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AROQA – The Arab Organization for Quality Assurance in Education

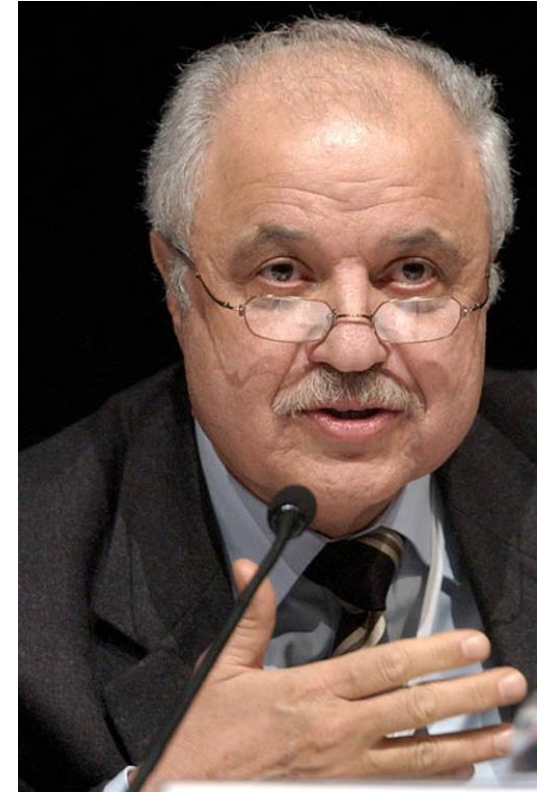
Towards Academic Excellence and Quality Education in the Arab Region

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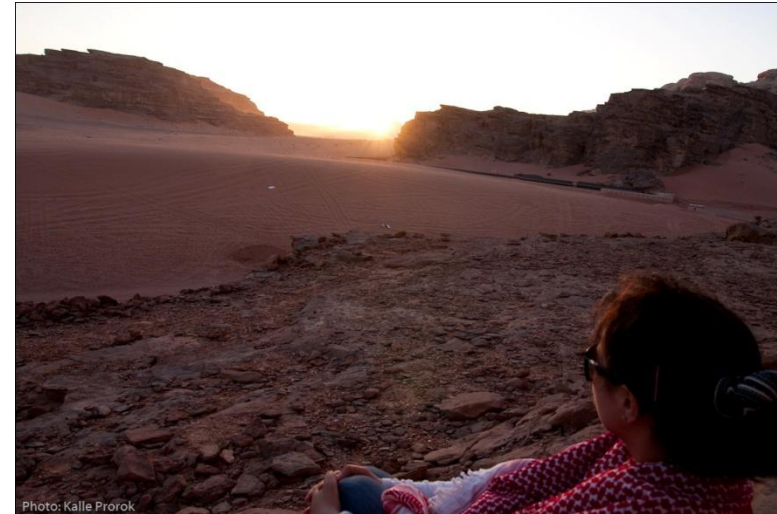
Initiative – Chairman Talal Abu-Ghazaleh

A non-profit and independent association established in Belgium 2007 with the fundamental objective to promote excellence and raise the quality of education in the Arab world.



Vision

- Pan-Arab quality assurance activities in education by contributing to academic excellence and innovation; raising educational relevance; and improving instructional quality to boost universities within the Arab world to rank amongst the world's top universities.



Mission

To actively contribute to improving the quality of education in the Arab world through:

- providing quality assurance review, qualification and capacity building services
- disseminating good practices in the field of quality assurance,
- collaborating with Arab, regional and international organizations working in the field of educational quality assurance



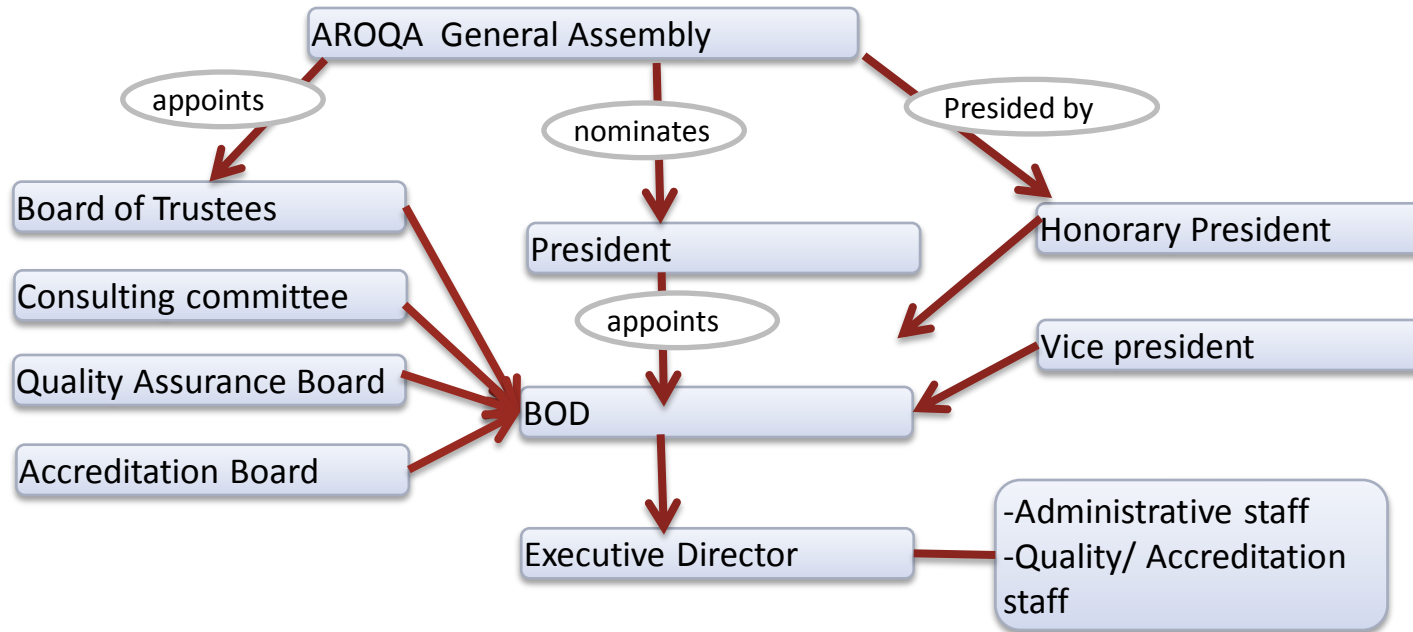
Objectives

- build, support and enhance quality assurance in education across the Arab Countries.
- raise awareness among Arab educational institutions on accreditation and quality assurance .
- collaborate and cooperate with Arab and international accreditation bodies to facilitate benchmarking and sharing of expertise.

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- To disseminate information for academic excellence
- To provide quality assurance audit and accreditation services
- facilitate establishing a ranking system for educational institutions in the Arab region.
- promote and facilitate educational quality research.

Structure



- **Collaborating with Arab and international accreditation agencies to provide accreditation services to educational institutions and variety of academic programs and degrees.**
- **Providing quality assurance and accreditation guidelines for educational institutions and programs**

Accreditation (types)

- A. Institutional accreditation** - assesses the activities and sub-units of the institution, including research and community outreach to ensure a demonstration of commitment to quality and continuous improvement through rigorous and comprehensive peer review.

B. Program accreditation- for programs in the fields of economics, business, social sciences and law are conducted in partnership with the Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA). Accreditation in the fields of science, engineering and medical sciences is conducted in collaboration with Accreditation, Certification and Quality Assurance Institute (ACQUIN). Both agencies are members of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA).

Partnership & Cooperation Agreements

- An exclusive collaboration agreement has been signed with the Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA)
- Memoranda of Understanding were signed with the Association of Arab Universities (AArU).



Partnership & Cooperation Agreements

- The General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.



- Higher Education Accreditation Commission in Jordan (HEAC)



- The Accreditation, Certification and Quality Assurance Institute (ACQUIN).

- British Accreditation Council (BAC).



- Commission on American and International Schools Abroad (CAISA) part of New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).



- League of Arab States (LAS)



- Educational Testing Services (ETS)



- Emerald Group Publishing Limited.



Projects and activities

- **Annual Board meeting, Annual conference and General Assembly.**
 - ✓ The First Annual Conference for AROQA in Damascus (2009) entitled “Excellence in Business Education”
 - ✓ The Second Annual Conference for AROQA in Kuwait (2010) entitled “New Trends in Business Education”



.....Call for contributions

The Third Annual Conference to be held in Libya during 20-21 March, 2011:

“Towards Harnessing Quality in Education and Research: Challenges and Opportunities”.



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➤ Workshops:

- ✓ “Quality Assurance and Accreditation Procedure for Programs” Workshop Damascus, (2009)
- ✓ Search for Excellence in Business Education and Research” Workshop Damascus, (2009)
- ✓ Writing and Publishing Management Research” Workshop Amman, (2009)
- ✓ “The Case Teaching” Workshop, in Kuwait February 2010
- ✓ “Writing and Publishing Management Researches” Workshop in Kuwait February 2010



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➤ Seminars:

- ✓ “Accreditation Commission: A Future Look at Accreditation and Quality” Seminar Amman, (March 22, 2009)
- ✓ “The Role of Scientific Research in National Development” Seminar Amman, (June 3, 2009)



Publications

- AROQA Annual report
- AROQA Newsletter
- AROQA Brochure



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