

UK-KSA Higher Education Leaders Roundtable

Date: Monday 29 March 2021

Timing: 1200 – 1530 Saudi time (0900 – 1230 UK time)

Venue: Virtual Roundtable

Introduction

In March 2018, the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia signed an education agreement and launched the UK-KSA Education Partnership. The UK-KSA Education Steering Committee identified higher education as one of the priority areas of collaboration, including scientific research & innovation and transnational education.

Recent announcements from the Saudi Ministry of Education encourage Saudi universities to forge partnerships with international higher education institutions and international institutions to operate in Saudi Arabia.

The Education Leaders Roundtable will bring together senior officials from higher education institutions in both countries to discuss opportunities and challenges of collaboration.

The roundtable will include panel discussions between senior officials with a Q&A session at the end of each panel. The maximum number of participants in the roundtable is 50 people.

Research & Innovation and TNE Working Groups will be announced at the virtual roundtable.

Objectives:

- Create links and foster institutional collaboration between the UK and Saudi Arabia higher education institutions through sharing policy, knowledge and best practices.
- Better understand the scale of opportunities and challenges to academic, research and TNE partnerships.

Expected Outcomes:

- Better understand the Saudi Arabian higher education institutions' research priorities
- Share the UK and Saudi experience in commercialising research & internationalisation
- Better Understand the Saudi new universities system and the scale of local opportunities for transnational education.
- Announcement of the UK-KSA Research & Innovation Working Group
- Announcement of the UK-KSA Transnational Education Working Group

Speakers:

Senior officials from the Ministry of Education, the British Council, the UK and Saudi Arabia higher education institutions.

Who should attend:

- University Rectors/ Vice-Chancellors
- Pro Vice-Chancellors Research/University Vice-Rectors for Research & Innovation
- Deans /Directors /Heads of Research & Innovation
- Directors of International Cooperation
- Policymakers

Registration Form:

You can express your interest in attending the roundtable by completing the following online [registration form](#).

Programme outline:

12:00 Welcome remarks & overview

12:30 Panel discussion (1):

Research & Innovation: Policy & Priorities for International Collaboration

Speakers will reflect on:

- Research and innovation priorities
- Creative approaches for enhancing International collaboration in research and innovation
- University-industry partnerships opportunities and challenges.
- Commercialisations & start-ups.

Q&A

Announcement of the UK-KSA Research & Innovation Working Group

13:45 Panel discussion (2):

Internationalisation of Education - Opportunities & Challenges

Speakers will reflect on:

- The new university system in Saudi Arabia.
- Creative approaches for transnational education collaboration, including accreditation and recognition, joint and dual degree programmes, fly-in academics, branch campuses.
- Blended learning models, Virtual Collaboration opportunities, under COVID-19.
- Investment in Education opportunities & challenges

Q&A

Announcement of the UK-KSA Transnational Education Working Group

15:30 Closing remarks

UK-KSA Research & Innovation Working Group



Purpose

The working group develops initiatives and supports research & innovation projects to create further collaboration opportunities under the UK-Saudi Education partnership.

Remit

The working group responsibilities are to:

- Share policies and best practices in research & innovation.
- Develop initiatives, create a plan of activities to support further collaboration in research & innovation.

UK-KSA Transnational Education Working Group

Purpose

The working group develops initiatives and supports transnational education opportunities to create further partnerships between the UK and Saudi higher education institutions under the UK-Saudi Education partnership.

Remit

The working group responsibilities are to:

- Analyse market opportunities for transnational education
- Develop initiatives, create a plan of activities to support the establishment of transnational education partnerships.
- Share policies and best practices.