

# ARABIC LANGUAGE, BEYOND THE LEGACY



24 - 25 October 2022

Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Mohammed V University in Rabat

## Background

In the framework of the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud programme to strengthen the use of Arabic Language at UNESCO, UNESCO is organizing a special event entitled “Arabic language, beyond the legacy” dedicated to the promotion of the Arabic language, raise awareness about the importance of linguistic diversity and multilingualism for societal development, peace building and reconciliation processes, as well as to present the achievements of some of the main activities implemented by UNESCO under the Programme, mainly during the 4th year.

This special event coincides with the United Nations Day (24 October) and the UNESCO’s preparations for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the celebration of the World Arabic Language Day (18 December), and as such will provide the opportunity for UNESCO to reaffirm its core values of intercultural understanding and multilingualism, the celebration of cultural diversity for peace.

## Key Partners

- Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Foundation
- Moroccan National Commission for Education, Sciences and Culture
- Mohammed V University

## Programme

Day 1 (24 October 2022)	
9:30	Welcoming participants
Opening session: <b>Areej Atalla</b> , coordinator of the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Programme for Arabic language at UNESCO	
10:00 - 11:00	<p><b>Mr Jamal Eddine El Hani</b>, Dean of the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Mohammed V University of Rabat</p> <p><b>Video message from Ms Gabriela Ramos</b>, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO</p> <p><b>Mr Abdulaziz Almagushi</b>, Deputy Director-General of the Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Foundation, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Mr Majdi Haji Ibrahim</b>, Head of The Center of Arabic for non-Arabic Speakers - ICESCO</p> <p><b>Mr Abdelfatah Lahjomri</b>, Director of Arabization Coordination Bureau, ALECSO</p>
11:00	Opening of the exhibition “Arabic language, a bridge between cultures” - cutting the red ribbon by <b>Mr Eric Falt</b> , Director of UNESCO Maghreb Office and <b>Mr Jamal Eddine El Hani</b> , Dean of the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Mohammed V University in Rabat.
12:00 - 14:00	Musical performance and lunch
Panel discussion 1: UNESCO report “Building Knowledge Societies in the Arab Region: Arabic Language as a Gateway to Knowledge”	
Moderator: <b>Mr Abdel Aziz Zaki</b> , Programme specialist, UNESCO Cairo Office	
14:00 - 15:30	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Prof Ahmed Abdullah Zayed Hijab</b>, main author of the report</li> <li><b>2. Dr Fatima Houssaini</b>, co-expert of the report</li> <li><b>3. Mr Mahmoud Al Mahmoud</b>, co-expert of the report</li> <li><b>4. Dr Mohammed Altaqi</b>, Expert and Research Professor at Mohammed V University in Rabat</li> </ol>
Panel discussion 2: Promoting Arabic Language through Creativity and Digital Arts	
Moderator: <b>Prof Zohour Karam</b> , Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Mohammed V University in Rabat	
15:30 - 17:00	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Ms Somia Djacta</b>, ICESCO representative to UNESCO and main author of UNESCO’s report “The Arabic language and creativity: drivers for vitality and culture in the Arab region”</li> <li><b>2. Ms Antonella Leoni</b>, Arabic calligraphy artist</li> <li><b>3. Mr Shareef Sarhan</b>, multidisciplinary artist and photographer</li> <li><b>4. Ms Khadiga El Ghawas</b>, light calligraphy artist</li> </ol>
17:00	Cocktail

**Day 2 (25 October 2022)****9:00 – 10:00****Welcoming participants****Side session organized by the University entitled “The Reality and Prospects of the Arabic Language: The Need for a Language Policy in the Arab Region”****Moderator: Mr. Mohamed El-Sidi**, Head of the Doctoral Studies Center, Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Mohammed V University in Rabat**9:30 – 10:30**

- 1. Prof Suad Al Yousifi**, Professor at the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Mohammed V University Rabat
- 2. Prof Fatiha Al Tayeb**, Professor at the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Mohammed V University in Rabat
- 3. Prof Mohamed Jawdat**, Professor at the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Mohammed V University in Rabat

**UNESCO Panel Discussions****Panel discussion 1: Progress of Disabilities Inclusive Education in the Arab Region: Where Do We Go from Here?****Moderator: Mr Fadi Yarak**, Senior Advisor for Education in the Arab States in UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States**10:30 – 11:30****Speakers:**

- 1. Mr Majed AbdulRahman A. AlSalem**, Associate Professor-Department of Special Education-King Saud University
- 2. Ms Hilda El Khoury**, Head of DOPS at Ministry of Education and Higher Education
- 3. Mr Fouaad Shafiqi**, Director of Curricula and c, Ministry of National Education, Primary Education and Sports

**Panel discussion 2: Arabic documentary heritage and its contributions to the “Memory of the World”****Moderator: Dr. Ming-Kuok Lim**, Advisor for Communication and Information, UNESCO Office for the Maghreb**11:30 – 12:30****Video message from Mr Tawfik Jelassi**, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO**Speakers:**

- 1. Mr Naif Alnemra**, Senior Researcher, Ministry of Culture of Saudi Arabia
- 2. Ms Hiba Nachabe**, Secretary-General, Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO

**12:30 – 14:30****Lunch****Panel discussion 3: UNESCO Report on Linguistic Diversity and Multilingualism in the Arab States and Arabic version of UNESCO World Atlas of Languages****Moderator: Dr Ming-Kuok Lim**, Advisor for Communication and Information, UNESCO Office for the Maghreb**14:30 – 15:30****Video message from Mr Tawfik Jelassi**, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO**Speakers:**

- 1. Dr Mona Mustafa**, Associate Professor at the University of Wollongong in Dubai
- 2. Ms Lydia Deloumeaux**, Associate Programme Specialist, UNESCO Institute for Statistics
- 3. Dr Mohamed Handaine**, President, Coordination Committee of Indigenous Peoples of Africa (IPACC) and Member, Global Task Force for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages

**15:30 – 16:00****Closing remarks:****Mr Abdulaziz Almagushi**, Deputy Director-General of the Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Foundation, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**Mr Jamal Eddine El Hani**, Dean of the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Mohammed V University in Rabat