

IBBC Autumn Conference 2023 *Iraq – Building a Sustainable Future*

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**Education & Training in Iraq – the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dubai Marina,
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Agenda

Chairmen of the day: Prof. Mohammed Al Uzri, Health and Education Advisor, IBBC & Dr Amir Saadati, Gems Consult

- 08.30** Registration & Coffee
- 09.00** Welcome Address:
Lord Boateng, Chancellor of Greenwich University
Ambassador Stephen Charles Hitchen, His Majesty's Ambassador to Iraq
Professor Alaa Abdulhasan Atiyah Alzwghaibi, PhD, MOHESR
Professor Mary Stiasny, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of London
Dr Mohammed Shukri, Kurdistan Regional Government
H.E. Mr Alan Hama Saeed Salih, Ministry of Education
- 09.40** **Session 1: Vocational Training, IRCS Centre for Vocational Training**
Dr Yaseen Ahmed Abbas, IRCS centre for vocational training; **Dr Tony Degazon**, City and Guilds; **H.E Dr Najji Al Mahdi**, Chief Qualification and Awards KHDA, Dubai; **Dr Ahmed Kanan Al-Jaafari**, Supervision and Scientific Research Apparatus; **Mr Gavin Busuttil-Reynaud**, AQA- Alphaplus
- 10.40** Tea & Coffee/ Networking
- 11.10** **Session 2: Academic & Business Collaboration**
Dr Hazim Al-Zubaidi, Director of Governmental Programme, MOHESR, Iraq; **Peter O'Hara**, University of London; **Dr Kenan Barut**, Cambridge University Press & Assessment; **Mr Mahul Shah**, Occupational English Test (OET); **Mr Muhammad Zohaib**, Chief Executive LRN
- 12.10** Tea & Coffee/ Networking
- 12.30** **Session 3: Iraq Scholarship Programme**
Professor Hamid Ahmed, PM Advisor & Executive Director at the Higher Committee for Education Development in Iraq, PM Office; **Dr Stephen Land PhD FRSB FTSP**, University of Dundee; **Professor Paul Coulthard**, Queen Mary University of London; **Professor Paul A. Townsend**, PVC & Executive Dean, Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences, University of Surrey; **Professor Angela Simpson**, PVC/Executive Dean Faculty Health, Medicine and Society, University of Chester
- 13.30** **Closing remarks: Mr Wayne David MP**, Shadow Minister for Middle East

14.00 Lunch

14:30 **Tech Forum Online: How can Tech help us mitigate and adapt to climate change?**
Speakers: Batoul Hussein, SAP MENA; **Ahmed Gailani**, Climate researcher and member of Leeds University and UK GOV CCC committee; **Owais Afridi**, Head of EY sustainability practice in MENA; **Prof. Dr Sabih G. Khisaf**, ICE; **Mr Hussam Chakouf**, NEOM

End of Conference

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