



Internationalisation Workshop - February 2014

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The ARELEN workshop took place during 24th - 26th February 2014 at the Association of Arab Universities (AArU) in Amman, Jordan.

The workshop consisted of programme sessions which contained a mixture of presentations, discussions and feedback. There was also an opportunity for participants to raise issues of specific concern within the topics.

Participants reviewed the current state of internationalisation at their universities before the programme and then developed an action plan throughout the rest of the programme that formed the basis of an evaluation into the impact of the programme and its activities.

The principles of the workshop were broken down into different areas:

- Issue Centred: the workshop will be analytically focused on issues of special concern to participants
- Purposive and Action Oriented: the workshop worked towards producing perspectives which directly addresses issues concerned
- Collaborative: there were discussions about experiences and good practice. Participants were expected to work together to produce outcomes that they can take away and use after the workshop. Participants offered advice to colleagues on matters of common concern
- Comparative: participants looked at international evidence on selected issues
- Frank and Open: participants discussed issues confronting each others' universities and the readiness to evaluate and accept advice
- Challenging: questioning occurred in relation to the adequacy of current responses to particular issues.



The delegation listening to the presentations.

Presentations given by:

- AbouBakr Fathalla, International Development Officer at Cardiff Metropolitan University
- Professor Mohamed Loutfi Pro-Vice Chancellor (International) at Cardiff Metropolitan University
- His Excellency Professor Amin Mahmoud, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- Professor Sultan Abu Orabi, Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities.





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During the three day workshop, participants attended the following sessions:

Monday 24 February:

Globalisation: components and challenges.

Tuesday 25 February:

- Internationalisation:
 - Internationalisation at home
 - Internationalisation abroad
 - Motives for internationalisation
- Facilitated Group work to assess the application of the evidence to participants' universities
- Case studies session 1: Cardiff Metropolitan University
- Forming sustainable strategic international partnerships
- Review of the day and introduction to tomorrow.

Wednesday 26 February:

- Strategic integration of internationalisation
- Facilitated group work: Developing a strategy, starting points and anticipated issues.



The ARELEN delegates outside the AArU in Amman, Jordan.

