



## Qudwa 2017 – Global Teachers' Forum

Coffeehouse Sessions

### Mohammad Baddar

EDRAAK  
Saturday, October 7, 2017

Mohammad Baddar explained that Edraak came as a response to a problem – access to high quality education in Arabic and delivery of such education. Edraak is an open online course platform designed to position the Arab world at the forefront of educational innovation. It engages regional Arab talent to leverage technology developed by the Harvard-MIT consortium, edX. Edraak presents the Arab world with a necessary revolution in education and learning. Edraak has been operating for 3.5 years, offering free online courses (in Arabic) in science technology, engineering, mathematics, labour market skills, entrepreneurship and education, and more. Over one million students from the Arab world have subscribed to Edraak so far.

It is important to make content interesting and engaging. So far, the Arabic content does not exceed 3% of total online content. Edraak understands the need to enhance the role of Arab experts and intellectuals in producing high quality curriculum that enriches the Arabic content on the internet.

Edraak's agenda is to make its content available to grades K-12 across the Arab world. Students want and need access to information. Refugee camps do not have access to the internet. Edraak works with organizations to facilitate internet access to refugee camps.

One teacher asked: "How do you work with the government to incorporate EDRAAK in mainstream teaching?" Mohammad explained that the Ministry of Education in Jordan helped facilitate the use of Edraak in high schools.

