



QUDWA 2017 LIST OF CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Confirmed Speakers as of September 21, 2017

KEY SPEAKERS

- **H.E. Hussain Ibrahim Al Hammadi**, Cabinet Member and Minister of Education, UAE
- **H.E. Noura bint Mohammed Al Kaabi**, Minister of State for Federal National Council Affairs, UAE
- **H.E. Jameela bint Salem Al Muhairi**, Cabinet Member and Minister of State for Public Education, UAE
- **H.E. Sheikha Lubna bint Khalid Al Qasimi**, Cabinet Member and Minister of State for Tolerance, UAE
- **Carine Abi Akar**, Engagement Manager, McKinsey & Company, UAE
- **Bassel Ajlani**, Learning Consultant, Microsoft, UAE
- **Zabna Amer**, Head of Student Affairs & Projects, Ajyal Talent Management, UAE
- **Haif Bannayan**, CEO, Queen Rania Teachers Academy (QRTA), Jordan
- **Amal Humaid Belhouli**, Community Affairs Advisor, Watani Al Emarat Foundation, UAE
- **Scott Bolland**, Cognitive Scientist and Founder of New Dawn Technologies, Australia
- **Michele Borba**, Member of the Board of Directors, Character Education Partnership, Author, Parental Counselor, Micheleborba.com, USA
- **Adam Braun**, CEO and Co-Founder, MissionU, and Founder, Pencils of Promise, USA
- **Roslina Chai**, Co-Founder and Chief Learning Curator, Gnowbe, Singapore
- **Ron Clark**, Founder and CEO, Ron Clark Academy, USA
- **Jan Peter aus dem Moore**, Associate Partner, McKinsey & Company, UAE
- **Dave Duarte**, Founder, Treeshake, South Africa
- **Ahmed Ebrahim**, Teachers Engagement Manager, Microsoft, Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education, UAE
- **Nesma Farahat**, Manager of the Young Thinkers Program, Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education, UAE
- **Julia Gillard**, Former Prime Minister, Chair of the Board of Directors, Global Partnership for Education, Australia
- **Ger Graus**, Director of Education, Kidzania, UK
- **Elizabeth Green**, Co-Founder, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, Chalkbeat, USA
- **Michael Horn**, Co-Founder, Clayton Christensen Institute, USA
- **Nik Kafka**, CEO, Teach a Man To Fish, UK
- **Mithun Kamath**, Chief Executive Officer, GEMS Skills, UAE
- **Marwa Kassem**, Master Trainer & Learning Consultant, Egypt
- **So-Young Kang**, Founder and Catalyst/CEO and Co-Founder, Awaken Group/Gnowbe, Singapore
- **Drue Kataoka**, Technology Artist and Young Global Leader at World Economic Forum, Drue Kataoka, USA
- **Daniel Lerner** Clinical Instructor, New York University, USA





- **Jane McGonigal**, Director of Game Research and Development, Institute for the Future, USA
- **Dalton McGuinty**, Ontario's 24th Premier, Canada
- **Corey Mitchell**, Drama School Instructor and Varkey Teacher Ambassador, Northwest School of the Arts, USA
- **Sugata Mitra**, Professor of Educational Technology at the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences, UK
- **Ramsey Musallam**, Science Teacher, Sonoma Academy, USA
- **Naif Al-Mutawa**, a New York State licensed clinical psychologist and clinical hypnotherapist. An approved CBT/RE Supervisor by the Albert Ellis Institute, professor of clinical psychology at Kuwait University's Faculty of Medicine, Kuwait
- **Najla Al Naqbi**, Educational Technology Expert, Innovation and eLearning Manager, Department of Education and knowledge (ADEK), UAE
- **Victor Ochen**, Founder and 2015 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, African Youth Initiative Network, Uganda
- **Angeliki Pappa**, Founder, I Love Dyslexia, Greece
- **Heather Roy**, Google Certified Trainer and Leader of the Google Educator Group (GEG), UAE
- **Victor Saad**, Vice President and Board Member, SABIS®, UAE
- **Ariel Sacks**, Teacher and Author, ArielSacks.com, USA
- **Omar Samra**, Serial Entrepreneur, UN Goodwill Ambassador and Future Astronaut, Egypt
- **Andreas Schleicher**, Director for the Directorate of Education and Skills, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), France
- **Heather Staker**, Founder and President, Ready to Blend, USA
- **Dino Varkey**, Chief Executive Office, GEMS Education, UAE
- **Sally Walker**, Senior Programme Manager - School Enterprise Challenge, Teach a Man To Fish, UK

MODERATORS

- **Yousef Abdul Bari**, Radio Presenter, Al Arabiyah 99, UAE
- **Nivine Afioni**, Chief Sub Editor, SkyNews Arabia, UAE
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- **Raed Awamleh**, Dean, Mohammad Bin Rashid School of Government MBRSG, UAE
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- **Hessa Al Awadhi**, Section Head - Innovation Incubation Programs, Ministry of Education, UAE
- **Rachel Brody**, Director, Learner Centered Practice, Teach for All, USA
- **Anas Bukhash**, Founder, Bukhash Brothers, UAE
- **Jason Chan**, Advocate and Journey Manager, Awaken Group, Singapore
- **Marta Cisneros**, Educational Coach, Team Coach, Leadership Consultant, Spain
- **Kyle Conley**, Director, School Leadership and Teacher Development, Teach for All, Belgium
- **Alice Cornish**, Head of Education, Varkey Foundation, UK
- **Tyler DeWitt**, Education Consultant, YouTube Education Creator, USA



- **Alfonso Echazarra**, Policy Analyst, Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Directorate for Education and Skills, France
- **Elizabeth Fordham**, Senior Advisor for Global Relations, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Directorate for Education and Skills, France
- **Pablo Fraser**, Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), France
- **Michella Haddad**, TV Presenter, SkyNews Arabia, UAE
- **Jerald Lam**, Gallup-Certified Strengths Finder Coach, Awaken Group, Singapore
- **Zaher Ibrahim**, KSA People Director, Careem, KSA
- **Alanoud Madhi**, Senior Associate in the Office of Strategic Affairs, Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Nathan Martin**, Interim CEO, Matterfund, UK
- **Corey Mitchell**, Drama School Instructor and Varkey Teacher Ambassador, USA
- **Moses Mohan**, Transformation Designer, Awaken, Singapore
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- **Jessy Al Murr**, Producer and TV Reporter, SkyNews Arabia, UAE
- **Mohamed K. Al Neaimi**, Director of Education Affairs Office, Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Alejandro Paniagua**, Consultant, Innovative Pedagogies for Powerful Learning (IPPL) Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Directorate for Education and Skills, France
- **Vikas Pota**, Chief Executive, Varkey Foundation, UK
- **Skanda Eshwar Chandra Rajachandra**, Sales Specialist, Gnowbe, Singapore
- **Sultan Sooud Al Qassemi**, Founder, Barjeel Art Foundation, UAE
- **Yunus Saif**, TV Presenter, Dubai Media Incorporated, UAE
- **Kristina Sonmark**, Consultant, the Innovative Teaching for Effective Learning (ITEL) Teacher Knowledge Survey for the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Directorate for Education and Skills, France
- **Karine Tremblay**, Senior Analyst and Deputy Head of Early Childhood and Schools Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Directorate for Education and Skills, France

PARTICIPATING TEACHERS

- **Yaser Ahmed**, Al Sadara School, UAE
- **Souad Belcaid**, Teacher, American School of Tangiers, Morocco
- **Eldijana Bjelcic** ELD Administrator, Colorado High School Charter, USA
- **Armand Doucet**, Teacher, Riverview High School, Canada
- **Armine Gevorgyan**, Teacher, Anania Shirakatsy International Lyceum, Armenia



- **Janet Hayward**, Teacher, Cadoxton Primary, UK
- **Yordan Hodjev**, Teacher, Georgi Benkovski Primary School Mirkovo, Bulgaria
- **Rashmi Kathuria**, Mathematics Teacher and Varkey Ambassador, Kulachi Hansraj Model School, India
- **Jacque Kahura**, Teacher, BOFA Primary School, Kenya
- **Lisa Lowenstein**, Middle School Science Teacher, Arts and Letters School, USA
- **Manil Maharjan**, Teacher, Teach for All, Nepal
- **Justin David Moorman**, Head of Faculty, Omair Bin Yousef School, UAE
- **Mona Almarzooqe**, Teacher, Al Reyada School, UAE
- **Anika Mir**, Teacher, Oaktree Primary School, UAE
- **Emma Russo Richardson**, Physics Teacher and Science coordinator, Highgate School, UK
- **Richard Spencer**, Teacher, Middlesbrough College, UK
- **Soonufat Supramaniam**, Teacher, SMK Lubok Buntar, Malaysia
- **Koen Timmers**, Teacher, CVO De Verdieping, Belgium
- **Christian Williams**, STEM Leader, St Michael's Primary School, Australia

