

LAUNCHING CEREMONY
of the “**Arabic Version of the UNESCO SCIENCE REPORT: towards 2030**”
On Thursday, 24th January 2019
At the premises of UNESCO Cairo Office



Under the auspices of HE Dr. Khaled ABDEL-GHAFFAR, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and President of the Egyptian National Commission for UNESCO, the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology of Egypt in collaboration with the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science in the Arab States – UNESCO Cairo - organized the **LAUNCHING CEREMONY** of the “**Arabic Version of the UNESCO SCIENCE**

REPORT: towards 2030” on Thursday, 24th January 2019 which was hosted by UNESCO Cairo Office at its premises in 6th of October City, Giza, Egypt. The ceremony gathered over **100** high-level officials and media representatives including the Secretary-General of the Egyptian National Commission for UNESCO, two former ministers for scientific research, the senior officials from the Academy for Scientific Research and Technology of Egypt, the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Presidents of Egyptian Universities (both public and private), as well as several Heads of the major research institutes, along with representatives of the Leagues of Arab States, UN Agencies and Embassies in Egypt.



In his opening remarks, **Mr. Ghaith FARIZ**, Director UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science in the Arab States, praised the dedicative efforts of the Academy and its specialized team of translators in producing the Arabic version of the UNESCO Science Report towards 2030. He also thanked the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Program for Arabic Language Support at UNESCO for their contribution. Mr. Fariz highlighted that this pioneering effort will

undoubtedly contribute to develop a practical and flexible regional vision for advancing science and knowledge agendas in the Arab region benefiting from the best practices and successful experiences from around the globe. Citing the science and knowledge gap in the region, he urged the Arab States to adopt/ formulate appropriate STI policies that can help them in bridging the knowledge gap.



Prof. Mahmoud SAKR, President of the Academy for Scientific Research and Technology of Egypt thanked UNESCO Cairo Office for hosting the ceremony and all contributors of this report; ASRT's specialized translators, STI Observatory and the National Information Network to produce this inspiring Arabic version. He indicated that the ASRT undertook this task for its deep faith in its pivotal role towards the Arab region.

He also pointed out the importance of such reports, which deal with the STI indicators and their role in formulating future policies. He explained the role played by the Egyptian STI Observatory in the Academy in following up and monitoring these indicators towards sustaining its pioneering mandate in disseminating science and technology culture at the local and international levels and supporting the Arabic language in the global scientific fora.



HE Prof. Amr ADLY, Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and representative of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, welcomed all participants, thanked the UNESCO Cairo Office for hosting this event and the Academy for Scientific Research and Technology for having this report translated into Arabic and launching it in Cairo. Prof. Adly assured the importance of the analysis and

findings of this report to the Arab region, and for Egypt in particular. He touched on major Egyptian efforts in supporting STI in the country, and reaffirmed Egypt's commitment to advancing scientific research and innovation as one of the major drivers of socio-economic sustainable development in the country.



Dr. Mohamed RAMADAN (Director, ESTIO/ ASRT) presented an update on the science and technology indicators in the Arab region. Updated data and information addressed several issues including data about R&D, Arab women researchers, number of Arab researchers, expenditures of R&D, patents' requests in the Arab States, high-tech imports in the Arab region as part of the industrial imports, global scientific publications for the

Arab region, scientific publications for the Arab States per specialization and the scientific publication cooperation in the Arab region.

Dr. Ramadan pointed out the contribution of the Egyptian STI Observatory in relation to the activities of science and technology in the Arab states to keep up with the most important developments in the Arab countries in the science arenas.



The ASRT's specialized translators' team were honored certificates for their efforts in developing the Arabic version of the UNESCO Science Report.

Following this, a fruitful discussion took place between the participants and the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, the ASRT President and UNESCO Cairo Director. It is worth noting that, hard copies and CDs of the Arabic version and English summary of the UNESCO Science Report were distributed.

At the end, a welcome reception was offered by the UNESCO Cairo Office to all participants and guests.