**"Transforming scientific Knowledge into Economic and Social Benefits”**

**Organised in cooperation with**

 **Industrial Research Institute**

**Venue:**

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# Beirut - LEBANON

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**Day I :**

**Chair: Not needed**

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| 08:30 - 9:00 | **Registration of participants** |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Opening Session,  |
| 9:15 - 11:00 | R&D policies and strategies in terms of country evolving needs, role of public sector; role of production enterprises ; universities and Research institutes, |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | *Coffee break* |
| 11:15 – 12:15 | Establishment of scientific and research networks in specific fields such as ICT,agro-food,other: Enabling conditions; importance; constraints. |
| 12:15 – 13:15 | Science workforce in Universities and Research institutes to contribute to the development of local businesses : 1-Channeling workforce |
| 13:15 - 14:00 | *Lunch* |
| 14:00- 14:45 | Science workforce in universities and Research Institutes to contribute to the development of local businesses: 2- Improving knowledge and innovation drivers. |
| 14:45 - 15:30 | Science workforce in universities and Research institutes to contribute to the development of local businesses: 3- Transforming knowledge into practical science. |
| 15:30 – 16:15  | Linking Research with Academia: Closing the gap |
| 16:15 – 16:45 | *Floor discussions* |
| 16:45-17:00 | *Closing of the workshop* |

**Day 2 :**

**Chair: Not needed**

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| 9:00 – 9:15 | Opening Session,  |
| 9:15 – 9:45 | Summary by expert on day 1 floor discussions with some recommendations. |
| 9:45-10:00 | *Coffee Break* |
| 10:00- 11:00 | Short Interactive presentations (Maximum 3) from local industries on their experience in product development moderated by expert |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Short interactive presentations (Maximum 3) from Academia on their experience in industrially applied research ; moderated by expert |
| 12:00-12:30 | Wrap up by expert |
| 12:30-12:45 | Closing the workshop |
| 12:45- 13:45 | Light lunch  |