

MENA Association of University Presidents



“Connecting Regional Leaders of Higher Education”

• Engage

• Collaborate

• Impact

Learning 

INTRODUCTION MENA-AUP

The Middle East and North Africa Association of University Presidents (MENA-AUP) is founded as an independent, non-political, non-for profit, professional and academic regional association of chief executive officers from Higher Education Institutions within the Middle East and Northern African region. The Association's primary purpose is to strengthen interaction, collaboration, dialogue and the exchange of experiences among members and to act as the regional voice of higher education.

The Association through its various platforms including conferences, seminars, meetings and forums will offer regular opportunities to identify and discuss in a global, regional and cross-cultural context latest trends, developments, issues and challenges facing higher education in the region today. It will also encourage collaborative projects and research and will be committed and dedicated to serving its members and the institutions they lead.

The Association is formed with the following vision and mission and aspires at achieving seven strategic goals.

Vision

“To become a transformative influence in Higher Education in the MENA region through the provision of advocacy, collaboration, leadership and sharing of experiences.”

Mission

“ To advance Higher Education in the MENA region through establishing a dynamic network of university leaders that influences policy making, proposes and debates new and innovative ideas, addresses emerging issues and trends pertinent to quality, governance, access, technology, research and learning outcomes and promotes collaboration, community building and the sharing of experiences“



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STRATEGIC GOALS

1. To provide a regional network for university leaders across the region to share new thinking, exchange leadership and management experiences and promote collaboration and networking.
2. To strengthen collaboration with regional and international organizations and institutions.
3. To effectively contribute to the development of higher education within the region through supporting members institutions in their journey towards excellence.
4. To influence policy making and provide leadership for effective policy development which will strengthen academic quality, promote access and inclusion, foster regional stewardship and economic progress, and facilitate educational innovation.
5. To provide professional development opportunities for current leaders of higher education and develop strategies and approaches to nurturing new leaders who will contribute to the future of education.
6. To encourage and support research and innovation in the field and ensure universities from within the region continue to be sustainable in today's complex and competitive global environment.
7. To build a community of practice where members can discuss latest developments and their implications on higher education in the region, and which continuously present and debate new ideas and innovations.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Networking and Sharing Experiences

- Encourage and expand interaction and collaboration among members of the Association through organizing events and meetings and setting up virtual communities of practices.
- Establish relationships and partnerships with other similar Associations representing different geographies as well as with international organizations and leading institutions supporting leadership work in higher education in the MENA region.
- Develop links and establish relationships with key regional government bodies and other educational bodies.
- Encourage the transfer of best practices and experiences among members of the Association through the setting up of an annual forum and organizing ongoing webinars, workshops and seminars.
- Encourage the establishment of special interest groups tackling specific aspects related to higher education.
- Use social networking to build communities of practice through which new ideas can be presented and debated.

Awareness Campaigns

Raise awareness on key issues and trends of relevance to Higher Education in the region through publications and organizing activities and awareness campaigns. Some of the key topics include: Quality assurance and continuous improvement, Learning Outcomes, teaching and learning, technology integration, research in higher education, governance & leadership development among other topics.

Policy and Strategy Development & Support

- Provide advice and support to universities and colleges colleges with regards to establishing institutional policies, strategies and frameworks and building internal systems in the core areas of focus of the Association.
- Provide ongoing support to institutions in their quest for excellence through the provision of regular advice and input.

Leadership Development

- Conduct regular leadership development capacity building programs.
- Offer individual mentorship and coaching to higher education leaders.
- Work closely with different members to establish strategies for preparing and grooming future leaders.

Research and Innovation

- Identify the Association's research priorities and establish mechanisms for the promotion and selection of research projects.
- Conduct collaborative research and development work in all different core areas of focus of the Association.
- Solicit funding and allocated budgets for the support of research.
- Disseminate research and development projects findings to various members of the Association and beyond through publishing reports, newsletters and articles in journals and professional magazines.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Play a key role in influencing policy and decision making on behalf of universities in the MENA region.
- Access to best practices, research information and documentation related to higher education within the region and globally.
- Participate in regional forums, conferences, meetings and workshops tackling topics and issues related to higher education in the MENA region.
- Support institutional development where members' specific interests and needs may be addressed through offering opportunities to participate in trans-national joint projects and other collaborative activities and events that contribute to university development.
- Be involved with regional and international collaboration and cooperation.

Types of Memberships

The MENA- AUP is an association of university chief executives from higher education institutions in the MENA region. Regular membership is open to current and retired leaders of higher education within the MENA region and neighboring countries; including Presidents, Rectors, Chancellors, CEOs and Vice Chancellors of public and private universities and colleges that are accredited and recognized in their own countries.

Regular Membership

This type of membership is open to present, former and retired university Presidents, Rectors, Chancellors, CEOs and Vice-Chancellors of universities and colleges from within the MENA region and neighboring countries, whose institutions are recognized by Ministries of Higher Education within their own countries.

Honorary Membership

Honorary membership to the MENA-AUP is awarded selectively to distinguished leaders who have made distinctive contributions in higher education and who have a track record in supporting leaders in achieving regional and/ or international goals. Founding Members of the Association shall receive a 'life-time' honorary membership.

Mutual Membership Agreement

The MENA-AUP may enter into arrangements with other regional and international organizations engaged in similar activities with a view to arranging reciprocal membership.

Membership Fee

Individual Membership

- One year: \$300 USD
- Three Years : \$750 USD

Individual Retired Membership

- One year: \$200 USD
- Three Years : \$550 USD

Application Process

Individuals may apply for regular membership by filling the online Membership Application Form. All Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors within a maximum of 30 days from submission. If an applicant complies with all the membership requirements and is endorsed by the Board of Directors, a written notification of acceptance will be sent to the individual who will be requested to complete the membership by issuing the due membership fee.

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