

# 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



## Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Ambassador of SDG 17:

Prof Moez Chafra the University Rector is the Ambassador of SDG17 to our university. He is very active in creating partnership with national and international key organisations. He is seriously taking into consideration sustainability as a strategic goal of the



Professor Moez Chafra, President of the University of Tunis El Manar, welcomed a delegation from the University of Oxford. The delegation included Professor Eugene Rogan, Director of the Middle East Centre at St Antony's College and a modern historian of the Middle East; Professor Mohamed-Salah Omri, a specialist in modern and comparative Arabic literature; and Professor Michael Willis, an expert in comparative politics of the Maghreb.

A working meeting was organized in the presence of the Vice President of UTM, the Director of Academic Affairs, the Deputy Director of Scientific Cooperation (UTM), the Director of IBLV, and the Director of ISSHT. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the potential for student and teacher exchanges and to establish joint action plans for the future collaboration between UTM and British universities in the fields of modern languages and social sciences.





### **Combating Terrorism and Firearms Smuggling( SDG16, 17, 4)**

The University of Tunis El Manar, in collaboration with Naif Arab University for Security Sciences (NAUSS), orchestrated a three-day workshop titled "Combating Terrorism and Firearms Smuggling" in Hammamet, Tunisia. The event, held in partnership with the Tunisian Ministry of Justice, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), and the Portuguese Public Security, featured the active participation of experts and specialists from diverse Arab nations and international organizations. During the workshop's inauguration, Tunisian Minister of Justice, Leila Jaffel, underscored the imperative of fortified Arab international cooperation in counterterrorism. She highlighted the joint efforts of NAUSS and Tunis El Manar in global security pursuits through practical, training, and research initiatives. Minister Jaffel also outlined Tunisia's dedicated endeavors in combatting terrorism and extremism.



### **Signing of a Framework Partnership Agreement with Avila University-Kansas (all SDGs)**

The President of the University of Tunis El Manar welcomed a delegation from the United States of America, consisting of President Jim Burkee and Vice President Stacy Keith of Avila University. The delegation was accompanied by Professor Haykel Ben Mahfoudh, Director of the Tunisian Mission in North America.





**The Faculty of Medicine of Tunis (FMT): Acquisition of a Motorized Confocal Fluorescence Inverted Microscope (SDG 3,4,9)**

Gathered at FMT, Professor Jilani Lamloumi, Director General of Higher Education, Professor Moez Chafra, President of the University of Tunis El Manar, Dr. Mohamed Jouini, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Tunis, and their partners celebrated the inauguration of a new and unique scientific equipment in Tunisia and Africa.

This exceptional equipment is a motorized confocal fluorescence inverted microscope from the Zeiss brand, capable of acquiring images in both transmitted light and fluorescence. The microscope is controlled by dedicated software that allows complete control of the microscope and image acquisition through the two cameras.

Primarily intended for research in the fields of biology (human, animal, microbial, and plant), this microscope incorporates Apotome technology, enabling it to produce high-definition confocal images, a necessity for publishing high-quality articles in today's scientific landscape.

Located within the Faculty of Medicine in Tunis, the microscope will be available to researchers from various biological disciplines. UTM expresses gratitude to all those who contributed to this valuable acquisition.



### **A Cross-border Village for the Protection of Mediterranean Crops (SDG 2,4,13,15,16,17)**

The University of Tunis organized, in partnership with the National Agency for the Promotion of Scientific Research the final meeting of the project of a cross-border village for the protection of Mediterranean crops through the exchange of knowledge, which is part of the programme "Transboundary cooperation between Italy and Tunisia," in partnership with the University of Tunis El Manar, in its capacity as national coordinator, the University of Catania, Italy, as the main coordinator, the National Agency for Scientific Research, the Technical Centre for Pirates and the National Institute for Agricultural Research of Tunisia, as well as a number of Italian institutions concerned with the protection of agricultural crops.

Within the framework of this project, a joint electronic platform has been established between the University of Tunis Al-Manar and the University of Catania to exchange innovative experiences and research on the development of Mediterranean tree products and the protection of their crops.

This platform has been focused on its various information facilities at the Laboratory of Fungiology, Diseases and Vital Indicators at the Faculty of Sciences in Tunis and is available to Tunisian and Italian researchers competent in the field of the protection of Mediterranean tree crops.

The research and experiments carried out at the core of this project are based on the diagnosis of diseases affecting species of plants and trees in the Mediterranean countries, such as pirate trees, olives and almonds. The platform is also working to devise solutions to treat and combat these diseases with a view to maintaining the quality and improving the productivity of agricultural crops



**African Honours under the AFRIDI project (1,4,9,17)**

The President of the University of Tunis Al-Manar oversaw a welcoming meeting for new students with a scholarship to study at the University of Tunis Al-Manar. On this occasion, he paid tribute to the efforts of the project’s team from a teaching framework, a management framework and students, who were assigned as witnesses of gratitude and appreciation.

To recall that the AFRIDI project is the acronym for its French name, "Projet d'Appui à la Formation, à la Recherche et à l'Innovation pour le Développement Intra-Africa," is a project aimed at supporting training, research and

innovation for sustainable development among African countries through the harmonization of the education system and the development of basic skills and expertise for masters and doctors.



### **Western Encyclopaedia of Philosophy, Science and Arab-Islamic Knowledge (SDGs16,17)**

The International Symposium, organized by the Department of Philosophy of the Higher Institute of Human Sciences, Tunis, from 15 to 17 November, was attended by philosophers, intellectuals, academics and students from various universities with a view to re-reading the concept of cross-fertilization of Western and Arab civilizations and its impact on ancient and contemporary philosophical thesis.

The President of the University, Mr. Yousef Ben Osman, Director-General of the Centre for Economic and Social Studies and Research, Mr. Mohsen Al-Khuni, Director of the Institute and Mr. Head of the Department of Philosophy, led the opening of the symposium. In his statement, he also stated that the philosophy of the University of Tunis Al-Mannar was limited to a single institution of 15 higher education and research institutions covering all scientific disciplines such as medicine, engineering, nursing, information, sound sciences, technology, etc. Considering that the Higher Institute of Human Sciences is a "son of honour" as a beacon for human sciences, particularly since it provides a quality composition in, inter alia, psychology, philosophy, sociology, languages, history, monuments, sign language and other disciplines that the University depends on their importance in the production of knowledge, the development of think tanks and the establishment of ethical values, it also states in the same context that the University has been keen to integrate human sciences as a common subject into the training paths of the Faculty of Medicine in Tunisia and is seeking to integrate them into a number of institutions that provide a composition in the proper sciences. This seminar contained 11 scientific sessions on various topics in relation to the concept of Western receipt of Arab-Islamic science and knowledge.



### **The First ALECSO forum on twinning Arab universities (all SDGs)**

The University of Tunis Al-Manar participated in the first ALECSO Forum, which was organized by the Department of Science and Scientific Research of the Arab League Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization under the title “Twinning Arab Universities” at the ALECSO headquarters, in the presence of Professor Fadela Al Darraji, Vice President of the University.

Professor Dr. Mohamed Ould Omar, Director General of the organization, supervised the opening of the work of this forum, where he stated in his speech on the occasion that the ALECSO initiative aims to establish twinning programs between Arab universities and international bodies and institutions in accordance with the principles of the Arab strategy to develop scientific



research, innovation and technological innovation in service of sustainable development issues. This was done by concluding joint cooperation agreements between them. He also honored university presidents from various countries and representatives of Arab and international institutions present at the forum, including Al-Fanar Media Foundation, the Union for the Mediterranean Foundation, and Human Restart International

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### **Scientific cooperation with the Group of International Cooperation of Brazilian Universities "GCUB" (all SDGs)**

A cooperation agreement between the University of Tunis El Manar, represented by its President, Prof. Moez Chafra, and the Group of International Cooperation of Brazilian Universities "GCUB" representing Ms. Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva was recently signed at UTM Headquarters.

The objective of this agreement covers various teaching and research programmes, with a view to increasing the qualifications of the faculty and administrative staff and student exchanges between the two institutions.

Both sides intend to develop their mutual resources and competences in teaching and research in different areas on the basis of friendship, equality and mutual assistance.

They were present.e.s; Lobna Zakraoui, Director of Academic Affairs and the Scientific Partnership (UTM), Halima Ouanada, Teacher-researcher (ISSHT) and President of the Tunisian Association of Light Studies (ATEL), Ghofrane Lassoued Ben Miled, Director, Department of Environmental Protection (ISSBAT), Ines Bouhouch, Head of the IT Business School, Ahlem Turki, Press Adviser, UTM, and Mr. Khalifa Harbaoui under Director, Sciential Research, International Cooperation and University Evaluation (UTM)

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### **Partnering with local councils and authorities| (all SDGs)**

The President of the University of Tunis Al-Manar (Ambassador of SDG17), paid tribute to his excellence Mr. Lotfi Sanaan, representant of the local authority of Tunis, for his contributions to the establishment of the "achievement of

the goals of sustainable development" programme and valued his role in protecting and preparing green spaces in the vicinity of the university compound, Farahat Hadhad Al-Manar...



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### **Tunisian-Chinese Cooperation (SDG3, SDG4, SDG9, SDG13, SDG17)**

The University of Tunis El Manar has recently signed two cooperation agreements; the first is with the Institute of Plasma Physics of the Chinese Academy (ASIPP), which aims to promote the exchange of students and research teachers and the organization of scientific events (conferences, seminars, schools, training, forums...).

The second agreement was signed between UTM and the National Centre for Nuclear Science and Technology (CNSTN) and the Institute of Plasma Physics of the Chinese Academy The ASIPP, for the establishment of an associate laboratory of plasma physics at the National School of Engineers in Tunis.

As part of these agreements, the three parties; UTM, ASIPP and CNSTN will participate in the establishment of a linear plasma assembly (with the help of physicists and engineers) that will be used to study a component of the reactions within the tokamak that is the interaction walls surfaces.





## **Collaborating with National Agency for Employment (SDG4, SDG5, SDG10):**

Ms. Fadila Al-Daraji, Vice-President of the University, met with Ms. Medeha Al-Zuthi, representative of the National Agency for Employment and Independent Action (Bardo Office), in preparation for organizing a sensitization day for students and holders of diplomas on the services provided by the Agency to help graduates integrate into the labour market or send their own projects.

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### Partnership with Industrial Partners- AzurPack (all SDGs, SDG17)

In partnership with Azurpack, represented by its CEO, Ms. Mouna Gaddouna, the University of Tunis El Manar collaborated on the design and implementation of the Jannah platform. The Jannah project aims to expand its impact by working towards sustainable development goals and measuring on-the-ground results. Several educational events and projects have been initiated to raise awareness among children and youth about environmental balance and encourage them to preserve it. The reactions from residents and participants have been positive, reflecting a keen interest in this innovative concept. Presentations to professional and social partners, including the University of Tunis El Manar, the Faculty of Sciences in Tunis, the Maison des jeunes de Megrine Coteaux, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Faculty of Letters in La Manouba, the Mairie de Megrine, and the Institut Supérieur des Technologies Médicales de Tunis (ISTMT), have generated significant interest.





The visit of the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Tunisia (all SDGs)

Recently, the President of the University of Tunis, H.E. the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Tunisia, Ms. Iman Ahmed Mohamed Ahmed Al-Salami, received a meeting with representatives of the Embassy. A working session was held on the occasion, which included the Vice-Presidents of the University, the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Conduct of Tunisia, the Director of the Preparatory Institute for Engineering Studies in Lighthouse, the Director of the Higher Institute of Applied Sciences of Tunisia and the members of the University's Quality Committee. In an effort to develop cooperative relations between the University and its United Arab Emirates counterparts, the participants referred to the nature of the university structure in both countries and its areas of competence. The Ambassador indicated her willingness to support various scientific events that serve the interests of students and facilitate their integration into social and economic life.

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### **Cooperation with the WHO in Field of Digital Health (SDGs 3, 4,9,16,17)**

As part of the implementation of the National Health Policy (NSP) by 2030 in collaboration with the World Health Organization, a delegation of responsible teachers from the University of Montréal visited the Tunis El-Manar University. In the presence of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Tunis (FMT), the Directors of the National Institute for Health Prevention and Education (INPES), the School of Higher Health Sciences and Techniques (ESSTST), the Higher Institute of Nursing Science and Technology of Health (ISSIT) and hospital-university doctors, the President of the UTM, Professor Moez Chafra, discussed with the representatives of the University of Montreal the opportunities for collaboration between the two universities within the framework of the partnership agreements.

Participants in the meeting agreed to apply together for innovative research projects in the field of digital health, which will improve health care in Tunisia and beyond.

In addition, and after approval by the Ministries of Health, Higher Education and Scientific Research, the participants in the meeting agreed to launch a process to create a National School of Public Health, similar to the similar institution created in 2013 in Quebec.

The mission of this high school will be to train leading and responsible healthcare managers in Tunisia and internationally, with an emphasis on practical skills and multidisciplinary approaches.

This collaboration between the two universities will open up new perspectives for the development of research, training and cooperation in the field of health, thereby contributing to the achievement of the goals of the NPA by 2030 in Tunisia.

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## **Celebrating of the 30th anniversary of the Tunisian Arbitration Code(SDG 4,16,17)**

Return in images on the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Tunisian Arbitration Code

An international symposium organized in Tunis by the University of Tunis El Manar (UTM), the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Tunis (FDSPT), in collaboration with the Arab Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) and the ALECSO Chair for International Commercial Arbitration (CAACI) and with the support of the Hans Seidel Foundation, to celebrate the age of maturity of the arbitration code and to discuss the guiding principles of international commercial arbitrage in its current state in the presence of eminent national and international experts in the field of arbitrations, academics, researchers and students.

Moderated by Ms. Najet BRAHMI ZOUAOUI, Scientific Director of the Colloquium and holder of the ALECSO Chair for International Commercial Arbitration, the inaugural session was marked by the quality of the opening words of: Pr. Mustapha BELTAIEF, Dean of the FDSPT, Pr. Moez CHAFRA, President of the UTM, Mr. Malek Kochlef, Director General of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Higher Education, Mr Moncef Kchaou, First President of The Court of Cassation, His Excellency Mr. Mohamed OUULDEL OMDAR, Director-General of the Arab Organization of Culture, Education and Sciences, and Ms. UTA STASCHEWSKI, Regional Delegate of the Hans Seidel Foundation.

At the end of the opening session, a framework agreement was signed between the University of Tunis El Manar (FDSPT) and the Arab Organization for Education, Culture and Science (ALECSO) to broaden the areas of cooperation between the two parties.

The date of the 30th anniversary of the arbitration code coincides with the 1st anniversary from the creation of the ALECSO Chair (CAACI), on this occasion, trophies and certificates of recognition were awarded on behalf of the Arab Organization of Culture, Education and Sciences to those who contributed to the success of the project and the team holding the Chair ALECCO







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### **Corporate Social Responsibility| (all SDGs)**

Back in image on the Euro-Mediterranean student symposium on Corporate Social Responsibility, held at the City of Sciences.

The university expressed its gratitude to all those who organized, supported and participated in this event.








**Kick-off meeting of the BRAINS Project (SDGs 1,3,4,9,17)**



Highlights at the Kick-off meeting of the BRAINS project in Nairobi, Kenya, the second Intra-African project of the University of Tunis El Manar with its African Anglophone partners, a very strong consortium: Kenya, South Africa, Ghana, Gabon, Morocco and Tunisia as well as the technical partner UPHF in France.

UTM has covered all regions of sub-Saharan Africa through its 3 projects AFRIDI, BRAINS & DIGITAFRICA and this is not the end yet



## Distinctions and Nominations

	<p>The President of the University of Tunis El Manar nominated as Member of the Global Sustainability Development Solutions Network (SDSN).</p>
	<p>Prof. Halima Mahjoubi, Vice president of the university of Tunis el Manar nominated as member of the International Science Council in the specialty of Biophysics.</p>
	<p>Prof. Mohamed Jouini, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Tunis, has been elected as an Associate Member of the National Academy of Surgery.</p>

	<p>Prof. Riadh Gouider, Head of the Neurology Department at Razi Hospital, has been re-elected for a second term on the Board of Directors of the World Federation of Neurology.</p>
	<p>Associate Professor Hanene Boussi Head of Rankings and Analysis at the UTM appointed a member of the Times Higher Education Arab Rankings Advisory Board.</p>
	<p>Holder of the ALECSO Chair for International Commercial Arbitration</p>
	<p>Prof. Atef Jaouani received an award at COP27 for his innovative work in water, energy, and bioresources solutions.</p>

