovators – in Theory*Director of Scientific Research Center, Assistant Professor, Dar Al-Hekma University* |
|  | **Dr. Yomna Ahmed Yousif Ali,** Academic Performance of Women in Business Education, *University of Bahrain*  |
|  | **Dr. Adel Ismail Al-Alawi, Ms. Shurooq Husamaddin; Ms. Fatema Khaled Mejeran; Ms. Fateme Kadhem Madan** Bahraini Women Engineers: Factors Influencing Their Career Success Ladder*University of Bahrain; Ebdaa Engineering, Ministry of Works, Al-Taweel Engineering* |
| **13.30hrs** | **Academic Paper Presentations II** |
|  | **Chaired by: Dr. Arpita Mehrotra** |
|  | **Ms. Hind Talal,** The Influence of social media platforms on women’s employment in Saudi Arabia*Lecturer of Visual Communication, Dar Al-Hekma University* |
|  | **Ms. Fatima Abdulrahman Binzaiman,** Factors Affecting Corporate Social Responsibility: An Empirical Study in the Kingdom of Bahrain *MBA Student, University of Bahrain* |
|  | **Dr. Humam Elagha,** Determinants of Effective IT Control Frameworks: A Study of Executive Gender Diversity*Assistant Professor, Centre for General Studies, Royal University for Women* |
| 14.45hrs | **Comments from Workshop and Closing Remarks****Professor Mazin M.A Jumaah** *President, Royal University for Women***David J. Lock –** *Chairman, Education Director, Gulf Education Conferences*  |
| 15.00hrs | **End of Conference and distribution of certificates to participants****LUNCH** |

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| **Parallel Session 2 (AC 12)****Empowering Women through Legal Education** |
| **12.00hrs** | **Academic Paper Presentations I** |
|  | **Chaired by:** **Ms. Aysha Mutaywea** |
|  | **Prof. Paolo Bargiacchi,** Guaranteeing Equal Access of Women to Justice in Europe: Obstacles and Solutions*Full Professor of International Law, Faculty of Economic Sciences and Law, Kore University of Enna, Italy* |
|  | **Dr. Amer El Saeedi** and **Ms. Marwa Haider**, Working Women’s Rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain – Comparative Study*Assistant Professor, College of Law, Royal University for Women* |
|  | **Dr. Pasquale Borea,** Implementing Women’s Rights through the legislative protection against domestic violence: The Bahraini Law No 17/2015*Dean of College of Law, Associate Professor, Royal University for Women* |
| **13.30hrs** | **Academic Paper Presentations II** |
|  | **Chaired by:** **Dr. Amer El Saeedi** |
| 4. | **Dr. Maria Casoria** and **Ms. Amina Saleh,** Women’s Role in International Commercial Arbitration between Education and Legal Profession *Assistant Professor, College of Law, Royal University for Women* |
| 5. | **Dr. Raed Alnimer, Mrs. Huma Qasim Khalid Bungash,** and **Mrs. Mai Ebrahim,** Custody Provisions in the Bahraini Unified Family Law*Assistant Professor, College of Law, Royal University for Women* |
| 6. | **Dr. Husham Alawsi,** The position of Islamic jurisprudence and Bahraini law on women’s right to work and professional trade*Assistant Professor, College of Law, Royal University for Women* |
| 14.45hrs | **Comments from Workshop and Closing Remarks****Professor Mazin M.A Jumaah** *President, Royal University for Women***David J. Lock –** *Chairman, Education Director, Gulf Education Conferences*  |
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| **Parallel Session 3 (AC 14)****Generation Z: Women’s Advancement** |
| **12.00hrs** | **Academic Paper Presentations I** |
|  | **Chaired by:** **Dr. Jennifer Orlikoff**  |
|  | **Prof. Nawar Al-Hassan Golley,** Unlearning Hegemonic Discourses: Teaching Women’s Studies *Professor and Coordinator of the Women’s Studies Minor, American University of Sharjah* |
|  | **Dr. Ghufran Ahmed Jassim**, Integrating Women’s Health into Non-Medical Undergraduate Curriculum*Senior Lecturer in Family Medicine, RCSI* |
|  | **Ms. Nourhan Rahman,** Case Study: The Use of Blended Learning at Royal University for Women*Director of Centre for General Studies, Royal University for Women* |
| **13.30hrs** | **Academic Paper Presentations II** |
|  |  **Chaired by:** **Prof. Nawar Al-Hassan Golley** |
|  | **Dr. Ghufran Ahmed Jassim**, Women’s Health at the Work Place*Senior Lecturer in Family Medicine, RCSI* |
|  | **Dr. Vladimir Davchev,** Empowering Gender Equality at State Universities in the Republic of Macedonia*Professor, Dept. of Gender Studies, Faculty of Philosophy, Saints Cyril and Methodius, Skopje Republic of Macedonia*  |
|  | **Ms. Kathryn Funk,** Gender Responsive Budgeting: Implementation in Bahrain*Research Assistant, Scientific Research Council, Royal University for Women* |
|  | **Dr. Kanchana Bulumulle,** Gendered Opportunity: A pre-academic career dynamic in the academic life of Sri Lankan and Australian academics*Senior Lecturer in the Dept. of Social Studies, The Open University of Sri Lanka* |
| 14.45hrs | **Comments from Workshop and Closing Remarks****Professor Mazin M.A Jumaah** *President, Royal University for Women***David J. Lock –** *Chairman, Education Director, Gulf Education Conferences* |
| 15.00hrs | **End of Conference and distribution of certificates to participants, LUNCH** |

**Parallel Session 4 (AC 16)**

**Empowering Women in Art and Design Education**

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| **12.00hrs** | **Academic Paper Presentations I** |
|  | **Chaired by:** **Dr. Henaa Mallah** |
|  | **Dr. Sana Abbasi,** Modest Fashion: Is it a Trend of a Revolution? *Chair of Fashion Design Program FASH, Dark Al-Hekma University*  |
|  | **Dr. Nehal Almurbati,** Sustaining Women in Design Profession and Design Education: A Decade of Interior Design Graduates in Bahrain *Assistant Professor, Dept. of Architecture and Interior Design, College of Engineering, University of Bahrain* |
|  | **Dr. Janon A. W. Kadhim and Ms Khadija Saeed,** *Higher Education for Women Employability; with Special reference to Women in Art and Design in the Kingdom of Bahrain**Dean of College of Art and Design, Royal University for Women and Master of Design Management, RUW* |
| 14.45hrs | **Comments from Workshop and Closing Remarks****Professor Mazin M.A Jumaah** *President, Royal University for Women***David J. Lock –** *Education Director, Gulf Education Conferences*  |
| 15.00hrs | **End of Conference and distribution of certificates to participants, LUNCH** |

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