

Arab Knowledge Project
3rd Core Team Meeting
July 8-9, 2017
The Library of Alexandria, Alexandria (Egypt)
Concept Note & Agenda

Background Information

The Arab Knowledge Project seeks to promote knowledge generation and dissemination in the Arab region. The project is firmly linked to the Regional Programme Document (RPD) as the main driver behind Outcome 4 (Promotion of Knowledge for Human Development). Further, it is aligned to the timeframe of the RPD as well as the UNDP Strategic Plan, both of which are in force through 2017.

It is the fruit of the partnership between UNDP and Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation that has launched a five-year second phase of the collaborative effort on the Arab Knowledge Project, a pioneering regional project which started in 2007. Focusing on knowledge as a cornerstone of development in the Arab region, the project published, over the course of eight years, three widely disseminated Arab Knowledge reports underscoring key opportunities and challenges to building effective knowledge-based societies in Arab countries.

The Arab Knowledge Project builds on three Arab Knowledge Reports, the Arab Knowledge Index the portal knowledge4all.com and the Arab Reading Index. The three Reports are: the “Arab Knowledge Report 2009: Towards Productive Intercommunication for Knowledge”, the “Arab Knowledge Report 2010/2011: Preparing Future Generations for the Knowledge Society” and the “Arab Knowledge Report 2014: Youth and Localisation of Knowledge”. Throughout the preparation stages of all three reports, it has been continuously confirmed that there is a significant lack of credible data and research that can feed the decision making process in the areas of knowledge and development. This led to the development of the Arab Knowledge Index, an index that best reflects “knowledge from a development perspective” in the Arab region, while taking into consideration the Arab region’s specific context, needs and challenges, and focusing as well on the critical role of Arab youth in the establishment of the knowledge society in the Arab region. The Arab Knowledge Index focuses on six critical sectors: Pre-University Education, Higher Education and Technical Vocational and Training Education, Research, Development and Innovation, Economy, and ICT.

As part of its current phase, the AKP is developing the Knowledge Index, a summary measure that best reflects knowledge accumulation, production and consumption from a development perspective and that will be of benefit to the world.

The process of preparing the Knowledge Index is of a participatory nature. To this end, the AKP is organizing its third Core Team Meeting at the Library of Alexandria, for the cultural role it plays at being the gateway to knowledge and culture in Egypt and the Arab world, in addition to its historical role in being one of the largest and most significant libraries of the ancient world.

Meeting Agenda

Day 1: 8 July, 2017

| Time | Session |
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| 9:00 | Departure from the hotel to the Library of Alexandria |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | Opening Session |
| 10:30 – 11:45 | Pre-University Index Presentation and Discussion |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | Break |
| 12:15 – 13:30 | TVET Index Presentation and Discussion |
| 13:30 – 14:45 | Higher Education Index Presentation and Discussion |
| 14:45 – 16:00 | ICT Index Presentation and Discussion |
| 16:00 | Departure from the Library of Alexandria to the hotel. Lunch to be served as soon as they arrive to the hotel. |

Day 2: 9 July, 2017

| Time | Session |
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| 9:00 | Departure from the hotel to the Library of Alexandria |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | Opening Session |
| 10:30 – 11:45 | Economy Index Presentation and Discussion |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | Break |
| 12:15 – 13:30 | RDI Index Presentation and Discussion |
| 13:30 – 14:45 | Enabling Environment Presentation and Discussion |
| 14:45 – 16:00 | Meeting Wrap-up |
| 16:00 | Departure from the Library of Alexandria to the hotel. Lunch to be served as soon as they arrive to the hotel. |



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