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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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