

Canadian College of Kuwait - TEFL Kuwait Conference 2026 Schedule

18th October 2026 - In Person Sessions Schedule

Time Duration	Type of Session	Name of the Speaker	Title of the Session	Room No.
8.00 AM - 9.00 AM	Registration Opens			Reception Lobby
9.00 AM - 10.00 AM	9.00 AM: National Anthem 9.02 AM Quran Recitation 9.03 AM MC Opening and formal welcome 9.05 AM: Host Welcome Address: Mr. Othman Boodai, Chairman, Canadian College of Kuwait 9.10 AM: Sponsor Address: Dr. Jassem Mohammed Al-Ali, Under Secretary General 9.15 AM – Welcome Video from KFAS, CCK and TEFL Kuwait 9.17 AM: Partner Address: Ms. Rana Khan, President, TEFL Kuwait 9.20 AM: Guest of Honor Address: H.E. Shaikh Mohammed Ahmed Al-Sabah, Chairman, AAIoT (Association of the Artificial Intelligence of Things) 9.25 AM: Recorded Address: Dr. Khalid AlBegain, President, Kuwait College of Science and Technology (<i>Pre-recorded message</i>). 9.27 AM: Best Educator Award – Dr. Alaa Aldini & Mr. Basit Sultan 9.30 AM: Tea Break 9.45 AM: Conference Chair Address: Dr. Oshin Danish, Conference Chair, TEFL Kuwait 9.50 AM: Membership Chair Address: Ms. Shannon Parks, Membership Chair, TEFL Kuwait			Reception Lobby
10.00 AM - 10.45 AM	Keynote Speaker	Dr. Stavros Hadjisolomou	<i>Teaching Language in the Age of Agentic AI</i>	Reception Lobby
10.45 AM - 11.30 AM	Panel Discussion	Dr. Shaikhah Alainati, Dr. Ahmad AlHunayyan, Dr. Ahmad AlSaber, Dr. Ali Alfayly & Dr. Anwar AlKandari	<i>Artificial Intelligence. and the Future of Academic Research: Opportunities, Challenges and Beyond</i>	Reception Lobby

11.30 AM - 11.45 AM	Coffee Break			
11.45 AM - 12.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Seyed Ghasem Saatchi	<i>AI in Kuwait Universities and students</i>	C-001
12.05 PM - 12.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr Reem A Y Alhajji	<i>Assessing the Influence of AI on Modern Student Writing Standards: An Educators' Perspective</i>	C-001
12.25 PM - 12.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Fares Alshammari	<i>Prompting, Not Copying: ELT in AI</i>	C-001
11.45 AM - 12.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Moza AlMalki, Dr. Wajood Albalushi, Dr. Afrah Alshammakhi & Dr. Khadijah AlHarthi	<i>Challenges Faced by Arab Undergraduate Students in Learning English in HIE</i>	C-002
12.05 PM - 12.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. Samér Elgedawy	<i>Intercultural Grammar Teaching</i>	C-002
12.25 PM - 12.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. Conan Kmiecik	<i>From Creative Thinking to Doing: Integrating Creativity in Language Teaching</i>	C-002
11.45 AM - 12.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Seyda Hidimoglu	<i>Integrating Instagram to Boost Engagement and Participation in EAP Listening</i>	C-003
12.05 PM - 12.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Zainab Al-Balushi & Ms. Majan Al Yarubi	<i>Educating the Whole Learner; Autonomy, Overload Management, and Neuro Diversity Inclusion</i>	C-003
12.25 PM - 12.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Mais Alasaad	<i>Enhancing English Self-Efficacy Through Information Literacy and Attitudes</i>	C-003
11.45 AM - 12.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Asmaa Mostafa Elsayed	<i>The Teacher as a Digital Facilitator in Bilingual Classrooms</i>	C-004
12.05 PM - 12.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Hadeel Almutairi	<i>Designing AI-Ready Classrooms: Digital Literacy Skills for EFL Learners' Needs</i>	C-004

12.25 PM - 12.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Gabi Kamal	<i>Beyond Tests – Transforming ELT Assessment for The Digital Age</i>	C-004
11.45 AM - 12.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Manal Almahdawi & Dr. Fatima Alyammahi	<i>The Effect of Digital Simulation in Teaching Reaction Mechanisms on Conceptual Achievement Among Emirates High School Students</i>	C-005
12.05 PM - 12.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. Mohammad AlSaffar	<i>The Visible Heart of ELT: Evaluating an English Language Textbook in Kuwait</i>	C-005
12.25 PM - 12.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Ma. Adoracion Jasol	<i>Implementing Emerging Technologies to Enhance Teaching and Learning Innovation in Higher Education</i>	C-005
11.45 AM - 12.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. Hidayat Abu Elhawa	<i>Beyond the Prompt: Humanizing ELT in the AI Age</i>	C-006
12.05 PM - 12.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Shu-hua Wu & Dr. Sulaiman AlRabah	<i>Enhancing EFL Academic Writing through AI-Integrated Scaffolding and Instructional Support</i>	C-006
12.25 PM - 12.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Marwa Fathi Hafour	<i>The English Teacher's Survival AI Toolkit</i>	C-006
12.45 PM - 1.15 PM	Featured Session	Dr. Rita E-Haddad & Dr Stavros Hadjisolomou	<i>A Proven Pedagogy-First Framework for Building Gen AI Faculty Capacity</i>	C-003
12.45 PM - 1.15 PM	Featured Session	Dr. Plamen Kushkiev	<i>Teaching with Heart, Planning with AI: Humanizing ELT Practices</i>	C-002
12.45 PM - 1.15 PM	Featured Session	Dr. Christopher Hastings	<i>Beyond the Expert Role: Embracing AI as Co-Learners in Multilingual Contexts</i>	C-001

1.15 PM - 2.00 PM	Lunch & Prayer Break			
2.00 PM - 2.45 PM	Keynote Speaker	Dr. Zainab Almeraj	<i>Ethics and Digital Assessments in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Challenges and Solutions</i>	Reception Lobby
2.45 PM - 3.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Kashif Ali Sabiri	<i>AI Driven Innovation in ELT: Bridging Diverse Pedagogies for Digital Classrooms</i>	C-001
3.05 PM - 3.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Seham Merzouk	<i>Using AI tools to Enhance Noticing and Autonomy in Adult Learner.</i>	C-001
3.25 PM - 3.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Heba Mahmoud Mohammed Ali	<i>AI for Educators: Tools, Tips, and Teaching Applications</i>	C-001
2.45 PM - 3.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Hina. Riaz	<i>The AI Governance Feedback Model in Academic Integrity</i>	C-002
3.05 PM - 3.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Eman Khaled	<i>Building Communicative Confidence in TESOL Classrooms</i>	C-002
3.25 PM - 3.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Anoosha Shalwani	<i>Entrepreneurial Success Through Innovation and Digital Business Models</i>	C-002
2.45 PM - 3.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Hashil Mohammed Al- Saadi	<i>When Active Learning Becomes Inactive: Problematizing Common Practices & Suggesting a New Model</i>	C-003
3.05 PM - 3.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. Eftychis Kantarakis	<i>The A.I - KEA Effect and Socratic Wisdom</i>	C-003
3.25 PM - 3.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. Oumaya Grati EP Miled	<i>Integrating Jigsaw and Project- Based Learning to Empower ESP Communication Skills</i>	C-003

2.45 PM - 3.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Mehjabeen Yusuf Memon	<i>Beyond the ABCs: Phonics, Differentiation & Active Learning in Kindergarten</i>	C-004
3.05 PM - 3.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. Abderrahim AitBara	<i>Differentiated Instruction! Maximising the Learning of All Students</i>	C-004
3.25 PM - 3.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Bassem Alkassem	<i>Engagement With Language in Kuwaiti Online Classes: Challenges and Implications</i>	C-004
2.45 PM - 3.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. Blerim Mustafë Sherifi	<i>Empowering Educators, Transforming Classrooms!</i>	C-005
3.05 PM - 3.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Amira Hindey	<i>Intrinsic Motivation and Influencing Factors in Kuwaiti Tertiary ESL Education</i>	C-005
3.25 PM - 3.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Alison Larkin Koushki	<i>Global Music Videos: Bridging Language and Culture Among Turkish and International Students</i>	C-005
2.45 PM - 3.05 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Abdullah Essa AlHubail	<i>How to Implement Digital Transformation in an Organization</i>	C-006
3.05 PM - 3.25 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Tahani Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi	<i>Discord as an Interactive Platform for Saudi EFL College Students</i>	C-006
3.25 PM - 3.45 PM	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. Abdullah Alazmi	<i>Unlocking English: Practical Classroom Corpus Strategies</i>	C-006
3.45 PM - 4.15 PM	Featured Sessions	Dr. Wafa Zoghbor	<i>Bridging Cultures: Supporting International Faculty Teaching Writing in the UAE</i>	C-001
3.45 PM - 4.15 PM	Featured Sessions	Dr Fajer Bin Rashed	<i>Incorporating Social and Emotional Learning in Higher Education Classes</i>	C-002

3.45 PM - 4.15 PM	Featured Sessions	Dr. Kay Gallagher	<i>The Big Tent of World Englishes in the Gulf Arab States</i>	C-003
4.15 PM - 5.00 PM	Keynote Speaker	Dr. Okon Effiong	<i>TESOL Research: Professional Learning, Technology, Ethics and Context</i>	Reception Lobby
5.00 PM - 5.30 PM	Coffee with TEFLers	All Keynote Speakers, Featured Speakers and Panelists	<i>Informal Tea and Coffee Session</i>	Cafeteria
5.30 PM - 5.45 PM	Closing & Vote of Thanks			Reception Lobby

19th October 2026 - Virtually Recorded Sessions on TEFL Kuwait YouTube Channel

Virtually Recorded	Featured Session	Dr. Naghameh Babae	<i>The Ethical Implementation of Artificial Intelligence in Education</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Oshin Danish	<i>When the Scaffold Comes Down: Why Premature Scaffold Withdrawal Leads to Regression in Academic Writing</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. David Berry	<i>AI Whispers, Students Edit: Tracking Emirati Learners' Writing Revision Journeys</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Shamama Fatima	<i>The Pedagogy of Possibility: Using AI to Integrate Authentic Literature in ELT</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Imanat Ali	<i>Digital Distraction and Attention Management of Gen Z EFL learner</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Nada Sherif	<i>Washback-Driven Assessment Design: Creating Tests That Teach</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel

Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Dr.Mohammad Haseen Ahmed	<i>AI-embedded Learning Analytics transforms ESL/EFL education beyond measures</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. Abdelhak Hammoudi	<i>Artificial Intelligence in Academic Writing: Practical Guidelines for the EFL Classroom</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Javeria Eshaw Rana	<i>From Prompting to Presence: AI Tools for Human-Centered ELT Classrooms</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Maria Rosanna Ramirez Villa	<i>Teachers as Designers of Learning</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Rasha Mansour	<i>Assessment of and for Language: Pathways to Learner Success</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Hala Desoky Abdelhalim Mohamed	<i>Beyond Grammar: Using Rubrics to Assess 21st-Century Skills</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Ms. Alaa Ali Aladini	<i>American Sign Language Pathways for Deaf Students Learning English</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Mr. Salih Mansur	<i>AI-Powered Digital Literacy for Global English Learners</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Afra G. Almansoori	<i>Digital Technology Usage in Early Childhood: A Comparative Study of Omani and Emirati Children and Parents</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Margaret Bryndal, Dr Malgorzata Bryndal & Prof. Ying Zheng	<i>Rethinking Pronunciation: Intelligibility vs. Accent in Arabic Contexts</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel
Virtually Recorded	Concurrent Sessions	Dr. Mahwish Farooq	<i>Modern Technology and Globalization</i>	TEFL Kuwait Youtube Channel