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## Leadership and Management Team of the Year

<b>Institution Name</b>	King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	Leadership Direction
<b>Nominee / key personnel</b>	
<b>URL</b>	
<b>Submission</b>	<p>Sustainability and inclusion are not always the principal focus of the local community, whether globally or regionally, particularly when thinking about individual actions one should take. However, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM) has used its position as a thought leader to enable community members in Dharan and Saudi Arabia to think about their direct impact on societal problems.</p> <p>Through a shared vision, empowered by Dr Al-Saggaf, KFUPM and its management team have led the way to attract more female students into STEM-related areas, have fostered a multinational approach on and off campus, and have reimagined the academic structure to include sustainability at its core, involving the community. Through direct action within the community, members of society are now fully aware of changes they should take to improve things such as energy consumption, as well as getting involved in university projects.</p>



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<b>Institution Name</b>	Middle East College
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	Leadership Development
<b>Nominee / key personnel</b>	Professor Ahmed Nawaz Hakro; Dr Asif Hussain Shaik
<b>URL</b>	
<b>Submission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Middle East College (MEC) has received Oman Authority of Academic Accreditation and Quality Assurance of Education (OAAAQA) with exceptional scores in both teaching and research performance. This recognition reflects MEC's commitment to maintain excellent academic standards and to foster a culture of excellence in education and research.</li><li>• MEC's strategic plan is closely aligned with Oman 2040 Vision, designed to enhance the promotion of knowledge and innovation. The institution prioritises research and innovation, contributing significantly to the national goal of advancements in education, enquiry and innovation.</li><li>• MEC stands out for its transdisciplinary research and innovation focus. The commitment of the institution to foster a research culture among students and staff is evident from its research strategy encouraging high-quality research output.</li><li>• The collaboration of MEC with other institutions and organisations indicates MEC's commitment to knowledge sharing and pooling resources for impactful research.</li></ul>



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<b>Institution Name</b>	Al-Quds University
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	Exemplary Governance in Higher Education
<b>Nominee / key personnel</b>	University Councils (Senate)
<b>URL</b>	<a href="https://ulife.alquds.edu/8654/the-annual-general-board-meeting/">https://ulife.alquds.edu/8654/the-annual-general-board-meeting/</a>
<b>Submission</b>	<p>The Al-Quds University Councils (Senate) demonstrate exemplary governance, emphasizing transparency and participatory decision-making. Their annual live-broadcast meetings allow community-wide involvement, leading to increased trust and improved institutional performance. Our innovative governance model, marked by open dialogue and stakeholder engagement, sets us apart as a leader in higher education.</p>



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<b>Institution Name</b>	Galala University (GU)
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	
<b>Nominee / key personnel</b>	Mona Mostafa Mohamed, Professor of Cell and Cancer Biology, Senior Academic Director for International Collaboration
<b>URL</b>	
<b>Submission</b>	<p>Galala University (GU) addresses quality assurance (QA) challenges through efficient leadership, governance and stakeholder participation. GU's Teambuilding Day promotes strategic core values, while a new IT system monitors QA standards. The Digital Architecture Programme revolutionises QA, fostering transparency and continual improvement. GU has implemented a professional QA approach, assigning academics diverse tasks, and promoting QA awareness through workshops led by international reviewers. Stakeholder involvement in the QA process, such as experience-sharing workshops and internship programmes, improves quality.</p> <p>Siemens Technology Day at GU offers insights into digital transformation and sustainability initiatives. GU students gain hands-on office experience through internship courses provided by Administrative Sciences, focusing on creative thinking, problem-solving and decision-making skills. Evaluations are based on student presentations and supervisors' evaluation templates.</p>



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<b>Institution Name</b>	University of Al-Qadisiyah
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	Improvement of Standard Practices in the Sector
<b>Nominee / key personnel</b>	
<b>URL</b>	<a href="https://en.qu.edu.iq/">https://en.qu.edu.iq/</a>
<b>Submission</b>	The University of Al-Qadisiyah's leadership practices go beyond standard measures by emphasising proactive problem-solving and inclusive decision-making. For instance, our approach to faculty development focuses not only on academic achievements but also on teaching effectiveness and student engagement, setting a new standard in academic staff development.



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<b>Institution Name</b>	Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	Empowering PTUK's Global Reach: The Role of the International Relations Office
<b>Nominee / key personnel</b>	Dr Yousef-Awwad Daraghmi; Dr Mutamed Khatib; Professor Rana Qubaj
<b>URL</b>	<a href="https://ptuk.edu.ps/en/offices-units-divisions/about.php?name=international-relations-office">https://ptuk.edu.ps/en/offices-units-divisions/about.php?name=international-relations-office</a>
<b>Submission</b>	<p>The International Relations Office at the Palestine Technical University - Kadoorie (PTUK), established in 2023, serves as a central hub for fostering and managing international partnerships. It facilitates strategic collaborations with over 100 international organisations, focusing on capacity-building projects, research initiatives, and student mobility programmes.</p> <p>The office governs project implementation, ensuring alignment with university values and donor regulations, while maintaining transparency in fund utilisation. Through successful project management, PTUK has elevated its global profile and financial position, attracting more partnerships and funding opportunities. These collaborations have led to academic enhancements, including specialised labs and new graduate studies, strengthening PTUK's reputation as a leader in education and research. Moreover, the office's impact extends to the community, fostering positive outcomes through knowledge transfer and infrastructure development.</p>



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<b>Institution Name</b>	Tanta University
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	Advancing Institutional Governance
<b>Nominee / key personnel</b>	Professor Mahmoud Ahmed Zaki, university president; Professor Dina Hassan Abdelhady, CEO, International Ranking Unit; Dr Mohamed Elsheshtawy Salem, director, Ranking Unit; Mr Hazem Elsayed
<b>URL</b>	
<b>Submission</b>	<p>At Tanta University, our leadership team excels in innovative governance and strategic foresight, setting high benchmarks that enhance our institutional performance and leadership on a global scale. Our robust Key Performance Indicator (KPI) system across faculties, sectors and hospitals measures and improves operations from academic outcomes to community engagement, fostering a culture of excellence.</p> <p>This year, we implemented an awards system that aligns with higher education benchmarks to reward and motivate faculties towards exemplary performance in research, teaching and service, significantly raising our standards and driving institutional progress. These initiatives have led to notable increases in research output, student satisfaction and financial efficiency, reinforcing our leadership in the MENA region and our readiness for future educational challenges. Tanta University continually sets new standards in educational leadership, proving that our innovative approaches not only meet but exceed global expectations.</p>



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<b>Institution Name</b>	Abu Dhabi University
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	Fostering Trust and Transparency: Our Management Team's Commitment to Stakeholder Inclusivity
<b>Nominee / key personnel</b>	Dr Ghassan Aouad; Dr Hamad Ebrahim Ali Odhabi; Dr Barry O'Mahony; Ms Khulud Abdallah; Mr Stephen D'Cunha; Ms Merlyn Kulapurath
<b>URL</b>	
<b>Submission</b>	<p>The leadership and management team at Abu Dhabi University has distinguished itself as a driving force of innovation and excellence in higher education. Its Reputation Optimisation Programme encompasses a holistic management approach based on key strategic pillars - Reputation, Research and Innovation, Industry Engagement, Sustainability, and Teaching and Learning - grounded in stakeholder engagement and institutional visibility. Sustainability was integrated as a core pillar, aligning with global and UAE commitments to achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>The leadership team maintains an active presence on social media, sharing their leadership approach and garnering a robust following on social media channels. Community engagement initiatives have strengthened their connections across all stakeholder groups including students and alumni, and their worldwide network of academics and industry professionals. This approach to empowerment and engagement has led to many achievements in student enrolment, retention and success, research and innovation, reputation and visibility, and institutional rankings.</p>