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# The Humanities in the Age of Digital Systems: Towards Renewed Roles and Deeper Impact

In an era marked by the rapid transformations of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the emerging contours of the Fifth, the relationship between humanity and technology, between values and tools, and between human knowledge and digital systems is being fundamentally redefined. At the heart of this historical shift, humanities stand at a critical crossroads: to either retreat and become insular or to evolve and emerge as a driving force for meaning, identity, and conscience in the age of artificial intelligence. For decades, the humanities have served as the cornerstone of critical thought, cultural values, and collective awareness, contributing to the development of concepts such as identity and ethics. Today, in a digital environment that has reshaped



**Prof. Amr Salama**  
Secretary General

individual behavior, learning patterns, and modes of interaction, it is imperative to update the methodologies of the humanities, renew their tools, and enhance their presence in the digital space through diverse media and innovative





educational approaches.

Digital humanities are not merely an academic endeavor—they are a civilizational and strategic necessity. They enable us to understand the human condition amid technological shifts and to guide innovation in service of enduring values. They are also essential for addressing emerging challenges such as ethical deviations, the disruptions of artificial intelligence, and the erosion of cultural particularities.

This vision aligns with the discussions held at the landmark educational conference organized by the Islamic University of Lebanon on May 29, 2025, titled “The Humanities in the Age of Digital

Systems”, with the participation of leading Lebanese, Arab, and international universities. The conference served as a vital intellectual platform for reimagining the future of the humanities in light of accelerating digital transformations.

From this platform, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering interdisciplinary scientific research and recognizing academic efforts that integrate humanistic thought with technology, in support of a renewed Arab identity within the digital realm.

We are in need of a humanities that thinks and innovates, that analyzes and builds—one that places the human being back at the center of technology and imbues digitization with a human dimension.



## Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities Meets with Director of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States



Cairo – The Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama, met at the headquarters of the League of Arab States with Dr. Mohammed bin Saud Al-Muqbil, Director of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Faraj Al-Ajmi, Director of the Department of Education, Teaching and Scientific Research at the League of Arab States, and Dr. Mohammed Al-Koufi, former Minister of Higher Education in the Republic of Yemen. The participants discussed prospects for joint cooperation and

coordination between the two sides, given the many commonalities in their work toward improving the overall quality of education, with a particular focus on higher education. Dr. Salama provided a brief overview of the key projects and programs the Association has completed or is currently undertaking at both the Arab and international levels. He emphasized that the Association has implemented several high-impact initiatives, most notably the Arab University Rankings project, which has been launched in two consecutive editions in cooperation with the League of Arab States and



the Association of Arab Scientific Research Councils. The project has achieved significant success, with broad participation from Arab universities.

He also highlighted the progress made on the development of the Unified Arab Qualifications Framework, which is being finalized in cooperation with the League of Arab States and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO). In addition, he outlined ongoing initiatives in electronic publishing, specialized conferences in artificial intelligence and digital transformation, and the Arab Knowledge Bank project in partnership with the Egyptian Knowledge Bank. Dr. Salama affirmed that the Association has many innovative ideas and initiatives in the pipeline, aligned

with a comprehensive strategic plan being pursued in collaboration with Arab, regional, and international partners.

Dr. Al-Muqbil praised the efforts of the Association of Arab Universities across various domains and stressed the importance of activating the Memorandum of Understanding previously signed between the Association and the Arab Bureau of Education. He confirmed that work will begin to implement the MoU and expand the scope of cooperation, particularly in the areas of artificial intelligence and digital transformation, which are seeing widespread adoption by institutions, educators, and students in the educational process, and are becoming integral to numerous scientific and technical fields.





## **AARU Applauds Abu Dhabi University's Launch of the Arab Universities Knowledge Network for Climate Change and Carbon Footprint**



The Association of Arab Universities (AARU) proudly recognizes the launch of the Arab Universities Knowledge Network for Climate Change and Carbon Footprint (AUKNCCF) by Abu Dhabi University (ADU)—a significant initiative aligned with our shared commitment to sustainability, academic collaboration, and climate resilience in the Arab world.

AUKNCCF aspires to become a regional hub for knowledge exchange and joint action on climate issues, bringing together universities, researchers, and stakeholders from across the Arab region and beyond. This network will support impactful climate research, foster carbon footprint initiatives, and promote sustainable institutional practices.

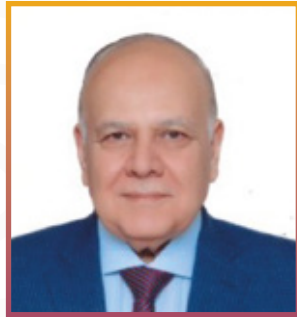
We also commend Prof. Randa Rizk, Executive Director of the Network, and Prof. Sherine Farouk, Chairperson of AUKNCCF, for their dedication to advancing this important initiative.

AARU reaffirms its support for all member universities taking bold steps to address global challenges through innovation, collaboration, and academic excellence.

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Honorary President of  
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for his leadership and  
unwavering support



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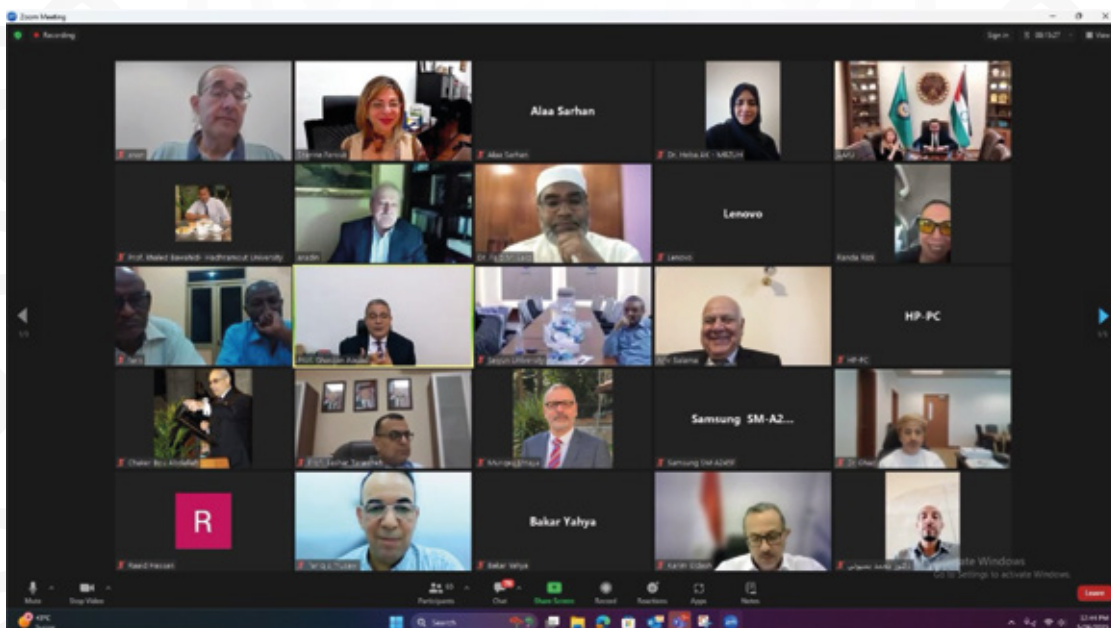
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## The Association of Arab Universities Participates in the Fourth "Towards the South" Conference in Sorrento, Italy



Sorrento, Italy – A delegation from the Association of Arab Universities, led by the Secretary-General, H.E. Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, and attended by the Association's Advisor, Prof. Waleed Salama, participated in the fourth edition of the "Towards the South" conference. The event brought together a distinguished group of academics, including ministers, experts, CEOs, bankers, and prominent figures from Mediterranean countries. The conference focused on the European strategy for a new geopolitical, economic, social, and cultural phase in the Mediterranean

region.

Participants discussed a wide range of issues of mutual interest that are vital to the region's future. Key topics included promoting economic growth and trade partnerships, addressing energy security and sustainability, supporting advancements in the agricultural sector, and exploring opportunities for academic cooperation. One of the major topics addressed was the potential establishment of a Mediterranean Academy, envisioned as a center for intellectual exchange and the development of shared knowledge.





Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama contributed his scientific and practical expertise on several topics, showing great interest in addressing the challenges under discussion through the role of universities—as hubs of creativity, innovation, and scientifically grounded knowledge. He emphasized the vital role of academic institutions in bridging cultural divides and advancing social and economic progress across the Mediterranean region. He reaffirmed the Association of Arab Universities’ commitment to fostering cooperation and mutual understanding between Arab and European nations. He also highlighted the importance of the “Towards the South” conference as a key platform for high-level dialogue among partners and for exploring concrete strategies to strengthen cooperation among Mediterranean countries, stressing the essential role of academic voices in shaping the future of this vital region.





## **Association of Arab Universities Announces the Launch of the Third Edition of the Arab Ranking for Universities**

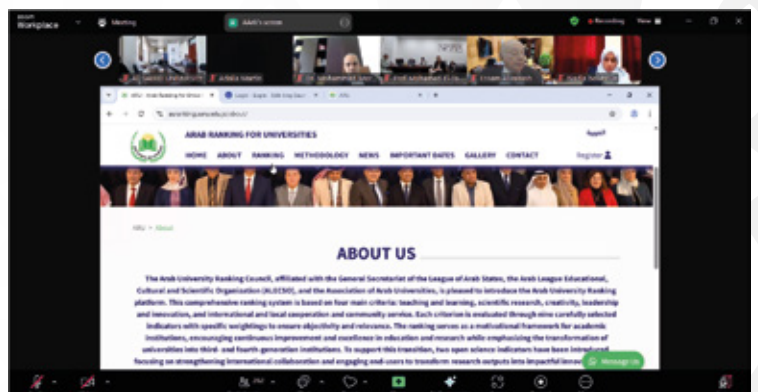
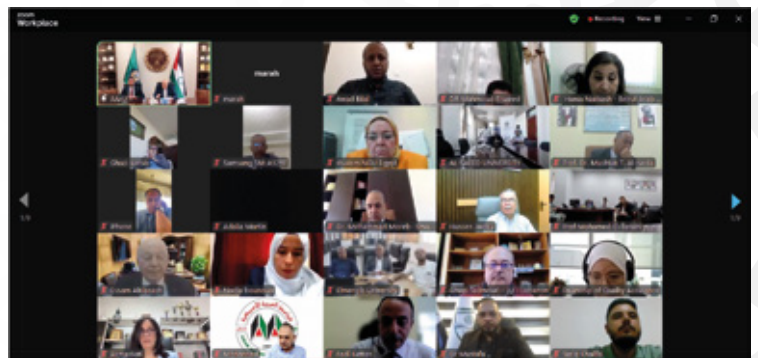
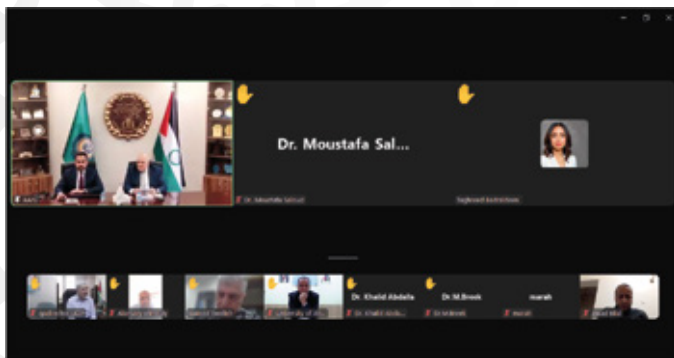


The Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, announced during a virtual meeting held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat, attended by the Association's Executive Director Prof. Anas Al-Saud, that the launch of the third edition of the Arab Ranking For Universities comes as part of the Association's continued efforts to promote academic excellence, enhance competitiveness among higher education institutions in the Arab world, align with developments in global ranking systems, and improve the accuracy and quality of assessment results. The updated edition of the ranking maintains the same four main criteria, which include Teaching and learning, scientific research, Creativity and innovation, and Cooperation indicator. Prof. Salama emphasized that university performance is assessed using 36 quantitative and qualitative indicators developed in collaboration with regional and international experts. He added that the third edition represents a qualitative leap in data collection and analysis mechanisms. The entire process—data entry, verification, weighting, and calculation of indicators—has been fully automated. This reduces manual intervention and enhances the reliability and objectivity of

the results. This development reflects the Association's ongoing commitment to improving the ranking tools and making them fairer, more effective, and better aligned with the evolving landscape of higher education in the Arab region.

Prof. Al-Saud provided a detailed explanation of the process for universities wishing to participate in the Arab Ranking for Universities. He noted that providing the rankings administration with the required data and keeping information about key and qualitative university activities up to date contributes significantly to obtaining accurate results. He affirmed that the Arab Ranking for Universities team is prepared to respond to inquiries and provide support to all universities wishing to join the third edition, which has now officially commenced.

It is worth mentioning that the Arab Ranking for Universities has previously released two editions, both of which witnessed increasing interest from universities. The initiative is implemented in cooperation with the League of Arab States, the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), and the Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils. The ranking is entirely transparent and free of charge for all participating institutions.







## Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities Participates in Economic and Social Council Meetings at Senior Officials and Ministerial Levels



Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, participated in the Economic and Social Council meetings held in Baghdad at both the senior officials and ministerial levels. These meetings are preparatory for the upcoming Arab League Summit scheduled to take place in Baghdad-Iraq, with broad

participation from international organizations and representatives of Arab countries.

The preparatory meetings for the Arab Summit focused on enhancing joint Arab cooperation in light of regional and international challenges, such as water scarcity, climate change, food security threats, and artificial intelligence, aiming for technological leadership



and sustainable development.

Prof. Salama emphasized the necessity of coordinating joint efforts and Arab integration across all fields, especially vital sectors like education, health, energy, food security, agriculture, and climate. He advocated for developing shared Arab solutions grounded in science and the realities of the unified Arab world to address the prominent challenges facing these crucial sectors.

He also highlighted the importance of involving Arab universities in playing a significant and central role in tackling current and future Arab challenges across various life aspects that serve Arab societies. He underscored the need to devise innovative and practical solutions based on the wealth of scientific elites—scholars, experts, and thinkers—in all fields.

On the sidelines of the meetings, Prof. Salama met with Mr. Ahmed

Aboul Gheit, Secretary-General of the Arab League; Ambassador Hossam Zaki, Assistant Secretary-General; and Dr. Ibrahim Al-Maliki, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs. He also engaged with heads and secretaries of participating Arab institutions and organizations, as well as representatives of Arab member states in the Economic and Social Council and directors of departments in the General Secretariat of the League.

During the meetings held in Baghdad, several vital topics were discussed, most notably the preparation of draft resolutions for the Arab Summit.

These meetings are considered a pivotal step toward unifying Arab visions ahead of the summit, which will address the priorities of joint action in light of current regional and international challenges.



## Association of Arab Universities Participates in the 2025 Executive Committee Meeting of AARINENA



Professor Dr. Anas Al-Saud, Executive Director of the Association of Arab Universities, participated in the Executive Committee meeting of the Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa (AARINENA). The meeting was held from May 15 to 16, 2025, in the city of Urfa, Turkey, and was hosted by GAPTAEM, the Agricultural Training Center affiliated with the General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM) in Turkey.

This important annual gathering brought together a distinguished group of leaders from across the region to review AARINENA's strategic achievements during 2024, coordinate efforts for the coming period, and enhance cross-border collaboration in agricultural research and innovation—an essential pillar for achieving sustainability and food security in the region.



The meeting was attended by Dr. Mustafa Altuğ Atalay, Director General of TAGEM; Dr. Hamdan Al-Wuhaibi, President of AARINENA; His Excellency Professor Dr. Ridha Shibli, Executive Secretary of the Association; and a group of representatives from AARINENA's member institutions.

As part of the visit's program, the delegation visited Harran University, where they were welcomed by Professor Dr. Ahmed Elias, Acting President of the University. The visit provided an opportunity to learn about the university's contributions to academic and research fields—particularly in agricultural sciences—and highlighted promising prospects for cooperation between Arab and Turkish universities in pursuit of common goals in higher education and scientific research.

The Association of Arab Universities reaffirms its commitment to fostering integration between the sectors of education, research, and agriculture, in order to build future knowledge systems capable of supporting development in the Arab region and beyond.





## Ajman University Advances Edupreneurship in Latest Chancellor's Message



We're proud to share the May edition of "From the Desk of the Chancellor" by Dr. Karim Seghir, Chancellor of Ajman University.

In this edition, Dr. Seghir outlines how Ajman University is advancing its bold vision of Edupreneurship, positioning itself as a University Without Borders—where academia, industry, and government collaborate to co-create a sustainable and inclusive knowledge economy.

The University's Gown to Town strategy is already in motion, with CXO Connect forums, executive roundtables, and strategic partnerships ensuring that what students learn in the classroom is relevant to the real world. Ajman University isn't just preparing students for the future—it's building it with them.

\* Read the full message here: <https://chancellor.ajman.ac.ae/university-without-borders/>

\* Original post by Dr. Karim Seghir: [View on LinkedIn](#)

## The Third Annual Conference of (MESA), Titled: "Quality Education Practices: Innovative Pathways to Excellence"



Under the patronage of His Excellency Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, and Prof. Mohamed Diaa Zain El Abedein, President of Ain Shams University, the Third Annual Conference of The Measurement and Evaluation Scientific Association (MESA) was officially launched. The event, titled "Quality Education Practices: Innovative Pathways to Excellence", was chaired by Prof. Mona Abdel Aal El-Zahri, Secretary-General of the Association and Director of the Center for the Development of Education Strategies and Research at Ain Shams University.

In his virtual address, Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama expressed his pleasure

in participating in the conference, emphasizing that it represents one of the leading academic forums in the Arab world dedicated to enhancing educational measurement and evaluation mechanisms. He noted that these tools are essential for improving educational outcomes and meeting contemporary challenges. He highlighted that the rapid pace of global technological advancement has transformed measurement and evaluation from academic luxuries into pressing necessities, particularly in light of the need to keep pace with qualitative developments in curricula and learning environments.

Prof. Salama described the conference as a vital platform for exchanging expertise and proposing





innovative solutions. He stressed that academic fairness and competitiveness among educational institutions are closely tied to the effectiveness and transparency of evaluation tools. He also commended the exceptional efforts of The Measurement and Evaluation Scientific Association in organizing the event and expressed hope that the conference's recommendations would be translated into actionable measures to enhance Arab educational systems and accelerate their alignment with the demands of the digital era, in accordance with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities reaffirmed the Association's commitment to supporting initiatives aimed at advancing higher education and scientific research in the Arab world, considering measurement and evaluation to be fundamental pillars for achieving institutional and programmatic accreditation and reinforcing public trust in educational outcomes. Prof. Anas Rateb Al-Saud, Executive Director of the Association of Arab Universities, participated in the first session of the conference, titled "Linking Quality Education with Effective Evaluation." His presentation focused on driving quality, leadership, innovation, and institutional transformation. He addressed the importance of differentiating between "quality of education" and "education for quality," the centrality of leadership in shaping institutional culture and enhancing accountability, and the transformative power of innovation and technology in the learning process. He emphasized the need for data-driven strategic institutional transformation to achieve lasting impact. Prof. Al-Saud also highlighted that Arab universities must move beyond incremental reforms and adopt a comprehensive transformative model that anticipates the future, aligns with global competitiveness, and meets national development priorities.



Prof. Mona Abdel Aal El-Zahri stated that the conference serves as a distinguished scientific platform that brings together a select group of researchers and experts to discuss critical issues related to educational quality. It aims to explore new horizons for excellence through modern practices and technologies that contribute to the development of educational systems at all levels. She added that the choice of the conference theme reflects a deep belief in the importance of educational quality as a cornerstone for sustainable development, investment in human capital, and keeping pace with the rapid global changes in educational systems driven by digital transformation and the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The conference was held on the sidelines of the 13th International Conference of Ain Shams University on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. It was organized in cooperation with the Egyptian Center of the International Institute for Online Education (IIOE Egypt), affiliated with UNESCO-ICHEI, as part of the celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of the founding of Ain Shams University. The event was also attended by Ms. Lina Al-Bitar, Director of the General Administration of the Association of Arab Universities, and Ms. Dina Abu rizeq, Coordinator of the Institutional Affairs Unit at the Association.





## Association of Arab Universities Participates in Health Communication Conference at Cairo University



The Scientific Association of Faculties of Mass Communication in Arab Universities, affiliated with the Association of Arab Universities, held its 30th International Conference at Cairo University under the title “Health Communication and Empowerment of Contemporary Communities,” with the attendance of Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities; Dr. Mohamed Sami Abdel Sadeq, President of Cairo University; along with a distinguished group of academics, health experts, media

professionals, and digital content creators from Egypt and around the world.

Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities, former Minister of Higher Education in Egypt, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hospital 57357 in Cairo, emphasized the significance of this conference, especially as health media has become instrumental in empowering individuals to spread health awareness and a strategic tool to prevent the spread of rumors. Dr. Salama pointed out that

enhancing health communication requires integrating and strengthening the capacities of media professionals and adopting media policies capable of simplifying information for the public, presenting it effectively, and embedding it through academic curricula focused on health education and interdisciplinary sciences, thus enabling media graduates to fulfill this role.

He added that Cairo University is at the forefront of Arab universities that have paid special attention to academic programs focused on the relationship between media and health awareness. He highlighted the university's initiative in offering an academic media program in digital transformation, supporting efforts to promote health media and provide the necessary academic framework for its study. He also

noted the growing interest of local and Arab platforms in health awareness, which demonstrates the ability of Arab media to deliver effective health messaging aligned with the Fourth and Fifth Scientific Revolutions.

Dr. Salama further noted that media outlets are now capable of delivering targeted scientific messages thanks to artificial intelligence technologies. He stressed that the issue has moved beyond the scope of academic programs and into the need to establish an integrated health communication system capable of addressing health crises through the development of scientific curricula and the encouragement of scientific research. He affirmed the importance of joint Arab scientific and health cooperation.

The conference was held under the patronage of Dr. Mohamed Sami Abdel Sadeq, President of Cairo University, and in the presence of Dr. Amr Ezzat





Salama. It was supervised by Dr. Thuraya El-Badawy, Dean of the Faculty of Mass Communication at Cairo University and Chair of the Conference. The event reflects the clear commitment of Arab academic and health institutions to raising public awareness and empowering communities in health, with the participation of senior officials from the Ministries of Higher Education and Health, as well as international academics from Nigeria, India, China, Brazil, and the UAE.

The opening of the conference was attended by Dr. Abla El-Alfi, Deputy Minister of Health and Population and Chair of the National Council for Population, and Dr. Ahmed El-Sobky, Chairman of the General Authority for Healthcare.

Dr. Thuraya El-Badawy, Secretary-General of the Scientific Association of Faculties of Mass Communication in Arab Universities and Chair of the Conference, explained that the conference is exploring the theme of "Empowering Communities," which requires the activation of a smart health media system.

She highlighted several key factors contributing to this goal, including simplifying scientific language in health communication and avoiding elitist discourse filled with complex terminology. She emphasized the importance of



transforming citizens into producers of health awareness content rather than passive recipients.

Dr. Wissam Nasr, Secretary-General of the Conference and Vice Dean of the Faculty of Mass Communication for Graduate Studies and Research at Cairo University, welcomed the panel guests and all attendees during the opening session. Attendees included representatives of civil society and leading health organizations, along with media and health experts from Egypt and abroad.

Nasr stated that health communication and the empowerment of contemporary communities touch the core of the challenges and opportunities facing the health sector amid today's rapid developments. She highlighted health communication as a powerful tool for raising awareness, changing behaviors, and empowering individuals and communities to make informed decisions about their health. She added that the support of Cairo University, the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and the Association of Arab Universities for this conference is clear evidence of the great importance that academic and national

institutions place on media and health issues, and their deep belief in the pivotal role of scientific and intellectual cooperation in achieving sustainable development and improving the quality of life for members of society.

Dr. Mahmoud El-Saeed, Vice President of the University for Graduate Studies and Research, expressed his pleasure at attending the Faculty of Mass Communication and accepting the invitation to the conference held under the university's sponsorship. He commended the faculty administration for choosing such a timely and important topic, emphasizing the need to strengthen communication to build an aware society capable of adopting healthy lifestyles.

He added that the conference includes a variety of sessions covering important topics such as the Egyptian state's efforts in healthcare, aiming to enhance quality of life as one of the key goals of Egypt's Vision 2030. He also praised the topic of the role of social media influencers in shaping public opinion regarding health issues.





## A Landmark Agreement Signed to Launch the Mediterranean Academy for Professional Excellence



In a pivotal step toward strengthening Euro-Mediterranean academic collaboration, a groundbreaking agreement on cultural and scientific cooperation was signed on May 17, 2025, in Sorrento, Italy, during the VERSO SUD Forum.

The agreement was signed by H.E. Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities (AAU), along with representatives from leading Mediterranean academic institutions, including:

- University of Naples Federico II, Italy

- Polytechnic University of Bari, Italy
- Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes, Morocco
- University of New Giza, Egypt
- The Union for the Mediterranean
- Association of Arab Universities

This milestone marks a significant advancement in fostering cultural understanding, joint research, and academic exchange between institutions on both shores of the Mediterranean. The agreement outlines a shared commitment to fostering cross-border academic exchange, scientific research, and institutional development. Key

cooperation areas **include:**

- Joint teaching and training programs
- Faculty and student exchanges
- Co-hosted seminars, workshops, and academic events
- Exchange of publications and scientific data

Furthermore, the Agreement establishes the framework for the creation of the Mediterranean Academy for Professional Excellence — a pioneering academic institution. Unlike traditional universities, the Academy will focus on cutting-edge certifications and professional training, offering unique, interdisciplinary programs tailored to the evolving needs of the job market, industry, and innovation ecosystems in the region.

The Academy will serve as a center of excellence offering specialized, non-degree certifications in fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Green and Blue Economies, Sustainable Innovation, Digital Transformation, Heritage Management, and Social Entrepreneurship. Its mission is to fill a critical gap between traditional academic education and rapidly shifting labor market demands, especially for youth, women, and early-career professionals across the Mediterranean basin.

Designed to complement, not duplicate, existing universities, the Academy will stand out through its

exceptional programs, regional integration, and industry-aligned curricula. It will also promote mobility, cross-cultural exchange, and inclusive access to future skills, acting as a hub for North-South Mediterranean cooperation.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Prof. Salama emphasized: “This initiative reflects our shared commitment to building a bridge of knowledge and innovation between Europe and the Arab world. The Mediterranean Academy will empower a new generation of professionals and leaders, equipped to shape a sustainable and prosperous future for our region.”

The project is expected to be operational within the next two years, with support from international donors, public institutions, Banks, and private sector partners.







## The Arab Council for Academic Exchange Holds an Introductory Workshop on the Council

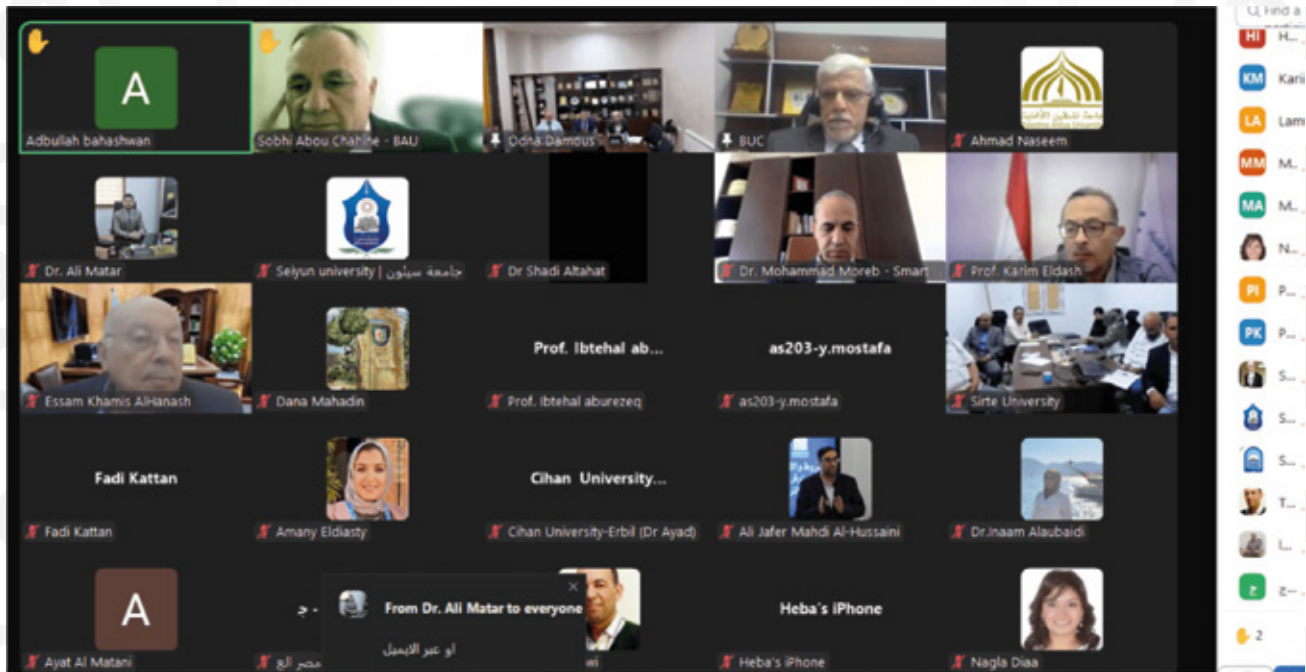
The Arab Council for Academic Exchange, headquartered at Palestine Ahliya University, held a virtual introductory workshop entitled "The Arab Council for Academic Exchange and Its Services" via Zoom, with the participation of a distinguished group of representatives from universities and higher education institutions across various Arab countries.

This workshop was organized as part of the Council's efforts to strengthen academic cooperation and integration across the Arab world through the establishment of a specialized electronic platform. This

platform aims to facilitate communication and coordination between universities and provide a comprehensive database of faculty members and their specializations. The Council also aims to foster opportunities for research collaboration and academic exchange among Arab academics and students, thereby enhancing the quality of education and scientific research.

Dr. Ahmad Abdo, Director of the Arab Council for Academic Exchange, delivered a speech emphasizing the importance of strengthening Arab academic





integration. He highlighted the pivotal role the Council plays in facilitating academic and research exchange and in developing the Arab educational environment through modern and advanced technological tools. He also conveyed greetings from Prof. Imad Al-Zeer, President of the Arab Council for Academic Exchange and President of Palestine Ahliya University, who praised the efforts of the team behind organizing the workshop and expressed his appreciation for all participants.

Dr. Muhannad Rizq, the Council's Academic Exchange Coordinator, presented a comprehensive overview of the Council's main programs and services. These included various types of academic exchange programs (in-person, remote, and joint), opportunities for research collaboration and experience exchange among academics, as well as the mechanisms for joining the Council as a member—whether as a university or an individual (academics, administrators, researchers).

The presentation also included a detailed explanation of the steps to establish academic exchanges through the Council's digital platform, and the mechanisms for activating effective networking between universities and academics, all aimed at improving academic and research performance in the Arab world.

In conclusion, a discussion session was opened for participants, during which attendees expressed their deep appreciation for this pioneering initiative and stressed the importance of the Council's role in strengthening academic communication bridges between Arab educational institutions.

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## The 30<sup>th</sup> Arab Forum for the Exchange of Training Opportunities



The Arab Council for Training and Student Creativity is holding the 30<sup>th</sup> Arab Forum for the Exchange of Training Opportunities at the Open University of Libya in Tripoli, State of Libya, from April 15 to 20, 2025.

The forum is held under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Imran Al-Qeeb, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Libya, and H.E. Dr. Masouda Al-Aswad, Minister of General Education in Libya. The event is also attended by Prof. Dr. Abu Al-Qasim Muhammad Shalouf, President of the Open University of Libya, and Prof. Dr. Fawaz Ahmed Al-Zaghoul,

Director of the Arab Council for Training and Student Creativity, along with several presidents of Arab and Libyan universities, representatives of educational institutions that are members of the Arab Council, and a number of university presidents from Malaysia. During the opening session, several speeches were delivered, and presentations were given by forum participants highlighting the importance of training. At the conclusion of the first day's opening session, the Arab Council for Training and Student Creativity honored the event's patrons, the

President of the Open University of Libya, the head of the forum's organizing committee, and the Secretary-General of the Arab Federation for Technical Education. The day concluded with a group photo of all participants in the 30th Arab Forum for the Exchange of Training Opportunities.

On the second day, activities began with an open session to draft recommendations related to training and Arab student exchange. A number of important recommendations were discussed and formulated to develop the Arab student exchange program. This was followed by bilateral exchange sessions between university representatives, resulting in the exchange of more than 1,500 training opportunities across various undergraduate academic disciplines, scheduled to be implemented during the upcoming summer.

Official Website of the Council: <https://actsau.ju.edu.jo/Home.aspx>





## AARU Congratulates the New Chancellor of the University of Sharjah and Honors the Former Chancellor

As part of the strong academic ties between the Association of Arab Universities (AARU) and the University of Sharjah, Professor Dr. Anas Ratib Al-Soud, Executive Director of the Association, paid an official visit to the university today on behalf of His Excellency Professor Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary-General of AARU, and the General Secretariat.

During the visit, Prof. Al-Soud conveyed a message of congratulations to Professor Dr. Essam Eldin Ajami on his appointment as Chancellor of the University of Sharjah, wishing him continued success in his new role and reaffirming the Association's commitment to fostering fruitful collaboration with the university under his leadership.

Prof. Al-Soud also delivered a letter of appreciation to Professor Dr. Hamid Mjoul Al Nuaimi on the occasion of the conclusion of his tenure as Chancellor and his appointment as Advisor to the President of the University of Sharjah, His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Ahmed Al Qasimi. The letter expressed sincere gratitude for Prof. Al Nuaimi's distinguished service and accomplishments, which significantly advanced the university's academic stature at both regional and international levels. This visit also comes in the context of preparations for the 58th General



Conference of the Association of Arab Universities, which the University of Sharjah will proudly host in April of next year. The conference is one of the most prominent academic gatherings in the region, bringing together presidents of Arab universities and representatives from regional and international institutions. Its hosting reflects the trust placed in the University of Sharjah and its esteemed position within the Arab higher education landscape.

The Association of Arab Universities reaffirms its pride in the strategic partnership with the University of Sharjah and its unwavering support for higher education institutions across the Arab world in pursuit of academic excellence, innovation, and sustainable development.



## **Professor Dr. Issa Muaiza Appointed Dean of Sharia Colleges in the Arab World**

Professor Dr. Issa Muaiza has been appointed Dean of the College of Islamic Sciences and Secretary-General of the Association of Sharia Colleges in the Arab World, based at the University of Algiers 1 in Algeria.

The Association of Sharia Colleges is one of the key bodies operating under the umbrella of the Association of Arab Universities. Headquartered at the University of Algiers 1, the Association is dedicated to strengthening academic and research collaboration among faculties of Sharia and Islamic Sciences across Arab universities.

It also publishes a peer-reviewed academic journal titled The Scientific Journal of the Association of Sharia Colleges, which focuses on advancing scholarship in Sharia and Islamic Studies.

Journal link: <https://asjp.cerist.dz/en/PresentationRevue/840>



## **New Appointment to Lead Science Colleges in the Arab World**

Professor Dr. Ali Salman bin Thani has been appointed Dean of the College of Science and Secretary-General of the Association of Science Colleges in the Arab World at the University of Bahrain. He also serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Arab Journal of Basic and Applied Sciences (AJBAS).

The Association of Science Colleges is one of the affiliated bodies under the Association of Arab Universities and is headquartered at the University of Bahrain in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The Association is committed to enhancing scientific and academic collaboration among science faculties across the Arab world. It plays a key role in organizing scientific conferences and forums, and in developing joint academic and research programs.

The Association publishes a peer-reviewed academic journal titled The Arab Journal of Basic and Applied Sciences (AJBAS), which has achieved a high ranking in Scopus, with a current average citation rate of 5.8 per article.

Journal Website: <https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/tabs20>







## Association of Arab Universities Organizes Interactive Workshop on the Arab Ranking for Universities.

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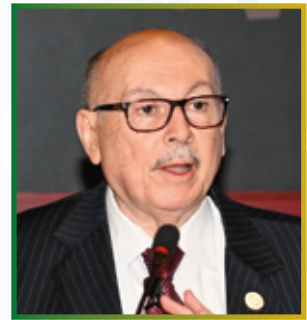
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**Prof. Essam Khamis**  
The Arab Ranking for  
Universities

Amman – On Monday, May 26, 2025, the Association of Arab Universities held an interactive workshop for university ranking coordinators across the Arab region. The session took place via Zoom at 12:00 PM (Amman time).

The workshop covered an overview of the evaluation indicators adopted in the third edition of the Arab Ranking for Universities, along with a detailed explanation of the new digital platform and the data entry process.

More than 300 representatives from Arab universities participated in the event, reflecting a serious commitment to developing clear and unified mechanisms for measuring university performance and enhancing their competitiveness both regionally and globally.

## Arab Universities and Recruitment Agencies Forum (AURAF)

The General Secretariat of the Association of Arab Universities extends its warmest greetings and is pleased to inform you that, in cooperation with Belgravia Advisers, the Association will be holding the Arab Universities and Recruitment Agencies Forum (AURAF). The event aims to enhance cooperation between Arab universities and international student recruitment agents (registered and accredited institutions in their respective countries) by facilitating the signing of partnership agreements to support student recruitment.

The forum will take place from July 2–3, 2025, at Landmark Hotel,  
Amman – Jordan.

We encourage you to participate in this important event, which presents a genuine opportunity to establish direct collaboration with major international student recruitment agencies. It will also allow you to introduce your university, its faculties, and academic programs. Furthermore, attendees will benefit from insights provided by these agencies regarding the most in-demand academic programs worldwide—programs aligned with modern requirements and responsive to the needs of regional and global job markets.

Please note that all details regarding registration and fees are provided in the attached brochure. In response to requests from several universities, the early registration deadline has been extended to June 1, 2025.

For any inquiries, please contact  
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Registration link





# Arab Universities & Recruitment Agencies Forum (AURAF)

Organizers: Association of Arab Universities in Collaboration with Belgravia Advisers



**2-3 July 2025**



**Amman, Jordan**

## Event Overview:

This is a two-day forum that aims to foster collaboration between Arab universities and international student recruitment agencies, facilitating partnership agreements that enhance student mobility, enrollment, and global engagement.



Participated Party	Participation Fee	Early-bird Fee	Inclusions
Universities AArU Members	<b>3.900\$</b>	<b>3.000\$</b>	Accommodation for 2 representatives for 3 nights, space for showcasing the university, participation in B2B meetings, networking sessions, and branding in event materials.
Universities Non - AArU Members	<b>4.900\$</b>	<b>4.000\$</b>	

Please note that the early bird registration period concludes on June 1st 2025. Register by this date to qualify for reduced registration fees.

\*If the participant arranges their own accommodation, \$500 will be deducted from the total fees.

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