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Technology Policies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
10-12 March 1999  
Beirut

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Arabian Gulf University (AGU)



Kuwait Foundation for the  
Advancement of Sciences  
(KFAS)



National Council for Scientific  
Research – Lebanon (NCSRL)

***Provisional agenda***

## AGENDA OUTLINE

<b>Wednesday 10 March 1999</b>	09:15-10:00	Registration
	10:00-11:00	Opening Ceremony
	11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
	11:30-12:15	<b>Keynote:</b> Science Policy for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century: Mobilisation and Development
	12:15-13:15	<b>Session 1:</b> S&T Policies and Strategies: Models and Modalities
	13:15-14:45	Lunch Break
	14:45-15:45	<b>Session 1:</b> S&T Policies and Strategies: Models and Modalities (continued)
	15:45-16:00	Coffee Break
	16:00-17:00	<b>Session 1:</b> Panel Discussion and Introduction to the Group Sessions
<b>Thursday 11 March 1999</b>	09:00-09:45	<b>Session 2:</b> S&T Policies and Strategies in the ESCWA Member Countries
	09:45-10:45	<b>Session 2:</b> Invited Presentations from the Region
	10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
	11:00-12:30	<b>Session 2:</b> Invited Presentations from the Region
	12:30-13:30	<b>Session 2:</b> Panel Discussion
	13:30-15:00	Lunch Break
	15:00-16:00	<b>Session 3:</b> Regional Integration and Implementation Issues
	16:00-16:15	Coffee Break
	16:15-18:00	<b>Session 4:</b> Syndicate Group Sessions
<b>Friday 12 March 1999</b>	09:00-09:30	<b>Session 5:</b> Gender Issues in S&T Policy
	09:30-11:00	<b>Session 6:</b> World Conference on Science
	11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
	11:15-13:45	<b>Session 7:</b> Syndicate Group Sessions
	13:45-15:00	Lunch Break
	15:00-16:00	<b>Session 8:</b> Reports and Recommendations
	16:00-16:15	Coffee Break
	16:15-17:00	<b>Session 9:</b> Closing Session

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<b>Saturday 13 March 1999</b>	10:00-11:00	<b>Session 1:</b> Regional Presentations
	11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
	11:30-12:00	<b>Session 1:</b> National Presentations (Lebanon)
	12:00-12:30	<b>Session 2:</b> Declaration on Science for Society and Society for Science
	12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
	14:00-14:30	<b>Session 3:</b> Interventions by participants
	14:30-15:30	<b>Session 4:</b> General Discussion
	15:30-16:00	<b>Conclusion</b>

## Daily Schedule

### Day 1: Wednesday, 10 March 1999

09:15-10:00 Registration

10:00-11:00 Opening Ceremony

- *President, Arabian Gulf University (AGU)*
- *President, Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research (NCSRL)*
- *Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)*
- *Minister of Culture and Higher Education, The Lebanese Republic*

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

Keynote address: **Science Policy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Mobilisation and Development**  
11:30-12:15

*A.B. Zahlan*

Chairperson: *A. Farahat*

**Session 1: S&T Policies and Strategies: Models and Modalities**

Chairperson: *A. Armanazi*

12:15-12:45 Technology Policy in the United States and The European Union

*N. Vonortas*

12:45-13:15 South-East Asia Experience

*T. Turpin*

13:15-14:45 Lunch Break

14:45-15:15 Latin American Experiences

*L. Alcorta*

15:15-15:45 Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Reviews

*Z. Kozul-Wright*

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

**Session 1: Panel Discussion and Introduction to the Group Sessions**

16:00-17:00

Chairperson: *A.B. Zahlan*

## Daily Schedule

Day 2: Thursday, 11 March 1999

### Session 2: S&T Policies and Strategies in the ESCWA Member Countries

Chairperson: *H.A.A. Morsi*

09:00-09:45 S&T Policies and Strategies in the ESCWA Member Countries

*O. Bizri*

### Session 2: Invited Presentations from the Region

Chairperson: *A. Azzouz*

09:45-10:15 Experience of Saudi Arabia

*A. Al-Rashid*

10:15-10:45 Perspectives of Science and Technology in Kuwait

*A. Al-Otaibi*

### 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

1:00-11:30 Science and Technology Policies and their Implementation in the Maghreb Countries

*A. Djeflat*

11:30-12:00 Final Overview Report for the Project on Improving the Science and Technology Policy and Management in Egypt

*H.A.A. Morsi*

12:00-12:30 A Country Report by the National Council for Scientific Research

*M. Hamzeh*

### Session 2: Panel Discussion

12:30-13:30

Chairperson: *M. Hamzeh*

### 13:30-15:00 Lunch Break

### Session 3: Regional Integration and Implementation Issues

Chairperson: *Z. Kozul-Wright*

15:00-15:30 Regional Integration and Technology Policies

*A. Bartzokas*

15:30-16:00 Implementing S&T Policies and Strategies

*M. Marayati*

### 16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

### Session 4: Syndicate Group Sessions

16:00-18:00 Syndicate Group Sessions

20:30-22:30 Banquet

Banquet Speeches: *H. El-Beblawi*, Executive Secretary, ESCWA  
*G. Tohmeh*, President, NCSRL

## Daily Schedule

Day 3: Friday, 12 March 1999

Session 5: Gender Issues in S&T Policy

Chairperson: *S. Ba'asiri*

09:00-9:30 Gender Perspectives in Science and Technology Policy

*D. Ezzedine*

Session 6: World Conference on Science

Chairperson: *M. El-Deek*

09:30-11:00 World Conference on Science

*O. Bizri*

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

Session 7: Syndicate Group Sessions

11:15-13:45 Syndicate Group Sessions

13:45-15:00 Lunch Break

Session 8: Reports and Recommendations

15:00-16:00

Chairperson: *A. Rifai*

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

Session 9: Closing Session

16:15-17:00

Chairperson: *A. Farahat*

**REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR  
THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE  
SATURDAY, 13 MARCH 1999**

- 10:00-10:30 Presentation by S. Qasim
- 10:30-11:00 Presentation by N. Fergani
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-12:00 Presentation on Lebanon's National Paper to the World Conference on Science
- 12:00-12:30 Review of the Declaration on Science for Society and Society for Science
- 12:30- 14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00-14:30 Interventions by participants
- 14:30-15:30 General Discussion
- 15:30-16:00 Conclusion

## List of Speakers

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