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VIRTUAL EDITION

SKELETAL AGENDA



2021 MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA (MENA) THINK TANK SUMMIT

New Partners & Paradigms in the Age of Conflict and COVID

23 November, 2021 - 5:00-7:50 pm (GMT+3)

Virtual

Co-Hosted By:

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DRAFT SKELETAL AGENDA -

Tuesday 23 November, 2021

Opening Remarks


05:00—05:20^{PM}

Opening Remarks on how to deal with continuing COVID Crisis, the potential of it turning into a hydrademic, and the need to consider the possibility of COVID continuing another 4-5 years. What do our organizations need to do to prepare for a sustained crisis?

Keynote Welcome Address

05:20—05:35^{PM}

Think Tanks, Politics and Policy Advice in the Age of Policy Dilemmas and Disruptions



SESSION I: The Impact of COVID-19 The MENA Region: Continuity or Change?

5:35—6:35^{PM}

This session will have a panel of Thought Leaders, who will provide an overview of the impact of COVID-19 (Public Health, Economic, Political and Social) on Middle East & North Africa (MENA). The Panel is intended to provide a regional overview with experts in the public health, economics, politics and social fields, each giving a status report on the impact of COVID-19 on the region. The Panelists will also discuss what we might expect to see in the next 12-24 months i.e. Do they see any light at the end of the tunnel? Do they envisage further political and social upheavals or economic crises? The session will have a question-and-answer segment after all the thought leaders have completed their presentations in 10-12 minutes.

SESSION II: MENA Country Reports: In An Age of Transitions, Disruptions and Transformations

6:35 - 7:35^{PM}

A Panel of Senior Think Tank Executives from a representative group of countries in MENA will provide a status report on the current situation in their respective countries. The country reports will focus on the impact of COVID-19 (Public Health, Economic, Political and Social). These will be brief presentations of 4-5 minutes. The session will have a question-and-answer segment after all the think tank executives have completed their presentations.

7:35—7:50^{PM}

Closing Statement

