Arab OER Forum: Advancing the Regional OER Agenda

Panel Discussion

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Overview of the Session

Background and Role of the Arab OER Forum
OER Experiences in the Region
National OER Experiences
Ongoing Projects
Roadmap & Community Building
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Role of the Arab OER Forum

• A community of practice for persons and institutions across the Arab region working on OERs;
• Developing, disseminating, exchanging OER-related information & resources;
• Developing, implementing pilots and proofs of concept – concept notes are available for funding / partnering;
• Providing expertise, statistics and other resources to support policy, practice, research and use of OERs;
• Support follow-up to 2\textsuperscript{nd} WOERC in Arab States.
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Together we can achieve more!
Let’s share knowledge and resources and succeed together!

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