

Within the framework of the BAIFA program,
the Information Institutions and Professional skills Department
at the Library Sector, Bibliotheca Alexandrina
organizes the conference

Africa Talks Education

For a better tomorrow!

Tuesday, 24 September 2019; 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Bibliotheca Alexandrina Conference Center, Small Theater
Simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, English and French is available.



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Introduction

Within the framework of the BA Information for Africa (BAIFA)'s program, the Information Institutions and Professional Skills Department at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA) Library Sector is organizing a conference entitled "Africa Talks Education: For a Better Tomorrow!"

This program comes in alignment with the Bibliotheca Alexandrina's interest in activities and programs that support its ties with the African continent. Moreover, 2019 was announced by H.E. President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi as the year of education's advancement.

The conference will address the current status of higher education in Africa, the challenges it faces, and the efforts deployed to enhance the situation of higher education in different countries in Africa. It will also highlight the important and vital role of informal education delivered by libraries and other educational institutions.



Program

Session	Time	Description
	10:00–11:00 am	Registration
Opening Session	11:00–11:30 am	<p>Prof. Amgad Elgohary, Head of the Library Sector, Bibliotheca Alexandrina</p> <p>Prof. Mostafa El Feki, Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina</p>
Keynote Speaker	11:30 am – 12:00 noon	<p>Prof. Ghada Abdelbary, Secretary-General of the Egyptian National Commission for UNESCO</p>
	12:00 noon – 12:30 pm	Group Photo and Coffee Break
Session 1	12:30–2:30 pm	<p>The State of Higher Education in Africa and the Challenges It Faces</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Al-Snosy Balbaa, Vice president of Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport (AASTMT) for African & Asian Affairs</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Dr. Rasha Kamal, Head of the Central Administration for the Affairs of International Students, Ministry of Higher Education, Egypt</p> <p>Prof. Mervat Eldeeb, general coordinator of the Presidential Advisory Council of Scientists and Experts</p>



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Session 1		<p>Prof. Amany Elsharif, Regional Director of Regional North Africa Office of Association of African Universities (AAU-NARO)</p> <p>Dr. Alioune Dramé, Head of the Management Department, Senghor University</p>
	2:30–3:00 pm	Coffee Break
Session 2	3:00–4:20 pm	<p>The Role of the Informal Education Provided through Libraries in Supporting and enhancing the quality of higher Education in African.</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Ismail Abd El Ghaffar, President of Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Prof. Rocky Ralebipi-Simela, Independent Assessor at the Vaal University of Technology (VUT), South Africa</p> <p>Prof. Hoda Basheer, Dean of the Faculty of Education for Early Childhood, Alexandria University.</p> <p>Dr. Marwa Elwakil, Head of the Academic Research Sector, Bibliotheca Alexandrina</p>



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Session 3	4:20–5:00 pm	<p>Target 4.3 of Sustainable Development Goal 4</p> <p>“By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university.”</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Dina Youssef, Director of Information Institutions and Professional Skills Department, Library sector and Director of IFLA Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries (IFLA-CASL)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Prof. Bernard Durand, Vice-president of the French University in Egypt, Cairo</p> <p>Dr. Wael Eldesouki, Director of the AAST Center of Entrepreneurship, Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport</p>
	5:00–5:30 pm	Official Closing

Keynote Speaker

Prof. Ghada Abdelbary



Secretary-General of the Egyptian National Commission for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO, ISESCO, ALECSO) and Professor of Pharmaceutics and Industrial Pharmacy in the Faculty of Pharmacy in Cairo University since 2015, Dr Ghada Abdelbary received a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the Faculty of Pharmacy of Méditerranée, Aix Marseille II University in France.

Moreover, she was a Cultural and Scientific Attaché, from 2014 until 2018 in the Cultural office of the Egyptian Embassy in Paris, France and a member of the Permanent Delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt to UNESCO, from August 2017 until 2018, UNESCO, Paris, France.

She is the recipient of numerous honorary awards from Cairo University.

Speakers

Prof. Al-Snosy Balbaa



Prof. Al-Snosy Balbaa is currently the Vice President of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport for African and Asian Affairs.

His position is linked to many African and Asian countries in various fields, such as education, training, consulting, research and innovation. He also participates in EU projects that helps in problem-solving.

He is a board member of some marine holding companies for over 10 years.

He worked as a consultant to King Abdul Aziz University for Maritime Studies in Saudi Arabia. He has also wrote a book entitled (Management of Environmental Sustainability in Sea Ports).

Balbaa published about 45 papers in international scientific journals and international conferences, some of which were presented at local conferences

Speakers

Dr. Rasha Kamal



Head of the Central Department for International Students Affairs, An Assistant Professor at the Department of English, Faculty of Education, Ain Shams University, Dr. Rasha Kamal is a member of the HERE Council affiliated to the European Union (Higher Education Reform Expert) participating in forming policies and strategies for reforming the higher education system in Egypt. She is also the Director of the Center for Excellence in Education, Ain Shams University.

Dr. Kamal worked as a PI for a number of international projects in education, such as “Capacity Building of In-service Teachers in Public Schools with Inclusion” in cooperation with UNICEF and the Ministry of Education. She is also the PI of the Erasmus+ projects in cooperation with five universities in Europe and Egypt, entitled “School and University Partnership for Peer Communities of Learners” (SUP4PCL).

Specialized in teaching new innovative methods and techniques of teaching English as well as, enhancing the values and ethics of teaching that should be considered in the CPD of school teachers, she is a key person in several research projects in education. She worked at the National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education (NAQAAE) for two years. She is the focal point in the preparation of the International Teacher Diploma between ASU and UPEI.

Speakers

Prof. Mervat Eldeeb



Having graduated from the Faculty of Education, Ain Shams University, Prof. Mervat Eldeeb holds a Special Diploma in Education; as well as a diploma in Curricula and Instruction from the Faculty of Education, Mansoura University; a Master's degree and an EdD in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from the Teachers College, Columbia University.

Heading the Board of Trustees of the Nile International Education System Unit (NIES), she is currently Professor Emeritus of Curricula and Instruction at Benha University.

She is a member of the Board of NAQAEE; the Sector Committee for Education Studies, Supreme Council of Universities, Ministry of Higher Education; the Educational Committee, the National Council of Women; and she is also a member and general coordinator of the Presidential Advisory Council of Scientists and Experts.

In 2016, she developed the curriculum framework for the Career Guidance Program for Technical Secondary Schools (grades 10–12), GIZ. She is the author of a number of publications and presentations.

Speakers

Prof. Amany El-Sharif



Regional Director of Regional North Africa Office of Association of African Universities (AAU -NARO) Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Dr. Amany El-Sharif is member of the National Committee of Women in Science and the former Director of the Training Sector in the National Authority of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education (NAQAAE).

She is also an international quality assurance expert, trainer and consultant.

She is an expert in the Harmonization of African Quality Assurance and Accreditation of higher education (HAQAA) initiative established by the European Union and African Union, as well as an expert in African Quality Rating Mechanism (AQRM) for higher education institutions organized by the European Union and African Union, as well as editor and reviewer in many peer-reviewed international journals in the medical sciences field.

She is also the DAAD Aluminous and the founder of different public health awareness initiatives.

Speakers

Dr. Alioune Dramé



Since February 2016, Alioune Dramé has been the Director of the Management Department at Senghor University, an international French-language university serving African development, based in Alexandria, Egypt. He holds a PhD in International Law, Major Political Science, from the Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University.

He is also a graduate of the Special Military School of Saint-Cyr, a military academy for officers of the French Army, with a specialization in Defense Resource Management, Crisis Management, and Conflict and Military Management.

His scientific work and his academic studies focus: on the place of the Francophonie in the international scene; the issues of peace and security in French-speaking African countries; the study of the cultural and linguistic factor in peacekeeping operations and the resolution of crises and conflicts; research and technology and many others.

Speakers

Dr. Wael Eldesouki



Dr. Eldesouki is an Egyptian serial entrepreneur, and is the Entrepreneurship Center Director at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport.

Dr. Eldesouki is passionate about inspiring entrepreneurs to have a remarkable business vision that is scalable and profitable, capitalizing on his 15 years of experience in marketing, sales and feasibility study gained from business consultation and enhanced by teaching in London School of Economics, Cardiff Metropolitan University in addition to AAST.

Dr. Eldesouki is a strong believer in sector-focused incubators and accelerators. Through AAST accelerator, Eldesouki is supporting export and supply chain startups to go global; he also has a big love for food start-ups.

He is preparing a PhD degree from Cardiff Metropolitan University in UK; his PhD is concerned with Global Entrepreneurial Marketing Mix, and is focused on his MBA on Niche Marketing success factors.

Speaker

Prof. Bernard Durand



An engineer and Professor of Mechanics at the University of Upper Alsace, Prof. Bernard Durand is currently the Vice President of the French University in Egypt. He holds a PhD in Engineering and in Science.

He joined the University of Upper Alsace as an assistant in 1984, and then occupied the posts of Lecturer and then Professor at the same university where he created several university diplomas, and designed and engineering training.

During 2007, he held the positions of the Vice-president, Vice-president for Research, Vice-president for Valorization and Vice-president of the doctoral school at the University of Upper Alsace.

During his research, he first worked on fibrous structures and their mechanical and optical behavior. This work has resulted in publications, industrial patents and surface sensors distributed throughout the world. In 1990, he turned to biomechanics, and more particularly to the development of flexible synthetic prostheses. This work has resulted in more than 250 publications, book chapters and conferences. Three patents are in operation, and two startups out of eleven are in the marketing phase of their product.

Speakers

Dr. Marwa Elwakil



Dr. Marwa Elwakil is currently the Head of the BA Academic Research Sector. She is the former Director of the Center for Special Studies and Programs (CSSP), a scientific and cultural center at the BA. Through heading the CSSP, she undertook various research projects and established sustainable networks of international collaboration. Marwa holds a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Microbiology and Immunology), Faculty of Pharmacy, Alexandria University, Egypt and an MSc in the same field.

During her work at the BA, she led and coordinated many collaborative projects and programs such as the BA partnership with the UN Resident Coordinator Office to support sustainable development in Egypt, Arab Regional Partner for the World Academy of Sciences for the Advancement of Science in Developing Countries (TWAS-AREP); Education for Sustainable Development beyond the Campus (EU TEMPUS project); Post-doctoral Research Grants program in partnership with the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and many others. She authored, co-authored and edited a number of publications. Before joining the BA, Dr Elwakil was a researcher at the Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology Research Institute, City of Scientific Research and Technological Applications, Egypt.

Speakers

Prof. Hoda Basheer



Prof. Hoda Basheer is the Dean of the Faculty of Education for Early Childhood - Alexandria University since 2018 after occupying several academic positions within the same University. She got a PhD in physical education from faculty of Education – Tanta University in 1992. Therefore she has occupied several positions abroad such as Program and Research Advisor at the Cultural Center For Children - Qatar in 2015, Research expert at the Cultural Center for Children - Qatar in 2012 and many others.

She wrote 5 scientific publications including books and journals, moreover 27 research in the field of early childhood, while supervising 24 scientific thesis varying between the master and doctorate.

Speakers

Prof. Rocky Ralebipi-Simela



Prof. Rocky Ralebipi-Simela is an Independent Assessor at the Vaal University of Technology (VUT). She has been appointed by the former Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr. Naledi Pandor, since May 2019.

She is the National Librarian and CEO of the National Library of South Africa. Her career includes the following positions in higher education: Regional Director, University of South Africa (UNISA); Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Central University of Technology; Free State, Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Management Sciences and Law, University of Venda; Head of Department of Information Studies, University of the North and Campus Librarian and Assistant Professor, University of St. Catherine, Minneapolis, MN, USA.

She holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh and a PhD in the same field from the University of Minnesota, USA.

She served, and continues to serve, on many national councils, boards and committees; including the Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC), National Council on Library and Information Services (NCLIS).

Speakers

Prof. Ismail Abdel Ghaffar



Prof. Ismail Abdel Ghaffar Ismail assumed the president of the Arab Academy for science, Technology and Maritime Transport in 2011. He has been in several positions throughout his career, including Head of Research Planning Department in the AASTMT in 2001, then Head of the Electrical Engineering Division in the AASTMT in 2003. In 2005, he was selected for the position of Assistant Director of the Faculty of postgraduate and Research and then

Assistant Director of the Military Technical faculty of Education in 2006, was chosen as Vice-Director of the AASTMT in 2007, became Director of the Military faculty in 2009 until he was chosen to head the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport. He has many published scientific papers in specialized journals and international conferences from 1994 to 2010.

He has done several activities abroad, such as Head of Scientific Delegation to visit the Peer Canadian Universities, 2008. Responsible for the planning and executing cooperation protocols and joint research activities and Head of Delegations to Poland, Ukraine, 2007.

It is worth mentioning that during the international conferences held annually at the Military Technical College - Cairo - Egypt, he is responsible for being a member, chairman, organizational and scientific committees. He is also the Chairman of the Port Academy for Marine and Technical Studies in Dammam, the Regional Center for Studies and Training in Port Sudan, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Maritime Research and Consulting Center and the Port Training Institute. He is also the Chairman of the committee responsible for the implementation of the resolutions of the Arab Economic Summit related to the Arab Maritime Linkage Project.

Exhibitors

Association of African Universities (AAU)



The AAU is Africa's apex organization established in 1967 to serve as a major platform for Africa's universities to cooperate among themselves and with the international higher education community.

The Association is currently present in 46 countries in Africa and has an institutional membership for about 500 universities.

The Association provides a platform for research, reflection, consultation, debates, co-operation and collaboration on issues pertaining to higher education. In addition, the Association provides leadership in the identification of emerging issues and support for debating them and facilitating appropriate follow-up action by its members, partners and other stakeholders.

AAU is the coordinator of the African Union in the implementation of the Continental Education Strategy of Africa (CESA 2016–2025).

North Africa Regional Office, NARO: On 12 March 2019, the North Africa Regional Office of the Association of African Universities was inaugurated in Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt. The mandate of NARO covers six countries of North Africa (Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania).

The main objective of NARO is to increase the impact of AAU activities in North Africa and facilitate the activities of AAU membership in sub-regions. The regional office aims to enhance cooperation and to strengthen relationships among members and related partners. It also aims to improve knowledge sharing as well as visibility and quality of higher education in Africa. It works collectively with other regional offices to support major higher education improvement strategies such as CESA 2016–2025.

Exhibitors

The French University of Egypt (UFE)



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Université Française d'Égypte

The French University of Egypt (UFE) is a private Egyptian institution established in 2002 and inaugurated in 2006. In addition to teaching in three languages (French, Arabic and English) and the existence of a double French-Egyptian diploma, UFE allows its students to lead a course agreed in partnership with various French universities, such as Paris III Sorbonne, the University of Nantes, the University of Upper Alsace or the University of Corsica.

The UFE aims to:

- Strengthen academic, scientific and cultural links with French universities and scientific institutions. In the long term, we seek to harmonize our training programs with the French and European higher education systems.
- Offer our students excellent training in the fields of higher education, research and continuing education. We attach particular importance to the recruitment and selection of academic, technical and administrative staff, as well as the educational methods implemented by our teachers.
- Contribute to raising the standards of teaching and scientific research in Egypt in order to train professionals, experts and researchers in various scientific fields of the future.



Exhibitors

Senghor University

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Senghor University, the International University of the French Language, and one of the direct operators of La Francophonie (the French speaking community), strives for the development of Africa. Senghor University aims to achieve development by providing training and information to French-speaking high executive graduates in both public and private sectors and familiarizing them with the exercises of certain priority domains' responsibilities. The University delivers a professional, internationally recognized Master's degree in Development through several departments.

This Master certificate is offered in nine specialties:

- Project Management
- Public Management
- Cultural Heritage Management
- Cultural Industries Management
- Media and Communication
- Environment Management
- Protected Areas Management
- International Health and Nutritional Politics

Senghor University is also a center of exchange and meetings for the French speaking community. It organizes seminars and conferences in the fields of action and collaboration with other operators and French-speaking institutions.

Exhibitors

Study in Egypt Initiative



The Study in Egypt initiative was launched by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in May 2019 in accordance with the directives of H.E. the President of the Republic of Egypt to develop the care of foreign students in Egyptian universities.

Study in Egypt aims at supporting leaders in developing this system which will result in the graduation of a foreign student representing as Egypt's ambassador.

As part of the initiative, the Central Administration of Student Affairs in the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education announces the opening of the entrance to study in the Egyptian universities and institutes for international students for the academic year 2019/2020.