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Dr. Labib Arafeh is a professor in Computing, and currently the Assistant President for Planning and Development and the faculty of Engineering and Information technology dean, at the Palestine Ahlyia University (PAU), Palestine. With over thirty-five years of the professional and educational experiences in teaching, management and administration, development and planning, coupled with hands-on exposure and supervisory responsibilities, Prof. Arafeh has a tremendous in-depth experience in the laws and regulations of the Palestinian higher education system since 1982. He has been a pioneer in designing, developing, implementing, and evaluating the national as well as regional higher education systems. Currently, he is leading the transmission of Global Higher Education trends to PAU, particularly the creation of an Innovation and Entrepreneurship culture and later the transformation of the university into an Entrepreneurial one. Prof. Arafeh has held key positions in the Palestinian higher educational sector whether at higher education institutions that ranges from a faculty member to president and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the Accreditation and Quality and Assurance Commission Director, in specific. Furthermore, Prof. Arafeh possess a wide range of experience in the establishment of the Palestinian accreditation quality assurance system, the quality improvement fund, and many other related initiatives in the higher education sector. Thus, he has an outstanding advantage of knowledge of the Palestinian higher education system; its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. His experience has transcended the Palestinian context to perform at regional as well as international levels. prof. Arafeh has led and participated in national, regional and global projects such as, Arab Quality Assurance Network, and the Evaluation of Educational-based projects sponsored by the EU, USAID, UNESCO, and World Bank. prof. Arafeh has been engaged in the design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of national and regional projects including but not limited to study programs, quality assurance, benchmarks, and capacity building. His research interests lie in major aspects of intelligent computing applications for people, including Essay-Type Auto Grading Systems; development of e-learning systems for practical / experimental courses; Applying Augmented, Virtual and Mixed Realities in various applications including Education, Higher Education, and Heritage; Quality Assurance and evaluation of e-learning systems and websites; applications of soft computing techniques in forecasting,

predictions and political conflicts; promoting the use of technology in teaching, and the production of educational and cultural multimedia, as well as Human Security.