

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Yemen – Higher Education Development Project

Developing an Accreditation System in Yemen

Understanding the Client's Aims

The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR), in Yemen, contracted UK NARIC in partnership with DAAD to develop a higher education accreditation and quality assurance system. In order to carry this out UK NARIC worked closely with the Ministry and key local stakeholders to develop a clear proposal for the legal and practical implementation of a National Accreditation Council and quality assurance system.

The UK NARIC Approach

The first step involved an in-country review exercise to meet with key stakeholders in higher education and interview ministerial, university and college representatives to provide the context and environment of higher education in Yemen. On this basis a methodological approach was developed to outline the implementation of accreditation and quality assurance. The services provided included:

- In-country review and stakeholder analysis
- Attendance at the National Conference, Aden to discuss the potential of an accreditation and quality assurance system in Yemen
- Training sessions to introduce and explain the role of a National Accreditation Council to Ministry Representatives
- Training sessions discussing the underlying concepts of the self-study process for Higher Education Institutions

Delivering Quality Results

UK NARIC presented the Ministry in Yemen with policy recommendations for a National Accreditation Council and quality assurance system in Yemen. Included in these recommendations was a detailed operational framework in which a National Accreditation Council could operate, as well as an implementation schedule to illustrate how the operational plan could be phased in.