**Minutes of meeting**

**09-02-2016**

**11.00 -12.30.00 PM**

**Higher Council for Science & Technology HCST**

**Attendee:**

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| **Name** | **Institution** |
| Prof. Fahmi Abu Al Rub | Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) |
| Eng.Nisreen Al Smadi |
| Prof. Mohmmad Hamdan | The University of Jordan (UJ) |
| Prof.Ahmad Al Salaymeh |
| Miss Penelope Shihab | Applied Scientific Research Fund (ASRF) |
| Eng. Mohmmad Al Omoush | Al Urdonial Lil Ebda (AULE) |
| Eng. Ayat Salem | Almotahida Education Group (Almotahida) |
| Dr. Abdelraheem Abualbasal | Princess Sumaya University |
| Dr. Fawwaz Elkarmi | Higher Council for Science & Technology (HCST) |
| Eng. Omar Amawi |
| Miss Rasha Smadi |
| Miss Muna |

Upon agreement in the last meeting at ASRF Eng. Amawi from HCST prepared for this meeting in order to meet the staff of HCST and discuss their experience in innovation field and corporate

At the beginning of the meeting, Eng. Amawi had welcomed his colleagues from JO Partners and introduce Dr. Fawwaz Elkarmi, the General Secretary of Higher Council for Science & Technology (HCST)

Dr. Fawwaz Elkarmi presented a power point “Innovation: the way forward for Jordan”

Based on a study and strategy for HCST which assessed the innovation experience in Jordan

General points:

Part 1

* Jordan has limited natural resources and depends primarily on its trained and skilled human resources.
* Three characteristics of a growth-oriented economy: Innovation and technological advancement: expansion of entrepreneurial activities, Support of startup businesses.
* The government established in February 2012 the National Council for Competitiveness and Innovation under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister and membership of representatives of both public and private sectors.

NCI Vision: To make innovation a key success factor for individual, institutional and national development efforts to bring Jordan to prosperity and advancement

Part 2

National Innovation Strategy (2013-2017)

The HCST in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation with technical and financial assistance from the World Bank and Korean Development Agency formulated the National Innovation Strategy (2013 – 2017)

Vision: Innovation-based Jordanian economy

Mission: Spreading the culture of innovation and R&D, developing specialized human resources, and creating favorable business environment.

Objective: Attaining sustainable national economy

* Needed interventions:

Short and medium term interventions should concentrate on the determinants of innovation that have the highest impact: Business environment, Finance, Skills and marketing, Diversification and reform

* Why Innovate?
* Innovation is increasingly acknowledged as important driver of value creation, economic growth and social welfare.
* An increasing number of countries – at different stages of economic development – take steps towards underpinning their economic development by more innovation.

Discussion and Results

* Mr. Amawi said a very important point that they have a data base researchers in Jordan that may be connect with data of INVENT Project, and he agreed with Dr. Fahmi to cooperate in the data collection
* Also Abualbasal suggested the laws may be modified regarding the innovation field
* Miss Pen added that it may be an international or private company manage the HCST innovation project so the project will success.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.