Monday, 18 December

9.30 a.m. Arrival of Participants

10.00 a.m. Opening Statements

Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO

H.E. Ms Zohour Alaoui, President of the General Conference of UNESCO, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to UNESCO

His Highness the Prince Saud Bin Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Deputy Secretary-General, Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud Foundation,

H.E. Mr Ibrahim Al Balawi, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO,

10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. ALECSO-Sharjah Award for Linguistic and Lexical Studies

H.E. Dr Saud Hilal Al Harbi, Director-General of the Arab Organization for Education Culture and Science (ALECSO)

His Highness Dr Sultan bin Mohammed Al- Qasimi, Ruler of Sharjah, President of the Arabic Language Academy in Sharjah

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. First session

Arabic Language and Science (Cultural Heritage and Perspective in terms of Knowledge)

Chairperson: Ms Nada Al-Nashif, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
Speakers:

H.E. Mr Ghattas Khoury, Minister of Culture (Lebanon)

H.E. Dr Khaled Al Karaki, Former Minister (Jordan), Director of the Arabic Language Academy

H.E. Mr Pierre Joxe, Former Minister (France)

H.E. Dr Mustafa Cherif, Former Minister (Algeria)

Dr Salih Alkholaifi, Director-General, Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud Foundation

1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Lunch

3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Second session

Linguistic Planning and its Role in Expanding the Arabic Language

Chairperson: Dr Abdulazziz Al Sebail, Secretary-General for the King Faisal International Prize

Speakers:

Dr Abdullah Alwashmi, Secretary General of the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Center for Arabic language

Mr Henri El Awit, Secretary General of the Arab Thought Foundation

Dr Jarjoura Hardane, Professor, St Joseph University

Dr Roshdi Rashed, Director of Research at the CNRS/Université Paris 7

Ms. Salam Diab – Duranton, Professor, University of Grenoble

Mr Jean Pruvost, French Writer
Tuesday, 19 December

8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.  Arrival of Participants

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.  Third session

**Engineering New Methods to Teach the Arabic Language**

Chairperson: Dr Ghazi Gherairi, Ambassador of Tunisia to UNESCO

Speakers:

- Professor Darco Tanaskovic, Ambassador of Serbia to UNESCO
- Dr Abdulmohsin Aloqaili, Professor, King Saud University
- Dr Mohammed El Han-Nach, International Agency for Natural Language Processing, Morocco
- Ms Isabelle Yazbeck, Researcher and Translator
- Dr Joseph Dichy, Professor, Lyon University
- Ms Hassiba Lagraf, Professor, Lyon University
- Dr Luc Deheuvels, Professor, Center for Languages and Eastern Civilizations in Paris (INALCO), France
- Dr Hasan AlShamrani, Professor, King Saud University

10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.  Fourth session

**The Arabic Language, Present and Future**

Chairperson: Shaikha Wafa bint Abdullah Al Khalifa, Deputy Permanent Delegate of Bahrain to UNESCO

Speakers:

- Dr Said Assaid, Professor, King Saud University
- Dr Abdelhak Azzouzi, The Moroccan Center for Multidisciplinary Studies
- Dr Laila Al Sabaan, Professor, Kuwait University
- Mr Abdo Wazen, Journalist and Writer
Ms Nada Yafi, Director of the Center for Arabic language and Civilization

Dr Abbas Al Fahham, Head of Arabic Language, Al Kufa University

12.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.  Break

3.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.  Discussion - Ways of Collaboration between Language Centres and Foundations

Fifth session

Chairperson: Dr Khalil Karam, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Lebanon to UNESCO, President of the Arab Group

Speakers:

Dr Khaled Al-Karaki, Former Minister (Jordan) and Director of the Arabic Language Academy

Dr Hassan El Shafi, Director of the Arabic Language Union

Dr Mohamed AlMostaghanimi, Secretary-General of the Arabic Language Academy, Sharjah

Dr Ahmed Al-Dhobaib, Professor and Researcher

Dr Abdessalam Mseddi, Former Minister and Researcher

Dr Ahmad Chahlan, Professor and Academic Researcher

Sixth session

Chairperson: Dr Samira Moosa, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Sultanate of Oman to UNESCO

Speakers:

Dr Abdulhamid Madkour, Secretary-General of the Arabic Language Academy Union

Dr Ahmed Youcef, Academic Researcher, Qaboos University
Dr Abdelfattah Lahjomri, Director of the Arabisation Coordination Bureau

Dr El Khalil En Nahaoui, Director of the Arabic Language Center, Mauritania

Dr Saleh Belaid, Director of the Higher Council for Arabic Language, Algeria

5.30 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.  Presentation of Arabic Calligraphy for non-Arabic Speakers

5.45 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.  Closing and Announcement of possible themes for the Arabic Language Day 2018

6.30 p.m.  Concert of Naseer Shamma, UNESCO Artist for Peace and for the Global Project (Room I)