

**HE Ambassador Dr. Badereddine Alali, Arab League Assistant Secretary General and Head of the  
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HE Dr. Badereddine commenced his speech by welcoming Ambassador Ivan Surkoš, HE Dr. Abdul Razak Al-Issa, HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, and the distinguished guests. He conveyed the greetings of His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and his wishes for successful and fruitful conferences, which will result to an Arab vision to promote and develop cooperation in the field of education and scientific research.

HE Dr. Baderddine also expressed his gratitude to the Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN) for organizing this important event and for the continuous efforts to integrate the Arab e-infrastructure in a global environment, linking universities and research and education institutions in the Arab world, also for the Arab Organization for Quality Assurance in Education (AROQA) for its continuous efforts to enhance the quality of education in the Arab world.

By recognizing the importance of developing the status of education, the Arab countries has formulated policies and strategies and held conferences and symposia, which are consistent with the implementation of the fourth objective of sustainable development plan. Education is the cornerstone of a country that hopes to achieve prosperity and progress. The country that works to develop its educational system is the country that excels in all fields, at all levels, social, cultural or political, to reach a qualitative outputs of education capable of building and giving. Education is a comprehensive operation in its various aspects and dimensions, and a participatory responsibility between the government, the family, civil society and the private sector.

The Educational system in the Arab world faces great challenges resulting from rapid changes, information revolution, technical progress and the so-called knowledge society, especially as the rest of the world seeks to develop its educational systems continuously to reach the best outputs with the least effort and cost. Therefore, we must focus on boosting scientific research, innovation and education levels in the Arab countries to the highest world standards by uplifting efficiency and productivity of research and education communities and by improving the quality of education.

In conclusion, HE Dr. Baderddine asserted on the League of Arab States readiness to put in place its capabilities and expertise to contribute to the implementation of the outcomes and recommendations of these conferences.