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Dr. Kamalain K. Shaath has been the President of the Islamic University of Gaza, Palestine (IUG) since 2005. He has completed his PhD in Construction Management from the University of Leeds, UK in 1994. His Master studies include MSc in Industrial-Construction Management, Colorado State University, USA (1984) and Master in Management Development, Euro-Arab Management School, Spain, (1998). Dr. Shaath has been a member of several regional committees, among them his membership in the General Assembly of Welfare Association and the Board of Directors of Gaza Community Mental Health Program (GCMHP) is the most prominent one among them. He was Vice President for Academic Affairs (IUG, 1999- 2005), Vice President for Planning and Development (IUG, 1997-1999) and Vice Dean of Faculty of Engineering (IUG, 1995-1997) before taking up his role as the President. Dr. Shaath also works as a Construction Management Consultant.

**Panel Discussion – 1: Fostering Links with Community**