



## “Young Arab Women Scientists Leadership in MENA Region – TAMKEEN”

Tuesday 16 May 2017, 15:30 to 17:30, Jeddah Hilton Hotel, Room Al Qasr B

### Overview

In 2016, ICBA, with support from IDB and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, launched a unique initiative towards the design and development of the “Arab Women Scientists Leadership Program in the MENA Region – TAMKEEN”. The initiative was designed to achieve the following targets:

- Increase availability of highly skilled Arab women scientists in the MENA region.
- Increase the number of Arab women scientists occupying key leadership positions in agriculture research and development centers globally.
- Fill the gender gap in the agricultural research workforce.
- Improve networking between Arab women scientists and their counterparts globally.

This seminar will discuss the outcomes of this initiative and the way forward to enhance and promote Arab women researchers in the MENA region. The seminar will witness the official launch of the TAMKEEN initiative that aims to build leadership skills among young Arab women scientists.

<b>Moderator</b>	Mrs. Seta Tutundjian, Director of Partnerships and Knowledge Management Division, ICBA
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S.N	Speakers
1	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to present their vision on supporting TAMKEEN initiative
2	Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, ICBA Director General
3	Ms. Rana Askoul, ICBA TAMKEEN consultant
4	Ms Mareme Niang Belko, Agronomist, Regional Study Center for Drought Adaptation Improvement, Senegalese Institute for Agricultural Research (ISRA), Senegal
5	Islamic Development Bank- Agriculture and Rural Development Department