

## **H.E. Moncef Ben Salem, Minister, MOHESR, Tunisia**

Dr. Moncef started his speech with greeting the attendance and said that the meeting aims at evaluating what has been achieved since the last two sessions in Amman and Dubai as well as enhancing the cooperation among national, regional, Arab and international networks in terms of education and scientific research. The Minister, Al Moncef Bin Salem, also stressed that this meeting is pivotal by being the only one of its kind in the Arab region and the world in terms of the parties participating in it. It is a privileged opportunity for Arab researchers to benefit from this gathering that includes academics, technicians, specialized and experts in these areas.

His Excellency praised the efforts exerted by the Computing Centre El-Khwarizmi (CCK) for enhancing the field of higher education and scientific research by the technical services it offers in the area of information and communication through creating an information network with a high flow capability. He also pointed out Tunisia's role in creating several technological institutions and research centers in order to support creativeness and innovation in different areas that serve research and education.

At the end, His Excellency pointed out the importance of this meeting in which there was a wide and effective participation by figures including senior decision-makers from governments, institutions, academic circles, NGOs and Civil Society Organizations with the aim of providing a platform through which it is possible to motivate and encourage partnerships and the exchange of the best practices that aim at merging scientific research networks with international ones as well as ensuring their sustainability.