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AAU participates in Sustainable Growth in Higher Education

QS, in collaboration with different partners, organized the “QS MAPLE 2021” virtual conference and exhibition under the theme “The Future Today: Sustainable growth towards 2030”. As part of its “Community Engagement” strategy, Al Ain University (AAU) participated in the “QS MAPLE 2021” by registering several delegates from various entities (Senior Management, HR, Students’ Affairs, and Colleges).

The workshop's essence is to look at the next ten years of innovations in the region and how they can sustainably grow towards targets, as Higher education in the Arab region and Africa is undergoing transition, and the region is preparing for further advancements.

Around 1000 international delegates, from 72 countries (throughout the regions and beyond), attended the conference. Among those participants, there were over 60 senior academics and industry professionals. The three-days virtual event featured keynotes, debates, panel

discussions, and case studies while also unpacking opportunities to network and build strategic partnerships.

Moreover, the conference ended with 2 roundtable discussions, including 35 university presidents to discuss sustainability in the region, as follows: Achieving a Sustainable and economic university while ensuring lifelong learning for students, and building sustainable systems in the Arab region that provide equal rights between all genders.

Prof. Ghaleb El Refae, AAU President, said, such international platforms provide an opportunity to meet academic expertise from different countries and these kinds of healthy discussions help to exchange knowledge, influencing for a sustainable future.

Dr. Nazih Khaddaj Mallat, Vice President for Accreditation and Quality Assurance, stated that having a combined vision can help achieve fast. He emphasized that this initiative reminds all of us to be more updated and innovative to lead higher education towards sustainable growth, He also thanked the QS and its partners for organizing the “QS MAPLE 2021” and helping to set a 10-year target to achieve a sustainable future in Higher Education.

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