

## **The First Interdisciplinary Seminar on Interdisciplinary Conference on Higher Education “ “Dissemination and Building Bridges.”**

Alexandria University hosted the First Interdisciplinary seminar of the Egyptian National Interdisciplinary Network (ENIN). The seminar was held under the auspices of Professor Ayman Ashour, the State Minister of Higher Education and Research and Professor Abdel Aziz Konsowa the President of Alexandria University on February 24th, 2024.

The seminar is the first activity of the newly established **network**; “Egyptian National Interdisciplinary Network (ENIN) that ; was announced and launched in May 2023 by his highness the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research in collaboration with the Egyptian Knowledge Bank "EKB" .

The Network aims at strengthening interdisciplinary research in Egyptian universities and advancing research integration and implementation in society to address complex real-world problems including achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. ENIN also fosters collaboration, capacity building, knowledge exchange, and innovation across disciplines and contributes to the advancement of knowledge across various disciplines. The network is dedicated to Interdisciplinary research and education as components for integration of knowledge and the exploration of new frontiers. Partnerships, joint research projects, and knowledge-sharing are the main initiatives to bridge the gap between academia and the external stakeholders. It is therefore important to have agile curriculum structures, allowing for interdisciplinary studies, project-based learning, and customizable educational pathways.

### **I. Seminar Objectives:**

The conference is regarded as the first discussion forum between Universities’ Presidents and vice presidents of Public of National and private Egyptian Universities, as well as Deans, vice-deans, with members of the Egyptian National Interdisciplinary Network (ENIN) who are interested in disseminating and infusing methods and tools of Interdisciplinary research paradigm in higher education. In addition, the conference is aiming at:

- Capacity building for interdisciplinary collaboration in Higher Education
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- Facilitating the ongoing operation of the ENIN, scholars, researchers, and stakeholders.
- Setting a roadmap for a dissemination strategy
- Connecting designs, approaches, and scholars to improve research in solving complex societal problems.
- Broadening education and training in interdisciplinarity.
- Highlighting on the role translation in the dissemination of ideas and scientific advances.

**II. Conference Venue:** Alexandria University

**III. Seminar Outcomes:**

- Developing and growing capacity for interdisciplinary expertise in Egypt.
- Design Interdisciplinary curriculum copes with our culture to (the Integrated programs/postgraduate students).
- Dissemination of methods and tools for Interdisciplinary research paradigm in higher education.”
- Connecting designs, approaches, and scholars to improve research in solving complex societal problems.
- Review the critical thinking curriculum delivered to higher education in

**IV. Target Audience:**

- Members of the Interdisciplinary network.
- University leadership on multiple levels (Deans- vice Deans- Head of Departments).
- Faculty members, instructors, teaching assistants.
- Post Graduate students and emerging researchers.
- Stakeholders from Industry.