

German-Arab Master Programmes

Strengthening the cooperation in higher education between German and Arab Universities in key sectors for development to build capacities and to contribute to intercultural communication.

Challenges

- A growing population, environmental pollution, dwindling fossil energy resources, rapid urban growth and the increasing necessity for economic reforms are – next to the ongoing political transformation – the most urgent challenges for the MENA region (Middle East and North Africa).
- Specialist knowledge, interdisciplinary approaches, intercultural skills and regional expertise are qualifications that are urgently required for sustainable development.

Approach

- Since 2006 the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has been funding four regional postgraduate programmes as cooperation between universities in Germany and the Arab region.
- These „bi-cultural“ study programmes are in line with the priority areas of German development cooperation in the Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) region: water, renewable energy, economic reform and education.
- Students attend classes at the cooperating universities in Germany and in the Arab Region. Graduates receive a joint or double Master’s Degree.
- The programmes address the significant demand for highly qualified professionals who have both, specialist expertise and intercultural competencies, at their command.

- Beside their focus on interculturality and development, the study programmes stand out with their interdisciplinary and practice-oriented approach.
- The Project is jointly implemented by GIZ and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). While DAAD’s input focuses on scholarships and support of academic quality assurance, GIZ is in charge of promoting strategies towards the sustainability of the postgraduate programmes and the overall coordination of the project



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Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)
for Arab and German young professionals

Bicultural Master Programme
in Jordan and Germany

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Impacts in figures ...

- Students and Graduates
 - 304 DAAD–GAMP scholarships (Arabs 69%, Germans 31%); plus approx. 60 from OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID), Arab Fund, Al–Alfi Foundation, DAAD–EPOS, Siemens Egypt, Sawiris Foundation for Social Development
 - 281 graduates from 22 countries (77 from Germany)
 - 41% female students (Arab 38%, German 53%)
 - Completion rate: > 90%
 - Over 80 % of graduates successfully (re)employed within up to 12 months after graduation.
- Sources: M&E System; Monitoring data 2016

... and in stories

- **SDG 6: Water**
 - Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) looks at the entire water cycle and the options and risks of human intervention in order to help establish a sustainable and comprehensive water management in the MENA region
- **SDG 7: Energy**
 - The objective of the Master in Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region (REMENA) is to educate German and international students in measures for a sustainable energy sector
- **SDG 8: Economic Growth**
 - Economics of the Middle East (EMEA) analyses central topics in economics as well as specific characteristics of MENA economies. The focus on institutions allows the acquisition of knowledge that can be used for the analysis and the design of economic reforms.
- **SDG 4: Quality Education**
 - Taking part in Master in International Education Management (IMENA) means studying management with an explicit focus on education: To master the challenges of educational systems.

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