Hello,

This is Professor Hamdy A. Abdelaziz, professor of Curriculum and Instructional Design at Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University, Dubai. It is my pleasure to share this video with you as a reflection about the IBE-UNESCO-Arabs Postgraduate Diploma in Curriculum Design and Development in the Arabs States. This programme is a smart collaboration between IBE-UNESCO and HBMSU to re-qualify a group of participants and specialists in the area of Curriculum Design and Development. The programme is designed in a very smart way based on new techniques and approaches of e-content design and delivery modes, making use of accessibility system available at HBMSU.

There are 38 participants form 11 Arab States. They have variety of educational and work background. The programme has been developed to achieve the long-term objectives of UNESCO, especially those that are related to life-long learning skills and values. Therefore, it can help in achieving sustainable development objectives in the Arab States.

The programme has been developed to continue because it is flexible, smart and well organized. New and highly needed modules are offered in the programme, such as smart learning, smart learning technologies and web-based assessment, in addition to four other well-designed basic modules. By the end of the programme, each participant must develop a capstone project in their area of interest to improve teaching and learning practices in school, colleges and departments of education in the Arab States.

This smart initiative with IBE-UNESCO will support the change in the educational paradigm taking place in the Arab States nowadays as one step forward reshaping the educational practices to be life-long practices.

I will continue to provide you with a series of video segments to keep you updated with the smart implementation process and future implications of this programme.