

**The Research Council (TRC)**  
**INCONET-GCC Workshop**  
*Best Practice in S&T Policies EU-Mena Countries*  
**Intercontinental Hotel, Muscat**  
**December 6-7, 2010**

<b>DAY ONE: December 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>WELCOME &amp; REGISTRATION</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<b>08:00 - 08:45</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Refreshments</b>	<b>Organizers</b>
<b>09:00 - 09:03</b>	<b>Recitation of Holly Quran</b>	
09:05 – 09:10	Welcome Speech.	H.E. Dr. Hilal Al-Hinai. Secretary General, the Research Council.
09:10 – 09:25	Opening Remarks: INCONET-GCC Project.	Ms Stavroula Maglavera; Euroconsultants, Greece. Prof Cristina Flesia; University of Ferrara, Italy. Mr Jassim Sheikh; Jonkoping Int'l Business School, Sweden Representative: European Commission.
<b>09:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>BEST PRACTICE IN S&amp;T POLICY: Why does it matter?!</b>	
<b>TOPICS</b>		<b>SPEAKERS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↪ What is S&amp;T policy?</li> <li>↪ Why S&amp;T policy?</li> <li>↪ Relationship between S&amp;T, R&amp;D, innovation, enterprise and industry development and entrepreneurship.</li> <li>↪ Measuring the success of S&amp;T policy: Key performance Indicators (KPIs), outcomes &amp; impact.</li> <li>↪ Policy benchmarking and performance benchmarking.</li> <li>↪ Gulf country positions, comparison performances across relevant industries, sectors &amp; regions.</li> </ul>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thomas Andersson, Prof. Senior Advisor, TRC, Sultanate of Oman.</li> <li>2. Eoin O'Sullivan, Prof. Dr., Cambridge University, United Kingdom.</li> <li>3. Hamad Al Hashemi, Dr. Managing Director, Dubai Institute of Technology &amp; TechnoPark, UAE.</li> </ol>

<b>11:00 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK</b>		
11:20 – 12:45	Distinguishing between performance and policy benchmarking. What we know and do not know on performances, incl. data and methodological issues in determining best practice.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. Abdelkader Djeflat, Lille University, France.</li> <li>2. Mr. Hussein T. Al Natsheh, General Manager and founder of Ciapple and the director of Trizmatic Institute, Queen Rania Center for Entrepreneurship, Amman, Jordan.</li> <li>3. Prof. Andrea Prat, London School of Economics, United Kingdom.</li> </ol>
<b>12:50 – 13:55 LUNCH</b>		
<b>14:00 - 14:45</b>	<b>Best Practice in S&amp;T Policy; Roundtable Discussion Experts and INCONET-GCC Members Q&amp;A Session</b>	
<b>14:45 – 17:30</b>	<b>THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS</b>	<b>Discussion Leaders</b>
(i)	Capacity Building in Research.	Prof Cristina Flesia, University of Ferrara; and Prof Amer Al-Rawas, DVP, Sultan Qaboos University.
(ii)	University-Industry Interface.	Prof Andrea Prat, London School of Economics; and Dr Abdulla Al-Zakwani, Director, Industrial Innovation Center, PEIE.
(iii)	Technology Diffusion & Innovation.	Dr Samir Hamrouni, TechnoPark Dubai; and Dr Mohamed Al-Mugheiry, the Research Council.
(iv)	Social and non-technical Innovation.	Dr Paris Kokorotsikos, MD Euroconsultants; and Dr Said bin Salim Al-Kitani, Oman National Commission on Science, Education & Culture. Ministry.
(v)	Governance.	Prof Costas Kiparissides, Center for Research & Technology Hellas & Aristotle University; and Mr Mohamed Al-Maskari, DG KOM.
(vi)	Digital Convergence & Making Use of ICT.	Sylviane Toporkoff, ITEMS; and Prof Thomas Andersson, Senior Advisor TRC.
<b>17:45 – 18:00</b>	<b>Wrap-up Day 1</b>	
<b>16:15 DINNER</b>		
<b>Venue: to be announced at the event</b>		

<b>DAY TWO: December 7<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>09:15 – 11:10</b>	<b>Reporting: Conclusions and Recommendations from the Thematic Sessions, Outcome and Results of the six parallel sessions, presented by the Discussion Leaders. Q&amp;A/ Discussion.</b>	
<b>11:15 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK</b>		
11:30 – 12:45	<b>Filling the Gaps: Cross-Regional Collaboration in Support of R&amp;D and Innovation Policy</b>	
	Synthesis gaps and issues.	
	Collaborating – the GCC & the EU.	
	The role of INCONET-GCC.	
<b>12:50 – 13:55 LUNCH</b>		
14:00 – 15:30	Organization – Continued Work. Planning for the continuation of INCONET-GCC.	
<b>15:50</b>	<b>Concluding Session</b>	
<b>16:15</b>	<b>END</b>	