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Kurdistan Region - UK Higher Education Conference: Bridging the Knowledge Gap

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Date: Monday January 30 Time: 9.30am – 5pm Venue: 1 Victoria Street Conference Centre, London SW1H 0ET Map: <u>http://www.1victoriastreet.co.uk/meeting_rooms/location</u>

Keynote speakers include:

HE Dlawer Ala'Aldeen KRG Minister of Higher Education And Scientific Research Rt Hon David Willets MP Minister of State for Universities and Science

The Kurdistan Regional Government has allocated \$100million a year to its Human Capacity Development Programme (HCDP) in which postgraduate students and civil servants are given scholarships to study abroad. Already 3,000 scholarships have been awarded – many to British universities – and many more will follow.

This one-day conference will give British universities, educational and training institutions the opportunity to hear about developments in this dynamic emerging nation's higher education sector, including the HCDP Programme, openings for collaboration in research, teacher training, English language training, teaching quality assurance, accreditation, and other prospects.

The event will also provide the perfect venue to meet the heads of Kurdish universities and others who work in the sector. There will be networking opportunities over lunch and coffee. One-to-one meetings will be arranged where possible.

The conference is free of charge but all participants must register in advance and <u>only those who have</u> <u>been registered and received confirmation</u> will be admitted.

To register your interest, please reply to Nawal Karim via <u>nawal.karim@krg.org</u> by January 20.