## HE Yasser AbdulMunem, Director of Education and Scientific Research, League of Arab States, Egypt

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HE Yasser Abdel Moneim welcomed distinguished guests, experts, and all participants. He expressed his gratitude to HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh on good organization and hospitality. He also conveyed the greetings of His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Aboul-Gheit, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States. He added, technology, culture, and literacy are identified as priorities for development to support youth across the Arab region. The efforts of the League of Arab States in the enhancement of education have been emphasized. He presented the League's vision that is both unconventional and inclusive to enhance educational approaches to meet the millennium development and sustainable goals for development and prosperity across the region.

He stressed that education is the core of economic prosperity that they hoped to achieve. He said: "We must focus on quality of education in the Arab World to improve and develop its outputs and to achieve all requirements and needs of communities that are commensurate with the labor market. A country that working to develop its educational system is a state that excels in all areas and at all levels, whether social, cultural, economical or political."