



# SDS-WAS Regional Cooperation in the Middle East



Aerosol Association in the Middle East – North Africa

AAMENA



# Historical background

- The **Aerosol Association in the Middle East - North Africa** (AAMENA) was created in April 2014 and officially announced in November 2015 during the [1st Africa / Middle East Expert Meeting and Workshop on the Health Impact of Airborne Dust](#).
- The association has been given a great support by the WHO Regional Office in Amman, Jordan.
- The association has been also supported by the SDS-WAS, where a webpage was hosted.




# Establishing Committee

- Prof. Najat Saliba (Co-Chair)
  - Prof. Tareq Hussein (Co-Chair)
  
  - Dr. Jihad Alsawair
  - Dr. Turki Habeebullah
  - Eng. Mazen Malkawi
  - Dr. Alan Shihadeh
  
  - Prof. Hans-Christen Hansson (Affiliate member)
  - Prof. James Schauer (Affiliate member)
  - Dr. Jean Sciare (Executive member)
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# Objectives...

- Encourage research collaboration among the MENA states
  - Promote research related to aerosol science in the MENA region
  - Raise awareness about air pollution in the MENA region
  - Act as a scientific body to support policy makers
  - Create a platform of scientific exchange to promote research collaboration among the MENA states and institutions outside the MENA region
  - Bridge a link between researchers and international environmental agencies such as WHO, WMO, etc.
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# Activities...

## ▶ **Short-term activities:**

- ▶ 100+ members (currently we are 64 members)
- ▶ A symposium to be held: theme of the symposium is to be related to one of the major problems of air pollution in the MENA region
- ▶ A new board to be elected
- ▶ Registration with IARA (International Aerosols Research Association)

## ▶ **Long-term activities**

- ▶ Bring expertise together for a joint research proposal
- ▶ Award outstanding initiatives

# Members...

Country	Members
Jordan	16
Lebanon	5
Iran	5
Saudi Arabia	4
Greece	3
France	2
Pakistan	2
Spain	2
USA	2
Egypt	1
Austria	1
Cyprus	1
Finland	1
Italy	1
Kuwait	1
Qatar	1
Sweden	1



# Membership...

- The membership is open to individuals of all job functions, industries and levels of experience who are interested in the aerosol science in the Middle East and the Northern African (MENA) region.
- How to become a member?
  - send an email with the contact details to
    - Tareq Hussein ([tareq.hussein@helsinki.fi](mailto:tareq.hussein@helsinki.fi) and [t.hussein@ju.edu.jo](mailto:t.hussein@ju.edu.jo))
    - Najat Saliba ([ns30@aub.edu.lb](mailto:ns30@aub.edu.lb))
  - “AAMENA membership” in the subject field.