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Open Access Publishing: Funding Models and Sustainability



In recent decades, the world has witnessed rapid transformations in the modes of knowledge production and dissemination. Scientific publishing is no longer confined to print journals or closed platforms with high subscription fees. Instead, open access to research findings and scientific outputs has become an increasingly pressing demand for the academic community and for all those engaged in knowledge. Open access has emerged as a response to this shift, offering unrestricted access to research, thereby enhancing transparency, expanding the use of knowledge, and accelerating the pace of innovation.

Nevertheless, this model—despite its many advantages—raises a set of challenges that cannot be overlooked, foremost among them being the questions of funding and sustainability. Providing free access for readers necessarily requires the development of alternative funding models that ensure the continuity of publishing without compromising quality or scientific integrity. This brings to the fore the issue of publication fees borne by researchers or institutions, which may pose a heavy burden on universities in developing countries and risk creating a new knowledge divide rather than bridging the existing gap.



Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama
Secretary-General

Ensuring the sustainability of open access publishing calls for serious international and academic dialogue on financing mechanisms, with the goal of striking a balance between making knowledge accessible to all and ensuring the continued operation of journals and publishers at the highest standards. Equally important is fostering collaboration among universities, research councils, and regional and international organizations to design innovative funding approaches—whether through partnerships, research funds, or governmental and institutional support.

In this regard, the Association of Arab Universities reaffirms its commitment to keeping pace with these global transformations and to working alongside its member institutions to build a unified Arab vision for open access publishing—one that balances the imperatives of openness and knowledge dissemination with the requirements of sustainability and research quality. Investing in national and regional open access policies, while adopting fair and transparent funding models, represents a crucial step to ensure that Arab universities are active and influential contributors to the global scientific movement.

The challenge we face today is not only to make knowledge freely accessible, but also to build a sustainable system capable of supporting innovation, safeguarding researchers' rights, and consolidating the Arab presence within the global knowledge landscape. This is a shared responsibility that requires collective effort, so that knowledge remains a common good and a driver of sustainable development in our Arab societies.

Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities: Advancing ArabScientific Publishing is a Strategic Priority



A delegation from the Association of Arab Universities, headed by H.E. Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary General, participated in the proceedings of the 10th Arab Impact Factor Conference, hosted by King Khalid University in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with the attendance of distinguished university presidents, academics, and researchers from across the Arab world.



The participation of the Association comes within the framework of its commitment to supporting Arab scientific and research efforts and enhancing academic integration among higher education institutions in the region. In his address, H.E. the Secretary General stressed the importance of the Arab Impact Factor initiatives in improving the quality of Arab scientific publishing and strengthening its standing in international indices. He noted that the Association has adopted the Arab Impact Factor project as one of its strategic initiatives, and continues in its upcoming strategy to implement programs and projects that promote the advancement of scientific research in Arab universities and expand its global influence.



Prof. Salama praised the tremendous efforts made by King Khalid University in hosting and organizing this important scientific conference, providing a platform that brings together experts and researchers to discuss ways of developing Arab scientific publishing. He also commended the pioneering role of the Arab Impact Factor and its president, **Prof. Mahmoud Abdel-Aty**, in setting rigorous standards for evaluating Arab scientific output in line with the requirements of quality and academic accreditation.

The Association's delegation included Prof. Anas Ratib Alsoud, Executive Director, and Ms. Lina Al-Bitar, Director of the General Administration. It is noteworthy that the 10th Arab Impact Factor Conference discussed, throughout its sessions, a variety of themes related to the classification of Arab journals, mechanisms for supporting researchers, raising the standards of scientific journals to enhance their international competitiveness, in addition to showcasing the experiences of Arab universities in improving the quality of their research and academic output.



AARU Signs a Strategic Agreement with the EKB – International



In line with strengthening joint Arab cooperation in the fields of higher education and scientific research, the Association of Arab Universities signed a strategic agreement with the Egyptian Knowledge Bank – International and the Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils (FASRC). The signing took place during the event “Strategic Partnership for Arab Knowledge”, under the patronage and in the presence of H.E. Dr Mohamed Ayman Ashour, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Egypt. The agreement was signed by H.E. Prof Amr Salama, Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities, in the presence of a number of university presidents and distinguished Arab and international academic leaders.



The partnership aims to expand EKB – International’s services for Arab universities and research institutions, enhancing the visibility of Arab scientific content, unifying research standards, and fostering training and capacity-building for researchers and academics.

Prof. Amr Salama, emphasized that the agreement marks a strategic step toward an integrated Arab knowledge ecosystem. He praised the role of the EKB – International and the collaboration with Egypt's Ministry of Higher Education and the Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils, noting that the partnership opens new opportunities for Arab universities to advance research and academic publishing.

The Secretary General also expressed his deep appreciation for the role of the Arab leaders participating in the event, stressing that through such initiatives the Association of Arab Universities seeks to empower Arab universities and researchers with advanced knowledge tools that contribute to improving international rankings and strengthening the Arab world's position as a regional and global hub for scientific research and innovation.

The event also witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on the Arab Citation Index, which will utilize artificial intelligence technologies in collaboration with Clarivate and Mind Crafted Analytics, thereby contributing to the integration of Arab research into global databases.

The signing of these agreements stems from the Association of Arab Universities' firm belief in the importance of investing in knowledge as a cornerstone for progress and sustainable development in the Arab world.

The signing ceremony was attended by Prof. ANAS RATIB ALSOUD, Executive Director of the Association, and Ms. Lina Albitar, Director of the General Administration

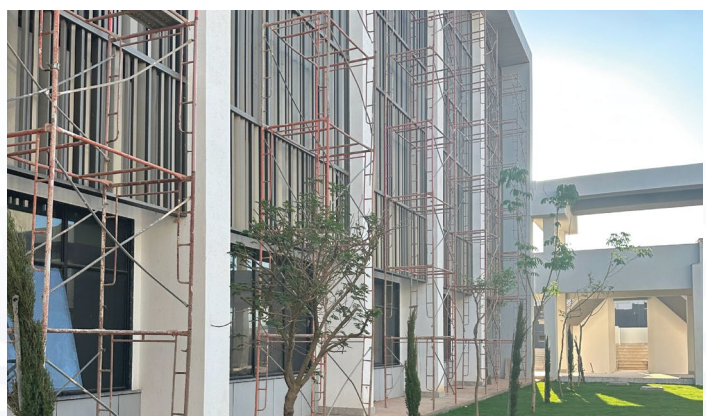


AARU Delegation Headed by the Secretary-General, Visits the University of Benghazi in Libya



As part of strengthening Arab academic cooperation and supporting higher education institutions in sisterly Libya, the Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, H.E. Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, accompanied by the Executive Director Prof. Anas Ratib Alsoud, Director of General Administration Ms. Lina Al-Bitar, and the Association's Advisor Mr. Zakaria Shehab, paid an official visit to the University of Benghazi from 7–9 September 2025.

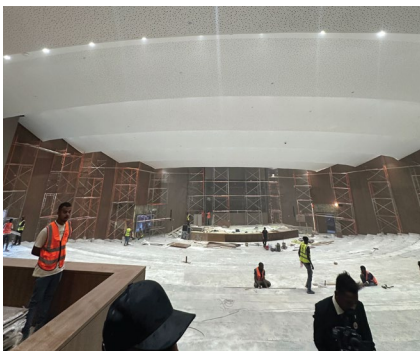
The delegation held a fruitful meeting with the University Council and the Deans of Faculties, which addressed ways to enhance joint academic and research cooperation. The delegation was also accompanied by the President of the University, Prof. Izzedine Alderssi, on a field tour of the university's facilities, many of which had been damaged during the war but have since been rebuilt and modernized in a contemporary style that reflects the political will and national determination to restore the prestige of this historic institution.



This visit comes within the framework of the Association of Arab Universities' support for the University of Benghazi, and also serves as a preparatory step for the university's hosting of the General Conference of the Association of Arab Universities in April 2027, reinforcing Libya's historic role in the journey of the Association.

It is noteworthy that the University of Benghazi, established in 1955 as the first university in Libya, is a founding member of the Association of Arab Universities since 1964, and has, for decades, contributed significantly to state-building in Libya through the preparation of generations of graduates and national expertise.

H.E. the Secretary-General emphasized that the current renaissance and reconstruction witnessed at the University of Benghazi stand as a testimony to the strength of will and the deep belief in the role of higher education in rebuilding nations and shaping the future.



The President of Al-Zarqa University visits the Association of Arab Universities to discuss cooperation and preparations for the IACQA 2025 Conference.



His Excellency Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities (AAU), welcomed Prof. Nidal Al-Ramhi, President of Zarqa University, at the AAU headquarters. The meeting was held within the framework of strengthening academic cooperation and ongoing coordination between Zarqa University and the Association of Arab Universities.



The meeting was attended by Prof. Anas Al Soud, Executive Director of the Association, Ms. Lina Albitar, Director of the General Administration at AAU, and Mr. Ziad Amara, Head of the Secretary-General's Office and Prof. Reda Al-Muadhia from Zarqa University.





During the meeting, the preparations for the 12th Arab International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education (IACQA 2025) were reviewed and discussed. The conference will be hosted by the University of Business and Technology in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, **from 12 to 14 November 2025**. This event reflects AArU's ongoing efforts to promote a culture of quality in higher education and to enhance academic and administrative performance across Arab universities.

The conference is a specialized, peer-reviewed scientific platform organized under the umbrella of the Association of Arab Universities, with Zarqa University serving as the permanent secretariat since 2011. **It represents a leading forum at both the Arab and international levels, bringing together experts**, university presidents, and researchers to discuss the latest trends and best practices in higher education quality assurance, exchange experiences, and present successful academic initiatives. These efforts contribute to sustainable development in Arab universities and help elevate standards of academic accreditation and quality.

Conference Objectives:

- Promote a culture of quality and its effective implementation in Arab universities by raising awareness of accreditation and quality assurance standards.
- Develop strategies and plans that align with internal and external requirements and enhance academic and administrative performance.
- Advance higher education programs according to measurement standards consistent with international best practices, thereby improving competitiveness and aligning with global benchmarks.

Arab Universities Association Holds Interactive Workshop for Ranking Coordinators in Libyan Universities



The General Secretariat of the Association of Arab Universities organized an interactive workshop dedicated to ranking coordinators in Libyan universities, with the participation of more than 100 academics and specialists from higher education institutions in Libya. The workshop was held on Wednesday, 10 September 2025, via Zoom.

The **workshop** was delivered by Prof. Dr. Anas Ratib Alsoud, Executive Director of the Association of Arab Universities, who reviewed the assessment indicators adopted in the third edition of the Arab University Ranking and provided a detailed explanation of the new electronic platform and the mechanism for data entry.

The General Secretariat of the Association of Arab Universities is pleased to invite you to attend the interactive workshop dedicated to ranking coordinators in Libyan universities

During which the following will be addressed:

Meeting link
Meeting ID: 869 5245 8021
Passcode: 585445

12:00 PM
(Libya time)

Wednesday
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Prof. Dr. Anas Ratib Alsoud
Executive Director,
Association of Arab Universities

The **strong attendance by academics and officials** reflected the growing interest in the Arab ranking system and the importance of developing data collection and analysis mechanisms in Libyan universities to enhance their competitiveness at the Arab and international levels.



The Association of Arab Universities Participates in AI Futures Summit 2025 at Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, Supporting Higher Education Strategies.



H.E. Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, participated as a keynote speaker in a Fireside Chat at the AI Futures Summit 2025, discussing ways to accelerate the formulation and implementation of national AI strategies and their profound impact on shaping the future of higher education at both regional and global levels.

The session, titled “Shaping National Futures through Policy, Partnerships, and Innovation”, brought together leading policymakers and thought leaders in education and technology, including:

- H.E. Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama — Secretary-General, Association of Arab Universities
- H.E. Sayasat Nurbek — Minister of Science and Higher Education, Republic of Kazakhstan
- Mr. Kamran Robert Kardan — CEO & Founder of Knowledge E, specializing in supporting higher education institutions





The discussion focused on three key themes:

1. Aligning national policies with the digital economy: Designing flexible policies that respond to rapid advancements in digital technologies and AI, while creating a supportive legislative environment for innovation.
2. The role of partnerships in fostering responsible AI: Highlighting the importance of collaboration between governments, the private sector, and academia to ensure ethical, trustworthy AI that benefits humanity.
3. Cross-border collaboration to maximize regional impact: Exploring ways to enhance cooperation between countries and regions for knowledge transfer and standard alignment, ensuring collective benefits from AI applications in education.

The session provided valuable forward-looking insights, with Prof. Salama emphasizing the critical role of effective leadership and governance in higher education in the AI era. **Key recommendations included:**

1. Continuous investment in digital infrastructure and research
2. Updating curricula to meet future workforce skills
3. Building flexible, adaptive, and intelligent education systems aimed at sustainable development

This participation reflects the active role of the Association of Arab Universities in driving digital transformation and adopting modern technologies in Arab higher education institutions, **while opening new avenues for international collaboration to build smarter**, more sustainable education systems ready to meet future challenges.

The Association of Arab Universities and Moscow State University Launch a Joint Space Project to Study Exoplanets



Professor Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, and Professor Dr. V. A. Sadovnichy, Rector of Moscow State University and President of the Russian Union of Universities, signed an agreement to launch a pioneering scientific project: the establishment of a **Russian–Arab space observatory** dedicated to the study of exoplanets and the search for signs of life in the universe. The signing ceremony was attended by Professor Dr. Anas Ratib Al-Soud, Executive Director of the Association.

During the signing ceremony, the Secretary-General of the Association stated: “We are pleased to take today a qualitative step forward in strengthening cooperation between Arab and Russian universities. Since 2018, four successful conferences of university presidents have been held, and the fifth will be hosted in Egypt at the end of this year. This historic agreement to establish a space observatory for the study of exoplanets and the search for signs of life stands as a remarkable example of scientific collaboration between Russia and the Arab world in the field of space research.”

For his part, **Professor Dr. V. A. Sadovnichy** said: “The signing of this agreement to establish a Russian–Arab university consortium for the creation of an orbital telescope dedicated to the search for extraterrestrial life represents a cornerstone in launching one of the most ambitious space projects in recent years. For the first time in history, universities themselves are the initiators of such a large-scale scientific program. It is of fundamental importance to us that our partners in this endeavor are our Arab friends—an acknowledgment of the rich Arab legacy in astronomy, mathematics, and navigation, and a contribution to the agenda of the first Russian–Arab Summit, which will be held in Moscow on October 15, 2025.”

The project will establish a scientific consortium bringing together Arab and Russian universities to coordinate scientific and engineering efforts, **with the following objectives:**

1. Designing and launching an advanced optical space telescope by 2030.
 2. Studying the atmospheres of exoplanets and identifying potential worlds capable of hosting life.
 3. Promoting engineering education and STEAM fields through the involvement of students and researchers.
 4. Strengthening international academic and research cooperation in line with the principles of open science and international space law.
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This **project represents** a historic milestone in Arab–Russian cooperation in space exploration and a strategic opportunity to enhance **the role of Arab universities in advancing** the study of the universe and leading future scientific discoveries.

The Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities Participates in the World Public Assembly 2025



H.E. Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, accompanied by Prof. Anas Al-Soud, the Association's Executive Director, took part in the inaugural meeting of the World Public Assembly 2025, held in Moscow, Russian Federation, on 17–18 September 2025, under the theme "A New World of Conscious Unity." The Assembly serves as an international platform bringing together academic institutions, intellectuals, and community leaders from more than 40 countries.



In his address during the session dedicated to international cooperation in the fields of education and scientific research, the Secretary-General emphasized that universities are a fundamental pillar of scientific and cultural diplomacy, acting as bridges for dialogue and understanding among nations, while fostering innovation and sustainable development.



He further noted that the Association of Arab Universities, which comprises more than 450 member universities across the Arab world, plays a pivotal role in advancing higher education through pioneering initiatives such as the Arab University Rankings, quality assurance and scientific publishing projects, as well as building strategic partnerships with international universities and organizations.

The Secretary-General highlighted the remarkable achievements in Arab–Russian cooperation, which have resulted in the signing of more than 200 academic agreements and the publication of hundreds of joint research papers, in addition to the establishment of branches of Russian universities in Arab countries, and a notable increase in student exchanges between both sides.

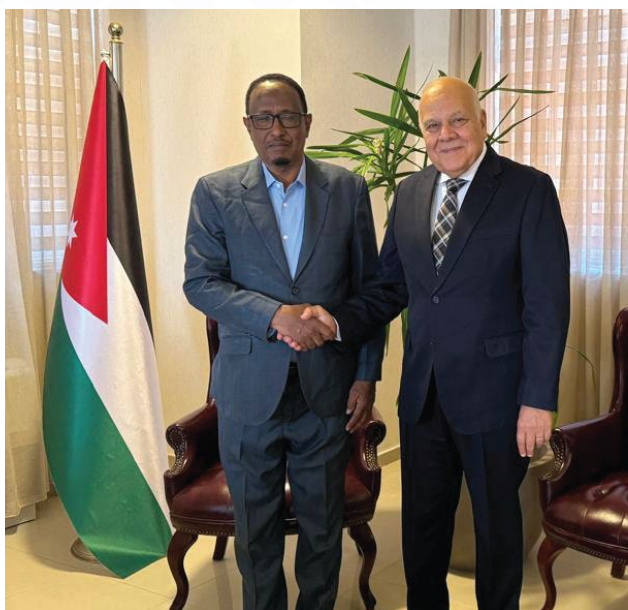
In conclusion, he stressed that scientific and cultural diplomacy is not a luxury but a strategic necessity in a world facing accelerating crises. He reaffirmed the Association of Arab Universities' commitment to expanding international partnerships and strengthening the role of universities in shaping a future grounded in understanding, innovation, and shared human consciousness.



Vice President of Somali National University for Administrative and Financial Affairs Visits the Association of Arab Universities.



His Excellency Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, received today, **September 14, 2025**, at the General Secretariat headquarters in Amman, Jordan, Prof. Abdallah Rashid Ibrahim, Vice President of Somali National University for Administrative and Financial Affairs.



The meeting focused on exploring avenues for strengthening cooperation between the Association and Somali National University, as well as expanding partnerships with Somali higher education institutions more broadly.

Discussions covered several strategic areas, including:

- Technical and training support aimed at building the administrative and academic capacities of Somali universities.
- Enhancing research collaboration and knowledge exchange between Somali universities and member institutions of the Association.
- Support in implementing international standards for academic quality and accreditation, to improve institutional performance and promote regional and global recognition of Somali academic qualifications.

- As part of the outcomes, both parties agreed to develop a specialized training program tailored to the needs of Somali universities, to be delivered in collaboration with experts and training centers affiliated with the Association. The program is intended to foster institutional and academic development with sustainable impact.

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This visit reflects the Association's ongoing commitment to supporting member universities and reaffirms its role in promoting Arab academic integration and the exchange of expertise across higher education institutions.

The Association of Arab Universities and Ajman University Discuss Preparations for the Arab-Indian Universities Presidents' Conference



On **Wednesday, 17 September 2025**, a Zoom meeting was held between the General Secretariat team of the Association of Arab Universities, represented by Prof. Anas Al-Soud, Executive Director of the Association, Ms. Lina Al-Bitar, Director of the General Administration, and Mr. Ziad Amara, Office Manager of the Secretary-General and in charge of International Relations, and the team of Ajman University, headed by Prof. Karim Seghir, Chancellor of the University.

The meeting discussed the arrangements for preparing the second edition of the Arab-Indian Universities Presidents' **Conference**, **scheduled to take place at Ajman University in the United Arab Emirates from 11 to 12 February 2026.**

The participants emphasized the importance of cooperation between the two parties in developing the agenda and academic outcomes of the conference, **in a way that enhances opportunities for research collaboration and the exchange of expertise between Arab and Indian universities**. Prof. Karim Seghir also stressed the need to involve representatives of the industrial sector in the conference's activities, in order to strengthen the partnership between industry and academia and to promote applied cooperation and joint innovation.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring the success of this prominent academic event, which constitutes a key platform for fostering partnerships and collaboration between Arab and Indian universities in the fields of higher education, scientific research, and innovation. The conference is expected to contribute to the exchange of experiences and the development of joint initiatives, thereby enhancing the role of Arab universities in advancing scientific, cultural, and economic development in the region.



The Association of Arab Universities Conducts Training Courses to Support Iraqi Higher Education Institutions

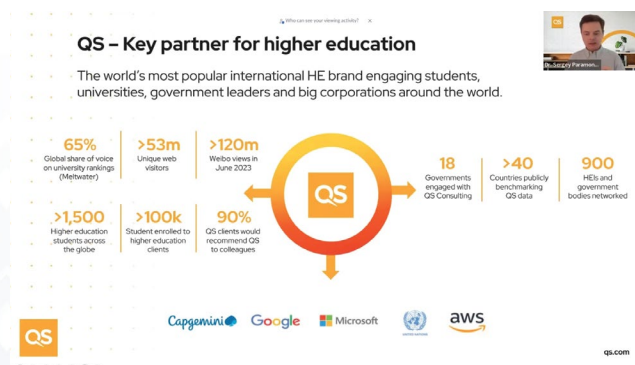
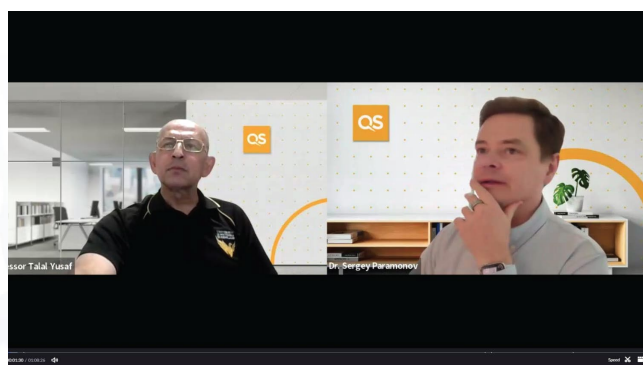


The Association of Arab Universities, in collaboration with the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, has organized a series of specialized training courses aimed at supporting and advancing Iraqi higher education institutions.

The courses were held at Kilikamish Private University in the Republic of Iraq. The first course, focusing on the QS World University Rankings and QS Arab Region University Rankings, took place from 22 to 23 September 2025. It was presented by distinguished experts: Prof. Dr. Tarek El-Khouly, Director of the International Ranking Center and Director of Central Units at Delta University for Science and Technology, Egypt, and Prof. Sergi Khristoliubov, Regional Director at QS Quacquarelli Symonds.

The second course, covering the Times Higher Education World University Rankings and Times Arab Region University Rankings, was held from 24 to 25 September 2025. It was delivered by Prof. Dr. Tarek El-Khouly, Director of the International Ranking Center and Director of Central Units at Delta University for Science and Technology, Egypt.

These initiatives reflect the commitment of the Association of Arab Universities to enhance the capabilities of Iraqi universities and promote excellence in higher education across the Arab region.





The General Secretariat of the Association of Arab Universities, in cooperation with the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, is organizing an in-person training course entitled:
QS Ranking Criteria for World Universities and QS Ranking Criteria for Arab Region Universities



Sergei Khristoliubov
Regional Director
QS Quacquarelli Symonds

Course Topics:



**Gilgamesh University
Baghdad**



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Prof. Tarek Elkhooly
Professor, head of ranking and
research at Delta University for
Science and Technology



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Times Ranking Criteria for World Universities and Times Ranking Criteria for

Course Topics:

1. Requirements for inclusion in THE
2. THE methodology
3. Recent methodological developments
4. The importance of FWCI (Field-Weighted Citation Impact)
5. Practical analysis and comparisons



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Joint Meeting of the Association of Arab Universities Experts Committee and ALECSO Experts on the “Arab Qualifications Framework” Project



On Thursday, 25 September 2025, a joint meeting was held via Zoom, bringing together the Experts Committee of the Association of Arab Universities (AAU) and the experts of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO). The meeting focused on the implementation phase of the “Arab Qualifications Framework” Project.

During the session, participants discussed a comprehensive work plan and practical mechanisms to ensure the transition from the theoretical preparation phase to the actual implementation of the project. Key discussions included defining roles and responsibilities, establishing a timeline for completion, reviewing outcomes of previous meetings, and coordinating efforts among all relevant parties.

The project aims to establish a unified Arab reference framework for academic and professional qualifications, contributing to the enhancement of higher education quality and ensuring alignment with labor market needs. It also facilitates degree equivalency and mutual recognition of qualifications across Arab countries. Moreover, the initiative supports the mobility of students, graduates, and academic staff among Arab universities, strengthens regional and international partnerships, aligns Arab educational systems with global standards, and contributes to building a comprehensive Arab educational system that supports sustainable development objectives in the Arab region.



The Association of Arab Universities Signs Cooperation Protocol with the Egyptian Ministry of Awqaf to Enhance Academic and Community Partnership

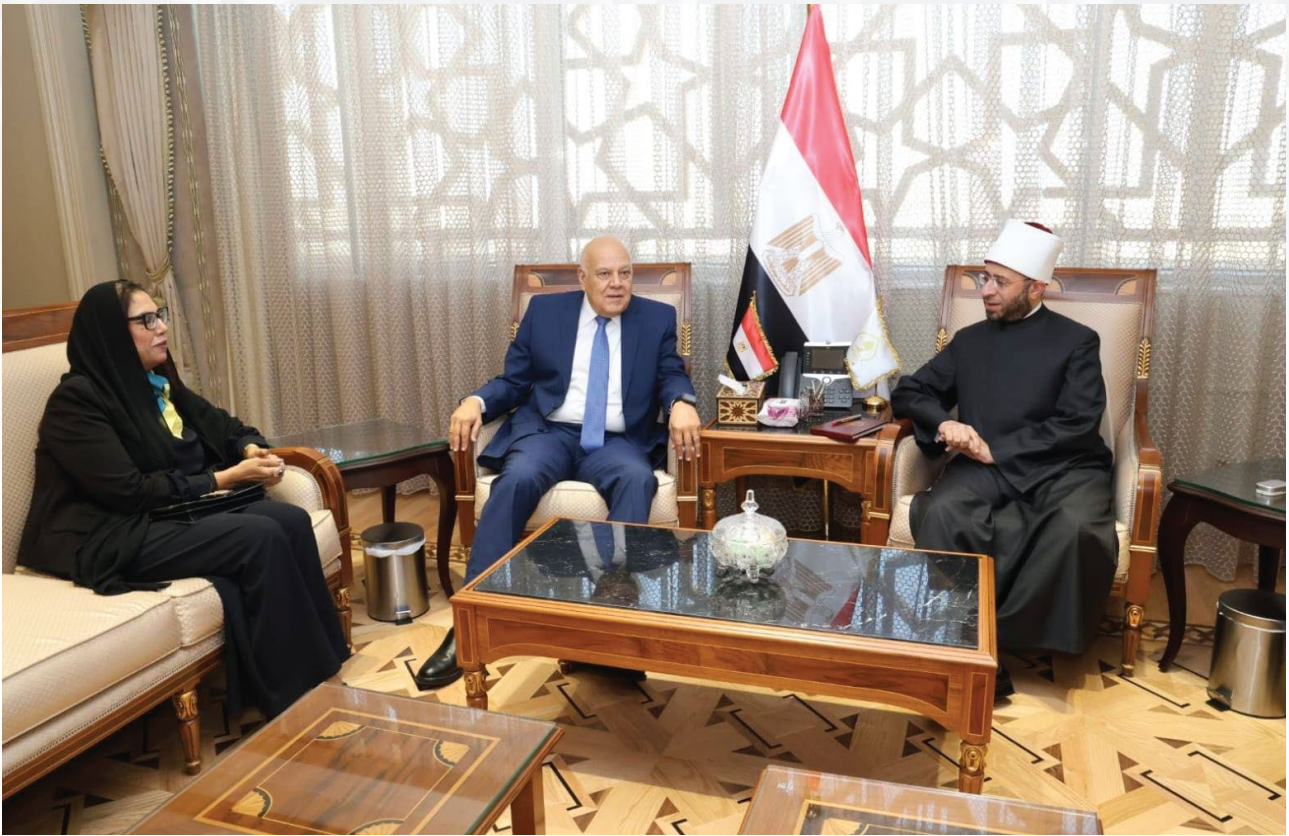


On Saturday, 27 September 2025, the Association of Arab Universities signed a cooperation protocol with the Egyptian Ministry of Awqaf at the Ministry's headquarters in the New Administrative Capital of the Arab Republic of Egypt. This strategic step aims to strengthen the framework for academic and community collaboration between the two parties. The protocol was signed by Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, and Prof. Osama El-Sayed Al-Azhari, Minister of Awqaf of Egypt.

The signing ceremony was attended by Prof. Dr. Randa Mahmoud Rizk, Secretary-General of the Arab Council for Social Responsibility, along with a number of senior officials from the Ministry.

The protocol seeks to enhance joint cooperation in areas including the exchange of expertise, conducting scientific research and studies, and organizing specialized lectures, training programs, and workshops. It also includes the exchange of publications and scientific journals, coordinating efforts to hold conferences and seminars addressing societal issues, as well as matters related to awqaf (endowments), and promoting social and cultural awareness. The protocol also establishes a joint committee to follow up on the implementation of its provisions and ensure the achievement of its intended objectives.





Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, emphasized that signing this protocol represents a pivotal step in supporting the mission of Arab universities in serving society and promoting sustainable development, contributing to strengthening their academic and practical presence across the Arab world. He added that the protocol reflects the Association's commitment to actively contribute to developing the knowledge and skills of Arab youth by linking academic sciences with humanities and religious studies, and by encouraging scientific research and innovative community initiatives.

This collaboration comes within a shared vision between the Arab universities and the Ministry of Awqaf to enhance the role of higher education in serving society, supporting human values, and expanding the horizons of scientific research, thereby contributing to comprehensive development and serving future generations.



AArU Participates in the 13th International Conference of VMMU on Artificial Intelligence



The Executive Director of the Association of Arab Universities, Prof. Dr. Anas Ratib Alsoud, took part in the 13th International Scientific Conference of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, inaugurated today, **Sunday, September 28, 2025**, by Prof. Dr. Sherif Khater, President of Mansoura University. The conference, held in Ras El-Bar under the patronage of H.E. Prime Minister of Egypt Dr. Mostafa Madbouly and Prof. Dr. Ayman Ashour, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, is titled: “Advancing Veterinary Medicine through Artificial Intelligence: Emerging Trends and Future Opportunities”, with broad Arab and international participation.

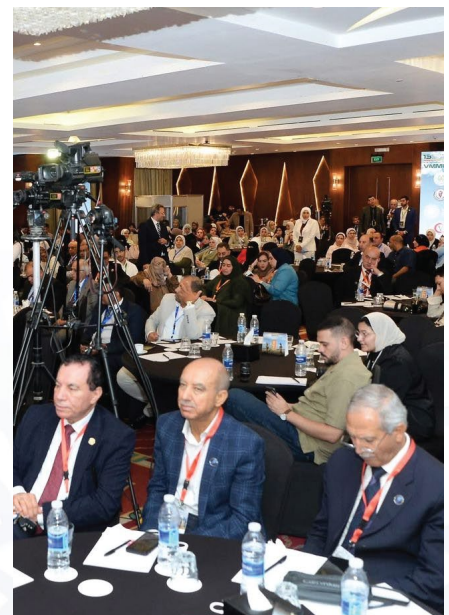
The opening session witnessed the participation of a distinguished group of academic and professional leaders from Egypt, the Arab world, and beyond. In his speech during **the session**, **Dr. Alsoud conveyed the greetings of H.E. Prof. Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama**, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, stressing the importance of integrating artificial intelligence into veterinary education and research, and highlighting the role of Arab universities in promoting the “**One Health**” concept—linking human, animal, and environmental health within the framework of sustainable development.

Dr. Alsoud further emphasized that the Association of Arab Universities attaches great importance to supporting medical and veterinary sciences by establishing Arab research networks, encouraging international partnerships, and building the capacity of veterinarians to use modern technologies in diagnosis, prevention, and strengthening Arab food security. He stressed that the conference provides a unique platform for the convergence of Arab and international expertise to anticipate the future of veterinary medicine in the digital era.

For his part, Prof. Dr. Sherif Khater, President of Mansoura University, welcomed the participants, affirming that artificial intelligence has become a cornerstone of progress in various fields, and that the veterinary profession represents a safeguard for public health and a guarantee of food security.

The conference was attended by several presidents of Egyptian and Arab universities, heads of veterinary associations from across the Arab world, and representatives of international organizations (including the World Organisation for Animal Health and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), alongside distinguished academic and research leaders.

The conference will continue over three days, featuring scientific sessions and panel discussions exploring the latest applications of artificial intelligence in veterinary medicine, and concluding with practical recommendations to advance veterinary education and enhance its role in serving societies.



AARU Participates in the Annual Meeting of the Scientific Association of Veterinary Medicine Colleges in Arab Universities



The Executive Director of the Association of Arab Universities (AArU), Prof. Dr. Anas Ratib Alsoud, participated in the Annual Meeting of the Scientific Association of Veterinary Medicine Colleges in Arab Universities, held on **Monday, September 29, 2025**, in Ras El Bar, Egypt, and graciously hosted by Mansoura University, with the participation of a distinguished group of deans of veterinary medicine colleges and researchers from various Arab countries.

In his remarks, **Prof. Alsoud reaffirmed the Association's commitment to supporting and developing veterinary education** in Arab universities and enhancing its role in serving societies and contributing to sustainable development.

He also outlined the Association's main priorities for **advancing veterinary education and research**, highlighting the importance of adopting leading global practices that **contribute to:**

- Building specialized Arab research networks.
- Strengthening integration among veterinary colleges in Arab universities.
- Encouraging joint research initiatives aligned with the One Health approach, which links human, animal, and environmental health.



Prof. Alsoud further commended the significant efforts of several Arab universities in developing their veterinary programs, calling for the expansion of collaborative efforts in this field due to their direct impact on improving the quality of education and scientific research.

In conclusion, he expressed his sincere gratitude to Mansoura University for its generous hosting and excellent organization, and to all participants for their valuable contributions and discussions that reflected the spirit of Arab scientific cooperation.

The Association of Arab Universities reiterates its continued commitment to supporting its specialized institutions and strengthening the role of its scientific associations, in order to enhance the quality of education and research across the Arab world and elevate the global standing of Arab universities.

Visit of the Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities to the Islamic University of Lebanon



On Monday, 29 September 2025, H.E. Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities, paid an official visit to the Islamic University of Lebanon, where he was received by the University President, Prof. Hassan Lakiss. During the meeting, discussions focused on key issues related to the current state of higher education in the Arab region, particularly the challenges facing universities in light of rapid academic, technological, and societal transformations. The two sides also explored opportunities to further advance Arab higher education, enhance academic and research cooperation, and promote the exchange of expertise among member universities of the Association. These efforts aim to foster academic excellence, innovation, and greater contributions to sustainable development.

This visit comes within the framework of the Association's ongoing efforts to strengthen communication with its member universities and to consolidate strategic partnerships, thereby reinforcing the role of Arab universities as key drivers of progress and development at both the regional and international levels.

H.E. the Secretary General was accompanied during the visit by Ms. Lina Al-Bitar, Director of Administration at the Association of Arab Universities, and Ms. Dina Mahmoud, Coordinator of the Association's Institutional Activities.

Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities Inaugurates Strategic Planning Workshop for Association Institutions at Holy Spirit University – Kaslik Beirut – 30 September 2025



His Excellency Prof. Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, inaugurated the training workshop on strategic planning for the Association's institutions, organized by the Association and hosted by the Holy Spirit University – Kaslik in Beirut on 30 September and 1 October 2025. The workshop was attended by directors of councils, centers, and secretaries-general of the scientific associations affiliated with the Association across various Arab countries.



The Secretary-General highlighted that the workshop follows a series of preparatory sessions held via Zoom, which allowed for broader participation and fruitful exchange of experiences. He emphasized that strategic planning is a cornerstone for enhancing the performance of the Association's institutions and supporting Arab universities in addressing challenges related to artificial intelligence, digital transformation, labor market demands, and environmental changes, while also strengthening scientific research and linking educational outcomes to sustainable development paths.



Prof. Dr. Salama expressed his gratitude to the Holy Spirit University – Kaslik, led by Father Prof. Joseph Makrezal, for their generous hosting and provision of all academic and logistical support. He also thanked Dr. Nehme Azoury, Advisor to the President of Holy Spirit University – Kaslik, for his presence, support, and valuable contributions during the workshop. The Secretary-General further acknowledged the pivotal role of Prof. Dr. Daniel Khalifeh, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration at the university and Secretary-General of the Association of Business Administration Colleges, for her efforts in coordination and preparation. He expressed deep appreciation to the lecturers and experts who enriched the workshop with their valuable presentations, namely:

- **Prof. Dr. Marwan Istanbuly**, International Management Consultant
- **Prof. Dr. Nada Sarkis**, Vice Dean for Graduate Studies, Faculty of Business Administration – Holy Spirit University – Kaslik
- **Prof. Dr. Anas Ratib Al Saud**, Executive Director of the Association of Arab Universities

The **workshop included working sessions** in which the directors of councils, centers, and secretaries-general of the scientific associations presented their strategic plans and discussed **implementation mechanisms** aimed at unifying vision and integrating efforts across the Association's institutions.

Accompanying the Secretary-General during this visit were Prof. Dr. Anas Ratib Al Saud, Executive Director of the Association, Ms. Lina Al-Bitar, Director of the General Administration, Mr. Adel Al-Mahrouqi, Association Expert from Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, and Ms. Dina Mahmoud, Coordinator of the Association's institutional activities.



Official Visit of the Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities to the Lebanese University to Strengthen Joint Cooperation



Beirut – 3 October 2025

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities (AArU), conducted an official visit to the Lebanese University, during which he met with Prof. Dr. Bassam Badran, President of the University. The meeting focused on exploring avenues to enhance collaboration across various academic, scientific, and cultural domains, particularly through the Association of Colleges of Fine Arts in Arab Universities, a member of the AArU hosted by the Faculty of Fine Arts and Architecture at the Lebanese University.



The visit included a tour of the Rafic Hariri University Campus – Hadath, accompanied by President Badran and Mrs. Lina Al-Bitar, Director of the General Administration at the Association of Arab Universities. The first stop was the Faculty of Fine Arts, where Dr. Salama engaged with students in the presence of Dr. Hisham Zein El-Din, Dean of the Faculty, Eng. Nawal Boudani, Director of the First Branch, along with heads of academic departments and several members of the academic and administrative staff.

During the visit, Dr. Salama reaffirmed the Association's commitment to supporting joint initiatives and promoting collaboration with the Lebanese University through its specialized faculties and research centers, with the aim of advancing higher education in the Arab world.



Launching the Initiative to Establish a Support Fund for Higher Education Institutions in Palestine



وزارة التربية والتعليم العالي

As part of the proceedings of the 57th General Conference of the Association of Arab Universities (AArU), held from April 23–24, 2025, at Kuwait International University, the Association announced the launch of an initiative to establish a Support Fund for Higher Education Institutions in Palestine. This initiative reflects the Association's leading role in supporting the causes of the Arab nation and in promoting solidarity and cooperation among higher education institutions across the Arab world.

The initiative aims to empower students in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank to continue their educational and academic journeys, while alleviating the financial challenges they face, thereby strengthening their resilience and ensuring their right to education like students everywhere.

The initiative will be implemented on two levels:

- Level One: Student-to-Student Support – through adding a symbolic fee to the tuition ranging between 1–10 USD per semester, for one academic year.
- Level Two: Support for Academic and Administrative Staff – through a voluntary deduction from salaries ranging between 1–2% per month, for one academic year.

The Association calls upon all member universities to actively participate in this humanitarian and educational initiative, extending their support to students and faculty members in Palestine, in a spirit of shared responsibility and Arab academic solidarity.

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Initiative to Support the Higher Education Sector and Institutions in Palestine

Introduction:

In light of the extensive destruction that has affected universities and higher education institutions in Gaza and the West Bank as a result of the Israeli aggression (2023–2025), the need has emerged for a comprehensive Arab initiative that embodies the values of solidarity and joint action.

More than 57 university buildings and 20 educational institutions have been destroyed, while universities in the West Bank have suffered incursions and severe human and material losses. Consequently, tens of thousands of students have been deprived of their fundamental right to education.

This initiative aims to mobilize official and public Arab efforts to support Palestinian universities and higher education institutions and to ensure the continuity of their academic and scientific mission. The initiative focuses on the following key areas:

- Reconstruction and rehabilitation of damaged educational facilities in Gaza and the West Bank.
- Supporting the continuity of the educational process by covering essential operational expenses.
- Empowering affected students to complete their studies through scholarships and financial assistance.



The initiative is managed by the Association of Arab Universities in partnership with the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education, and remains open to collaboration with specialized Arab and international organizations. It aims to mobilize sufficient financial resources through contributions from Arab universities, the “Student-to-Student” campaign, voluntary donations from education sector personnel, as well as direct support from Arab higher education institutions and Arab and international development funds.

Post-War Challenges (2025–2023)

- **Infrastructure:** Around %90 of university buildings in Gaza were damaged, with %38 completely destroyed, resulting in a severe loss of facilities.
- **Human Losses:** More than 195 academics were martyred, and thousands were injured, including 915 students.
- **Educational Impact:** Approximately 88,000 students have been deprived of continuing their education.
- **Financial Crisis:** Losses amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars, including \$76 million at Al-Azhar University and \$54 million at Al-Aqsa University, have led to an inability to cover essential operational expenses.

General Objective of the Initiative

To ensure the continuity of Palestinian higher education through urgent and strategic interventions targeting universities and higher education institutions in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Specific Objectives

1. Rehabilitate and reactivate the affected universities and support the continuity of those still operating.
2. Enable students from affected groups to continue their studies within Palestine and strengthen their resilience.
3. Provide essential operational support, including salaries, services, and running costs.
4. Offer dedicated support to students in Jerusalem.
5. Reconstruct university facilities in the Gaza Strip.
6. Establish technical and medical laboratories to compensate for the shortage of facilities.

Expected Outcomes

- Continued operation of Palestinian universities and higher education institutions.
- Enhanced resilience of students and academic staff within Palestine.
- Reconstruction and rehabilitation of university buildings.
- Establishment of modern scientific laboratories.
- Coverage of tuition fees for 50,000 students in need.
- Development of an updated database to monitor and support affected institutions.

Target Groups

- Palestinian universities and higher education institutions affected in Gaza and the West Bank.
- Palestinian students enrolled in higher education institutions who are unable to continue their studies due to financial constraints.
- The Palestinian academic community, including faculty members, administrative staff, and students.
- Students from Jerusalem.

Alignment with Palestinian National Plans

The initiative aligns with the strategic plans of the Palestinian Ministry of Higher Education in the following areas:

- Rebuilding affected institutions.
- Providing financial support to students.
- Promoting e-learning as an alternative educational option.
- Coordinating efforts with international organizations.

Legal and Organizational Framework

- Founder and Supervising Entity: Association of Arab Universities.
- Supervisory Board/Board of Trustees: Comprising distinguished Arab academic figures and chaired by the Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities.
- Governance Systems: Ensuring financial transparency, independent auditing, and periodic reporting.

Funding Sources and Implementation Mechanisms

- “Student-to-Student” Campaign: One million Arab students each contributing between USD 10–1 per semester (across four semesters over two years).
- Voluntary Contributions: Deduction of %2–1 from the salaries of employees in Arab universities for a period of 12–6 months.
- Institutional Support: Contributions from Arab universities and Arab development funds (such as the Kuwaiti, Saudi, Emirati, and Qatari funds), the Islamic Development Bank, and UN-affiliated funds.

Implementation Mechanisms:

- Launching the initiative through a wide-scale media announcement.
- Signing agreements between the Association of Arab Universities and contributing Arab universities.
- Conducting a comprehensive needs assessment in cooperation with international partners.
- Receiving and evaluating support requests from Palestinian universities.
- Approving and monitoring the implementation of projects.

Conclusion

This initiative is not merely a humanitarian effort to support Palestinian universities—it represents a national and moral commitment, as well as a historic responsibility shared by both institutions and individuals. It stands as a living embodiment of Arab solidarity and a firm expression of support for the resilience of the Palestinian people in defending their fundamental right to education and knowledge.

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Participation and Cooperation Opportunities at the Fifth Arab-Turkish Universities Conference



the General Secretariat of the Association of Arab Universities (AArU) extends its best regards to you. With reference to the Fifth Conference of Presidents of Arab and Turkish Universities, to be held at Université de Tunis El Manar – Republic of Tunisia, from 10–11 October 2025, we are pleased to attach a list of Turkish universities that have confirmed their attendance at the conference. These universities aim to strengthen fruitful cooperation with Arab universities.

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To confirm attendance and participation in the conference, kindly instruct the relevant persons to complete the Arrival and Departure Form for airport reception and hotel arrangements:

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AARU Secretary General's Message



Dear colleagues, dear friends, dear guests,
It is with great pleasure and profound respect that I welcome you all to the 5th Turkish-Arab University Presidents' Congress. This distinguished gathering stands as a testament to our shared commitment to advancing higher education, fostering academic collaboration, and building bridges of understanding between the Arab world and Türkiye.

Over the years, this congress has evolved into a vital platform for dialogue, innovation, and partnership. It brings together visionary leaders, scholars, and educators who are united by a common purpose: to shape the future of our universities and empower the next generation of thinkers, creators, and leaders.

In an era marked by rapid technological change, global challenges, and shifting educational paradigms, our cooperation is more important than ever. The Turkish-Arab academic partnership is not only a reflection of historical ties and cultural affinity but also a strategic alliance that can drive regional development, scientific progress, and social transformation.

As we convene in this 5th edition, let us reaffirm our dedication to academic excellence, student mobility, joint research, and institutional capacity building. Let us also embrace the values of mutual respect, inclusivity, and sustainability—values that are essential to the mission of higher education.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our hosts, organizers, and participating institutions for their unwavering support and vision. May this congress inspire new ideas, forge lasting collaborations, and contribute meaningfully to the advancement of our academic communities.

Welcome once again, and I wish you all a fruitful and enriching congress.



Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama
Secretary General
Association of Arab Universities



President Council of Higher Education President's Message

It gives me great pleasure and profound honor to welcome all distinguished rectors, esteemed participants, and respected colleagues to 5th Turkish-Arab University Presidents' Congress organized by Association of Arab Universities, Eurasian Universities Union, Council of Higher Education of the Republic of Türkiye and hosted by Tunis El Menar University. The congress with the motto of Transforming Higher Education through Leadership, Innovation, and Regional Integration brings together many universities in the region to exchange ideas and discuss important issues on tertiary education.

Universities have always served as bridges between cultures, societies, and disciplines. In our increasingly interconnected world, the need for meaningful partnerships has never been greater. Cooperation among universities is no longer a luxury; it is a necessity. I would like to highlight the unique and vital role of cooperation between Turkish and Arab universities. Our regions share centuries of cultural, historical, and intellectual ties. By deepening academic collaboration, we not only honor this common heritage but also open new pathways for innovation, scientific progress, and educational excellence. Partnerships between Turkish and Arab higher education institutions can pave the way for joint research projects, dual degree programs, and enriched opportunities for our students and scholars. Such cooperation will strengthen our ability to address regional challenges, contribute to sustainable development, and build bridges of mutual understanding between our societies.

In this regard, this provides us with an invaluable platform to exchange experiences, share best practices, and explore innovative models of partnership. Türkiye has a huge capacity with 208 universities, over 185 thousand academics and around 7 million students. With this capacity, we are very pleased to cooperate with our brotherly countries and sign agreements in the field of higher education that will definitely contribute to our collaboration in this field and enhance the academic mobility. It is my sincere hope that the sessions and discussions throughout these days will inspire us to think beyond institutional boundaries and to embrace the spirit of solidarity in higher education. By working together, we can expand opportunities for our students, enhance the impact of our research, and contribute more effectively to the societies we serve.

On this occasion, I would like to raise a very important issue here. Universities must be centers of humanity's conscience and be sensitive to injustices occurring around the world. We should be firmly committed to raising awareness on our campuses about Israel's genocidal crimes against the Palestinian people. Israel's massacres and inhumane treatment should be a major topic of discussion and robustly condemned at all academic events. We strongly call on the international higher education community to clearly defend academic freedom and human rights.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the organizing committee, whose tireless efforts have made this gathering possible. I also wish to thank all distinguished participants for joining this important event. Your presence demonstrates a shared belief in the power of cooperation, dialogue, and academic exchange. Let us use this occasion to strengthen existing ties and to forge new ones. May this congress mark the beginning of lasting collaborations that will continue to flourish in the years to come. Together, we can transform the challenges before us into opportunities for growth, innovation, and collective progress.



Prof. Dr. Erol ÖZVAR

EURAS President's Message



It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 5th Turkish-Arab University Presidents' Congress, hosted this year by Tunis El Manar University on 10-11 October 2025. This prestigious event is a testament to the unique importance of mutual dialogue, collaboration, and shared vision between Turkish and Arab higher education institutions.

As universities, we carry the responsibility of not only to educate but also to lead our societies through knowledge, innovation, and collaboration. The main focus of this year's congress, "Transforming Higher Education through Leadership, Innovation, and Regional Integration" focuses on the much needed attention of our institutions to adapt to today's rapidly changing world. Together, we must embrace digital transformation, tackle sustainability, and foster inclusive academic environments which empower youth as the strong leaders of our future.

This congress provides a valuable platform for us to discussion challenges and opportunities, how to further develop regional cooperation and strengthen our international visibility without losing our cultural roots and how to make sure that our universities remain pillars of social mobility, economic growth and environmental responsibility.

The panels and discussions over these two days will not only address critical issues such as governance, digital futures, sustainability and internationalization but also will inspire us to deepen Arab-Turkish partnerships through joint research, dual degrees, and academic mobility. Our collective efforts will create an understanding of co-creation in higher education.

On behalf of EURAS, I extend my sincere gratitude first and foremost to President of Higher Education Council of Republic of Türkiye Hn. Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar and longtime partner Arab Universities Association -AARU and its Secretary General Hn. Prof. Dr. Amr Salama along with all the participating rectors, academics and our valuable partners for their commitment to advancing higher education. May this congress be a source of lasting friendships, innovative ideas, and impactful partnerships for years to come.



Prof. Dr. Mustafa AYDIN
President
Eurasian Universities
Union (EURAS)

University of Tunis El Manar

Tunisia President's

Message



Our gathering today is more than just an exchange of expertise; it is about collaboratively developing a strategy for the future of higher education and research. We aim to enhance integration and cooperation among our universities, building a strong and resilient Arab and regional educational system capable of global leadership and competitiveness. Our commitment to development and sustainability is not merely a slogan, but a tangible reality, reflected in our global ranking of 259th. This achievement highlights our ability to equip graduates who succeed in the job market. We are also ranked among the top 300 universities globally for international scientific research networks.

Furthermore, our university has excelled in the Sustainable Development Goals, ranking 14th globally in women's empowerment, 77th in quality education, and 41st in health and well-being. These rankings underscore our deep commitment to human development.

Hosting this Arab-Turkish Forum reflects our belief in the importance of uniting minds and visions. It paves the way for holistic university partnerships focused on sustainability and advancing higher education and scientific research.

We look forward to this meeting being crowned by the Tunisia Declaration for Cooperation, marking a turning point towards a shared vision that positions our universities as centers of influence on the national and international academic stage.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the esteemed leaders, the dedicated organizers, and all participants for their invaluable presence and commitment to advancing our shared educational future.



Prof Moez Chafra
President

University of Tunis El Manar
Tunisia

About the 5th Turkish-Arab University Presidents' Congress

The 5th Turkish-Arab University Presidents' Congress marks a significant milestone in the evolving collaboration between higher education institutions in Türkiye and the Arab world. This prestigious event brings together university presidents, academic leaders, and policymakers to foster dialogue, strengthen partnerships, and explore innovative solutions to shared educational challenges.

Building on the success of its previous editions, the congress continues to serve as a dynamic platform for academic diplomacy, cultural exchange, and strategic cooperation. It reflects the growing importance of regional collaboration in addressing global trends such as digital transformation, internationalization, and the evolving role of universities in shaping society.

As we convene for this fifth edition, the congress aims to deepen these ties and chart new pathways for cooperation. It invites participants to engage in meaningful dialogue, share best practices, and envision a future where Turkish and Arab universities play a leading role in advancing global education and innovation.



Why Attend the Congress?

The 5th Turkish-Arab University Presidents' Congress offers a unique opportunity to engage with leaders from Türkiye and the Arab world, explore innovative ideas, and forge lasting partnerships. Participate in high-level discussions on topics such as digital transformation, academic mobility, and institutional development.



Engage with
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Ideas



Participate in High-Level
Discussions

Day 1

Friday, 10 October 2025

Venue : Regency Hotel Tunis

09:00-09:30	<p><u>Opening Ceremony</u></p> <p>Welcome Remarks Prof. Moez CHAFRA President of the University of Tunis El Manar HE Prof. Amr Ezzat SALAMA Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities Prof. Mustafa AYDIN President, Eurasian Universities Union (EURAS) Prof. Abdelmajid Ben AMARA Head of the Federation of Arab Scientific Research Council HE. Mr. Ahmet Misbah DEMİRCAN Ambassador of Türkiye to Tunisia HE Prof. Dr. Erol ÖZVAR President of the Council of Higher Education of Türkiye HE Mr. Mondher BELAÏD Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Tunisia</p>
09:30-10:00	<p>Keynote Address: Guest of Honor Prof. Dr. Erol ÖZVAR <i>Transforming Higher Education for a Changing Global Landscape</i></p>
10:00-10:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
10:30-11:30	<p>Panel 1: Leadership, Governance & Strategic Partnerships</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Süleyman Kızıltoprak (Rector- Kütahya Dumlupınar University)</p> <p>Panelists: Prof. Dr. Mevlüt KARATAŞ (Rector-Çankırı Karatekin University) Prof. Dr. Şehmus Demir (Rector - Gaziantep Islam Science and Technology University) Prof. Dr. Mostafa Hodieb (President, The Arab Academy for Management, Banking and Financial Sciences, Egypt) Prof. Dr. Ghaleb Elrefae (President, Al Ain University, United Arab Emirates)</p> <p><i>Combining Higher Education Policy, Leadership & Governance + Arab–Turkish Strategic Academic Partnerships</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive leadership and institutional autonomy in evolving environments • Governance frameworks to foster Arab–Turkish regional cooperation • Joint degree programs, dual accreditation, and sustainable academic mobility • Establishing bi-regional hubs for research, innovation, and entrepreneurship

11:30-12:30	<p>Panel 2: Internationalization, Reputation & Global Engagement</p> <p>Moderator : Prof. Dr. Anas Al-Soud</p> <p>Panelists: Prof. Dr. Rahmi ER (Rector- University of Turkish Aeronautical Association) Prof. Dr. Ayşegül KOMSUOĞLU ÇITIPITIOĞLU (Rector- İstanbul Nişantaşı University) Prof. Dr. Ghassan Aouad (Prsident, Abu Dhabi University, United Arab Emirates) Prof. Dr. Mushtak Salih (President , University of Anbar, Iraq) Prof. Dr. Derviş Mustafaoglu (Dean of External Affairs, The Islamic University of Gaza, Palestine)</p> <p><i>Combining Internationalization & Reputation Building + Internationalization Reimagined</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positioning Arab and Turkish universities in global rankings • Research alliances, academic publishing networks, and multilingual campuses • Enhancing cultural diplomacy and visibility in the global knowledge economy • Navigating global competition while preserving local and regional identity
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	<p>Panel 3: Digital Futures, Smart Universities & Innovation Ecosystems</p> <p>Moderator : Prof. Dr. Hanene Boussi /Prof. Dr Jamel Neji</p> <p>Panelists: Prof. Dr. Hacı Ali MANTAR (Rector- Gebze Technical University) Prof. Dr. Fahrettin GÖKTAŞ (Rector-Fırat University) Prof. Dr. Samir Badrawi (International Relationships, Director, Al Mustaqbal University, Iraq)</p> <p><i>Combining Digital Futures & Smart Universities + Innovation, Impact & Knowledge Transfer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating AI, AR/VR, and big data in academic life and governance • Designing smart campus ecosystems for sustainability and accessibility • Universities as engines of economic growth, startups, and entrepreneurship • University–industry–government (U–I–G) partnerships for applied research and impact

<p>15:00-16:00</p>	<p>Panel 4: Green Universities & Sustainability Leadership</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Kurtuluş KARAMUSTAFA (Rector-Kayseri University)</p> <p>Panelists: Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal (Rector- İstanbul Technical University) Prof. Dr. Esra Hatipoğlu (Rector-Bahçeşehir University) Prof. Dr. Wael Abdelmaguid (President, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon) Prof. Dr. Feras Hanandeh (President , Ajloun University, Jordan) Prof. Dr. Talal Shahwan (President, Birzeit university Palestine)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedding SDGs in curricula and institutional missions • Green innovation, climate action, and environmental justice in higher education • Campus strategies for energy, mobility, food, and waste • Mobilizing youth for ecological transformation and sustainable futures
<p>16:00-16:30</p>	<p>Closing Plenary: Arab–Turkish Academic Collaboration – Building a Shared Vision for Regional Excellence</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Olgun Cicek, Senior Advisor to EURAS Board of Directors Prof. Dr. Anas Ratib Al Soud, Executive Director, Association of Arab Universities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint research priorities and institutional alliances as academic bridges • Sustainability and social impact: inclusion, greening campuses, empowering youth • Future-proofing higher education: leadership, governance, and foresight in the Arab–Turkish region <p>Adoption of the Tunis Declaration on Arab–Turkish Higher Education Cooperation</p>

Day 2 – Saturday, 11 October 2025

09:30-11:00	<u>Networking and MOU signature</u>
	Venue : Regency Hotel Tunis
11:00-13:00	<u>Visit to the University of Tunis El Manar</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Sciences of Tunis • Faculty of Medecine of Tunis
13:00-14:30	<u>Lunch at the Medina of Tunis</u>
14:30-16:30	<u>Cultural visit to the Medina of Tunis</u>
16:30-19:00	<u>Cultural Excursion to Sidi Bou Said Village</u>

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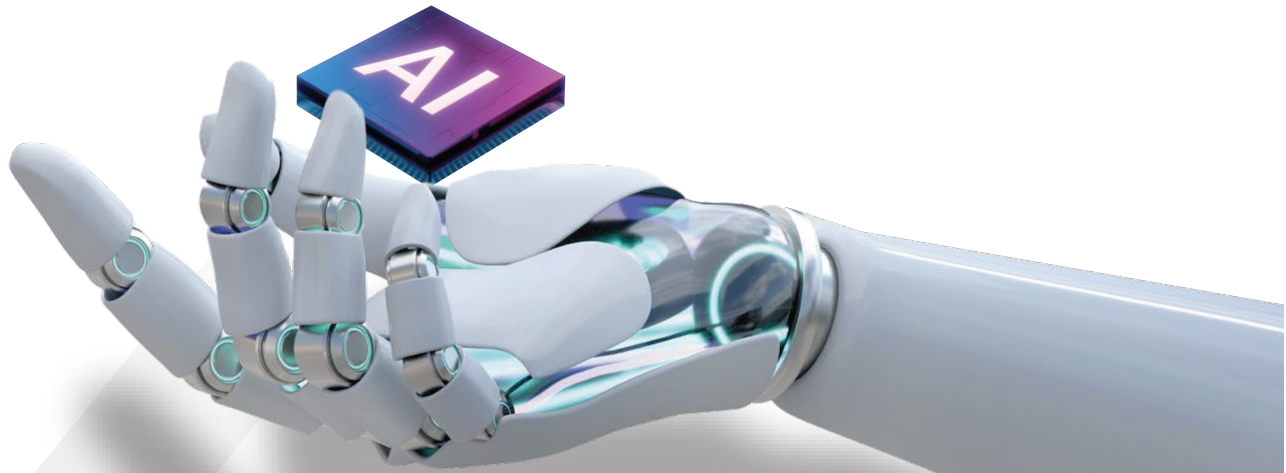
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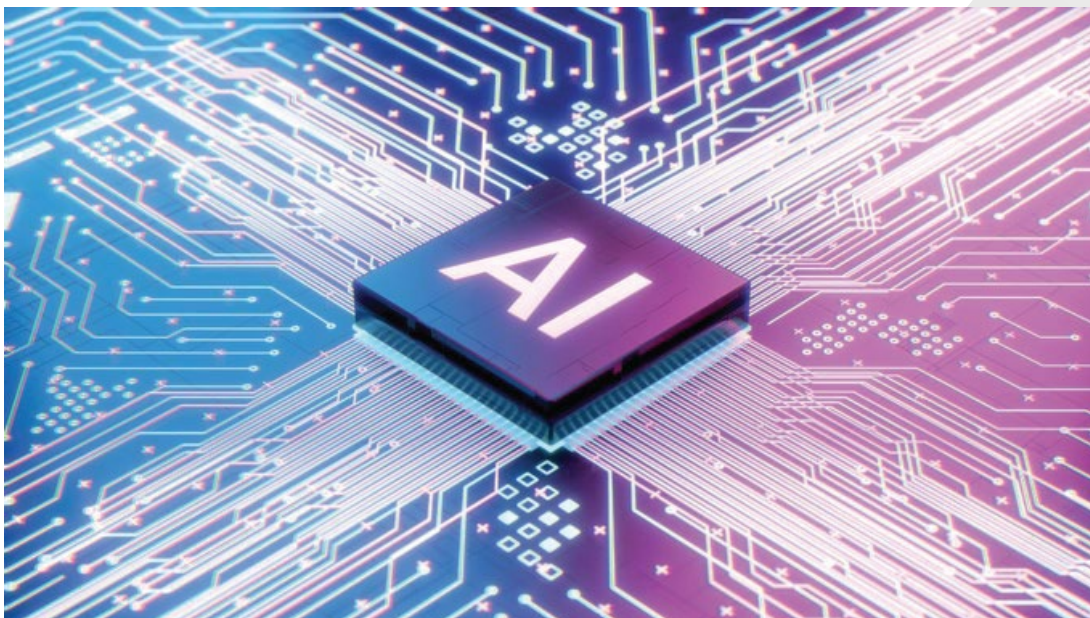
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- Logo placement on conference documents.
- Free attendance for the speaker and up to five participants.

Gold

10000 \$

- 10-minute presentation or speaking slot within a panel.
- Hotel accommodation for one person for three nights.
- Free exhibition booth 9m sq.
- Logo placement on conference documents.
- Free attendance for the speaker and up to three participants.

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- Logo placement on conference documents.
- 5-minute presentation or speaking slot within a panel.
- Free exhibition booth 9m sq.
- Free attendance for the speaker and up to two participants.

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- Logo placement on conference documents.
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November 20–21, 2025 | Rabat, Morocco

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Meet 1,000+ Students in
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Gain Access to the
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WHY NOW?

A strategic education hub with untapped potential.

Morocco is entering a new era. With its strong youth population, economic expansion, and growing appetite for international education, it is fast becoming one of the most promising student recruitment markets in the MENA region.

This event positions you in the heart of a dynamic, future forward education landscape!



Why invest in Morocco?

- ♦ **FIFA World Cup 2030 Co-host:** Infrastructure growth and global visibility are transforming the country.
- ♦ **Young, Globally Oriented Population:** Over 50% under the age of 30, with increasing access to international schooling.
- ♦ **High School Sector Booming:** Hundreds of private, franchise, and international schools with modern campuses and competitive English/French bilingual education.
- ♦ **Gateway Between Continents:** Morocco serves as a strategic link between Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, with deep diplomatic and economic ties to France, Canada, Turkey, and the GCC.

ABOUT THE EVENT



NOVEMBER 20–21, 2025



RABAT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DAY 1: Targeted Visits to Leading Private and Public High Schools

DAY 2: Major Education Fair in Rabat

Connect with **1,000+ students** and families from across **Casablanca, Rabat, Mohammedia, and Temara.**



WHAT MAKES THIS EVENT UNIQUE

- ☀ **The Largest High School-Focused Student Fair Morocco Has Seen**
- ☀ **All Top-Tier Schools Under One Roof**
- ☀ **Unmatched Efficiency:** Reach Morocco's most promising students in just 48 hours
- ☀ **Truly International:** Institutions from Europe, China, the Middle East, and beyond will participate
- ☀ **Institutional Networking:** Meet representatives from both public and private higher education sectors
- ☀ **Professional Consulting Teams** in English, French, and Turkish will support your booth and sessions



PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Collab International and ICES Morocco have direct partnerships with over 50 Moroccan high schools, and for this event, more than 35 leading institutions have confirmed their attendance, even more choose to attend every day!

CASABLANCA

Ecole Elbilia	Ecole El Medina	Compétence A in Sbaa	Anisse International School
Ecole Romandie	Charif El Idrissi	Groupe Scolaire Berrada	Ecole Le Pont
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Ecole Majorelle	Ecole Galilée

RABAT & TEMARA

Blaise Pascal	Institut Al Manbaa	Groupe Scolaire Paul Verne – Souissi
Louis Le Grand	Groupe Scolaire High Tech	Zenith School – Temara
Elbilia Skolar	André Malraux	Groupe Scolaire Henry Matisse – Temara
Al Minbat	Fleurs de l'Âge – Temara	Madariss Maria – Temara

EVENT PARTICIPATION AT A GLANCE



Audience of 1,000+ students and families



35+ top high schools from across Morocco

Institutions from Europe, China, Arab World, and Africa



English, French, Turkish, Arabic Languages Supported



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Participation Fee:

€3,000 for Member Universities.

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Registration Deadline:

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Early Bird Deadline: **15 October 2025**

Early Bird Fee: **US\$1000**

contact: **ISAP@adu.ac.ae**

Includes intercity transportation, accommodations, cultural events, and company visits.

Application Deadline: **10 November 2025**

Acceptance Notification: **30 November 2025**

Tuition Fee: **US\$1100**

Payment link 

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Discover the rich heritage of the UAE. Explore historical sites, modern landmarks, and vibrant markets. Connect with local traditions and customs.

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Interact with ADU students, exchange ideas, and build lasting friendships. Engage in collaborative projects, social events, and campus life.

Eligibility:

Undergraduates, MBAs, Postgraduates, or Young professionals

Credits:

3 credits

Explore Previous ISAP 2024:

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2nd ADU International Study Abroad Program (ISAP2026)

Dates	5-Jan	6-Jan	7-Jan	8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan
Location	Abu Dhabi	Abu Dhabi	Al Ain	Abu Dhabi	Dubai	Abu Dhabi	Abu Dhabi	Abu Dhabi
Schedule	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Morning	Welcome session	Sports and Wellness Activity	Al Ain Campus Tour	Sports and Wellness Activity	Campus Tour	Abu Dhabi tour		Group Presentation
		Lecture #2 "Artificial Intelligence and Data from the Perspective of Digital Economy"	Lecture #3 "Well-being for All: Building a Sustainable Healthcare Future"	Lecture #4 "Sustainable Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Management Practices"	Lecture#6 "Leadership Beyond Borders: Thriving in the Global Business Landscape"			
	Campus tour	Arabic Language Lecture	Arabic Language Lecture	Lecture #5 "Beyond Ideas: Demystifying Intellectual Property Rights in the Digital Age"	Guest Lecture			Certificate Appreciation Ceremony and Group Photo
Afternoon	Lecture #1 "From Screens to Streams: Decoding the Latest Trends in the Media Industry"	Industry Visit	Industry Visit	Industry Visit	Industry Visit	Abu Dhabi tour	Safari Trip	Farewell Lunch
	Welcome Lunch							
	Simulation Activity	Industry Visit	Al Ain tour	Industry Visit				
Evening	Abu Dhabi tour	Activity with ADU Students		Abu Dhabi tour	Dubai tour			



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