



THE AMMAN DECLARATION 2012

Adopted on Thursday, July 12 2012 during the TEMUS Project Closing Conference “ Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of Arab Universities in Support of Policy, Management and Planning at National and Regional levels, ALTAIR” organized by Princess Sumaya University for Technology (PSUT).

The representatives of universities and quality assurance agencies partners in ALTAIR Project as listed in the **Appendix**, on the occasion of the closing conference of the project on Thursday July 12 2012.

RECALLING the needs of the regional meeting on Higher Education held in Cairo, 2009,

RECOGNIZING the shared heritage, values, interests and concerns amongst countries of the Arab World,

ACKNOWLEDGING the diversity and the varied phases of the development of quality assurance systems and agencies in countries of the Arab world and in countries of European Union,

AFFIRMING the need for closer ties between people in countries of the Arab world through the mobility of students and faculty, and cooperation in the development of programs and research to enhance higher education,

ASPIRING to developing a quality culture in the Arab universities and quality assurance agencies,



COGNIZANT of the importance of an effective quality assurance system in strengthening higher education,

CONSCIOUS of the benefits of collaboration to enhance the quality of higher education and the crucial role of quality in promoting harmonization in higher education,

DO HEREBY DECLARE:

FIRST, the need of further cooperation among Arab Universities and quality assurance agencies responsible for higher education, and the establishment of sustainable cooperation with counterparts in Europe.

SECOND, the purposes of this cooperation shall be:

- i. to explore future needs for quality assurance capacity building programs of Universities in countries of the Arab world
- ii. to develop and implement capacity building programs
- iii. to promote collaboration and exchanges of best practices, experiences and expertise among Universities of countries of the Arab world
- iv. to promote cooperation with regional and international quality assurance organizations
- v. to undertake other quality assurance related activities as deemed necessary.

THIRD, to carry out these purposes, the following mechanisms shall be established:

- i. A connection between participating universities and agencies shall continue through different means.
- ii. A Pro Tem Committee of participating universities and agencies shall be formed to prepare proposal for future cooperation and to apply for further funds from different funding parties.



FOURTH, the cooperation is open for participation to other Universities and quality assurance agencies in Arab countries.

DONE, in Amman on July 12 2012.

APPENDIX

Country	Institution
Spain	University of Alicante (Coordinator)
Egypt	Supreme Council of Universities
Jordan	Higher Education Accreditation Commission – Ministry of Education
Lebanon	Lebanese Directorate General of Higher Education
Morocco	Ministère de l'Education Nationale, de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Formation des Cadres et de la Recherche scientifique
Palestine	Ministry of Education & Higher Education – Accreditation and quality assurance Commission
Egypt	Alexandria University
Egypt	Helwan University
Jordan	Association of Arab Universities
Jordan	Matah University
Jordan	Princess Sumaya University of Technology
Lebanon	Beirut Arab University
Lebanon	Modern University of Business and Science
Morocco	Université Moulay Ismail
Morocco	Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah
Palestine	An-najah National University
Palestine	Polytechnic University
Germany	Accreditation Agency for Study Programmes in Engineering, Informatics, Natural Sciences and Mathematics ASIIN
Spain	University of Miguel Hernandez
United Kingdom	Leadership Agenda
United Kingdom	University of Newcastle