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**H.E Mr. Mohammed Bin Obaid Al Mazrooei**

**President and Chairman of the  
Board of Directors of AAAID**

Food security in the Arab region is facing major challenges due to a food gap estimated at USD 32.8 billion. In this context, and with the aim to develop and activate joint strategic policies to achieve food security and the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, AAAID and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The signing took place during the third edition of the Arab Sustainable Development Week, which was held on 3-6 November in Cairo, Egypt. The memorandum also aims to unify efforts to face the changes and challenges in the field of agricultural sector growth and development, and management of natural resources to work efficiently and to find solutions to agricultural problems.

Similarly, and in support of the economic development process that is taking place in Arab countries, AAAID organized field visits to the different sites of its affiliate companies. This in addition to the keenness of the Arab Authority on providing sustainable agricultural and food products to reinforce food security in these Arab countries, as well as an interest in following up on the level of performance and achievement in agricultural companies.

In the scope of supporting small farmers benefiting from the Revolving Loan Program and other activities provided by the Arab Authority, the number of farmers has grown from 1,320 farmers and rural women farmers in 2013, to 35,885 farmers and rural women farmers by the end of 2018. In addition to a threefold increase in cultivated areas and productivity as a result of AAAID's support to farmers in the application of modern agricultural technologies.

Based on AAAID's efforts to reinforce food security, and as one of the means to achieve that goal, AAAID organized a successful participation at Agrena Middle East, which took place on 15-17 October 2019, in Cairo, Egypt. Through the event a large number of investors in the field of animal wealth, fodder and veterinary medicines were met. The Arab Authority also participated at the SIAL Middle East Exhibition in Abu Dhabi, UAE, through which different opportunities in the fields of aquaculture and food manufacturing available in Arab countries were highlighted, as well as the promotion of inter-agricultural trade between Arab countries. On 09 December 2019, during SIAL ME, AAAID also organized a private Roundtable Meeting that witnessed participation from a number of dignitaries, decision-makers, a group of businesspersons, entrepreneurs and a number of investors from the GCC and various Arab and foreign countries. Moreover, with the goal to develop the performance of existing agricultural companies and the integration of related companies in order to be a pioneering model in agricultural investment that serves the strategies and goals of AAAID, AAAID and Al Rajhi International for Investment signed a declaration announcing the launch of Trans-Agri Company.

In continuation of the efforts made by the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID) in adopting information systems applications that contribute to the stimulation and development of its performance, a number of accomplishments were presented during the second half of 2019. These include The Investment Map of AAAID's Activities System, AAAID's Corporate Chat System, and The Correspondence, Meetings and Tasks Management System.

Lastly, and in the spirit of reverence, Professor Abdul Moneim Bashir Al-Ahmadi, a scientist and agricultural expert in the field of plant breeding, was honored by AAAID for his substantial effort during his scientific career that lasted over 50 years.

In the march towards reinforcing food security, AAAID is ever striding, and eagerly envisions a world with no hunger.



# AAAID's Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors of the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID) held its fourth meeting for the year 2019 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on September 19, 2019. The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Mr. Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of AAAID in the presence of the distinguished members of the Board.

The Board's agenda included a set of important issues related to the Arab Authority's investments. During the meeting, the Board made a number of resolutions, including a decision to approve AAAID's strategy for agricultural investments for the period of (2020-2024). The Board also agreed to the Arab Authority's contribution to the veterinary vaccine project in the Sultanate of Oman, in addition to other decisions related to following up on the conditions of companies in which the Authority contributes.

The Board of Directors of the Arab Authority also held its fifth meeting for the year 2019 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on December 15, 2019, and the meeting was chaired by His Excellency Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of AAAID, in the presence of the distinguished members of the Board.

The Board's agenda included a set of important issues related to the Arab Authority's investments. Including a decision to commend the results achieved from development programs with a request to submit a study on the expansion and development of the financing program of small farmers and producers. In addition to other decisions related to following up on the status of companies in which the Arab Authority contributes.





# H.H Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid praises AAAID's efforts in supporting all sectors to achieve the goals of sustainable development

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, received at his palace in Zabeel on Sunday 15/2019/12/, the Chairman and members of the Board of Directors of the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID). AAAID is an independent Arab financial institution established in 1976 with the aim of growing and developing Arab agricultural resources and providing the largest amount of basic food commodities and increasing their exchange between Arab countries. The main headquarter office is located in Khartoum, Sudan, with a regional office in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. AAAID has 21 Arab countries that contribute to it, and the United Arab Emirates is considered one of the founders of this momentous institution, with its contribution amounting to about 15% of its capital.

The Board of Directors of the Arab Authority expressed their thanks and gratitude to His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum for the continuous support that the Arab Authority receives in the United Arab Emirates, as it is host of the Regional Office in the Emirate of Dubai. In addition to the high honor of granting the Arab Authority a plot of land in Dubai to establish a building for the regional office in UAE. They also emphasized the importance of the regional office's role in the AAAID's activity during the past period by maintaining the strength of its financial position, following up on the performance of its investments in Arab countries and stimulating inter-Arab trade. As well as promoting new agricultural projects and mobilizing financial resources to double their investments.

During the meeting, H.E President of AAAID briefed His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, on the results of the Arab Authority's performance during the recent period and the expansion of its business. This is in light of the increase in its capital by 50%, as the number of its agricultural companies reached about 54 companies by the end of September 2019. These companies specialize in the production of basic commodities such as grains, vegetable oils, meat, dairy products, sugar and fodder, and contribute in appreciative proportions to reducing the size of the food gap for these commodities. H.E briefed His Highness on increasing net agricultural investments to about USD 607 million, with total assets amounting to about USD 4.6 billion. Adding that these investments accommodate about 115,400 jobs, pointing out the increase in the Arab Authority's assets from about USD 917 million to USD 1.18 billion, with a reduction in its liabilities from about

USD 151 million to USD 46 million, and that AAAID's dividends to Member States amounted to 70% of the paid-up capital. His Excellency the President of AAAID also noted the growth of the number of farmers benefiting from Revolving Loan Fund program and development activities provided by the Arab Authority from 1,320 farmers and rural women farmers in 2013 to 35,885 farmers and rural women farmers by the end of 2018. As well as the increase in cultivated areas and productivity by three times as a result of the Arab Authority's support to farmers and the application of modern agricultural technologies.

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum also announced that the Arab Authority has prepared an ambitious investment plan for the period 2020 - 2024 that meets the requirements of the next stage, which included a set of programs and initiatives aimed at developing AAAID's investment portfolio. In it, the investment criteria were updated to cover the main dimensions of the investment plan and to incorporate the best practices in their applications.

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum commended the significant role played by the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development in reducing the size of the Arab food gap and its relentless pursuit of agricultural sector development and increasing agricultural investments. His Highness stated that food security is considered one of the main challenges in the Arab world, and that the optimum utilization of natural, human and financial resources represents the basic gateway to achieving Arab food security. This can only be accomplished by concerting all Arab and regional efforts and integrating the roles of different sectors of society to create a stimulating environment for agricultural investment by developing plans and programs and facilitating the transfer of Arab capital and movement of production factors between Arab countries. His Highness also stressed the importance of the joint Arab financial institutions and their role in promoting joint Arab action.

To conclude the meeting, His Highness expressed his wishes for the persistence of the Arab Authority to achieve its proud mission to secure food for our Arab peoples. Stressing the continued support of the United Arab Emirates to the Arab Authority in order to maintain the strength of its position and develop its performance in the same spirit and vigor in order to be a successful model for joint Arab action.







# **Highlight of AAAID's companies and investment projects**





Arab Company for Poultry  
Production and Processing-  
Sudan

Arab Sudanese Vegetable Oil  
Company- Sudan

Al Bashayer Meat Company-  
Oman (Under Implementation)

Osool Poultry Company- Oman  
(Under Implementation)

Domaine Youssef- Morocco  
(Under Implementation)

Arab Company for Red Meat-  
Mauritania (Under Establishment)

Orbis Holding Projects – Morocco  
(Under Establishment)

Project of Producing, Processing  
and Promoting Vegetables  
(Hydroponic) - Kingdom of Saudi  
Arabia (Under Establishment)





### Arab Company for Poultry Production and Processing- Sudan

- The Arab Company for Poultry Production and Processing is considered one of the pioneering companies in the field of poultry production in Sudan. The company has gained a notable status during the previous years as the company's products enjoy a good reputation and high acceptance among consumers. It has remained during its long march a significant proportion of the volume of poultry meat sales in the local market.
- The current production capacity is about 5 thousand tons of poultry meat and 15 million table eggs annually in addition to the auxiliary units for production such as hatchery, feed plant and slaughterhouse.
- To support the company, AAAID prepared a study to technically and financially restructure the company by increasing the capital and capitalizing the Arab Authority's loans, which led to an increase in AAAID's share in the company from 42.5% to 78.8%. The plan includes increasing the company's production of poultry meat from 5 thousand tons to 10 thousand tons, increasing the company's capacity by manufacturing poultry meat and increasing table eggs from 15 million eggs annually to 40 million eggs. As well as the introduction of agricultural activity by implementing about 100 greenhouses to grow different types of vegetables and fruits. The study is expected to start the implementation stage early next year.



### Arab Sudanese Vegetable Oil Company- Sudan

- The Arab Sudanese Vegetable Oils company for is considered one of the major companies in the field of vegetable oils industry in Sudan and it incorporates modern European technology in the field of crushing, refining and packaging oil.
- The design capacity of the crushing unit is about 75 thousand tons of grains and the refining unit is about 18 thousand tons of crude oil. The company's products enjoy a good reputation, with a market share of 13%, and the company plans to export its products from oils and seed cake to foreign markets.
- AAAID contributes in the capital of the company amounting to SDG 340 million, or 88%, along with the Government of the Republic of Sudan contributing 12%.
- The company prepared a strategic plan (2016-2025) to utilize the full potential of the crushing, refining and packing units available in the company. Within the framework of implementing the strategy, the company was restructured financially and administratively, and its capital was increased by about SDG 172 million, in which the shareholders fully subscribed.
- The company distributed part of its achieved profits to the shareholders for the fiscal year 2017, and is expected to achieve and distribute profits for the fiscal year 2018.

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AL Bashayer Meat Co. S.A.O.C

### Al Bashayer Meat Company- Oman (Under Implementation)

- The Arab Authority contributed to Al Bashayer Meat Company in the amount of OMR 5 million, representing 20% of the total contributions. The project aims to produce meat with high specifications for the Omani market and then the Gulf countries. As well as take advantage of the waste to obtain value-added products, and the project consists of:

- Cowsheds with about 45 thousand head per year.
- Sheep and goat sheds with about 150 thousand head per year.
- Slaughterhouse: 60 heads of cows per hour and 250 heads of sheep and goats per hour.

- The investment cost of the project, according to the feasibility study, is about OMR 36.5 million, which will be funded by short and long-term contributions and loans.
- The project works to provide one of the basic commodities to achieve food security in the Arab world, in addition to the presence of encouraging financial indicators.
- The project is expected to be operational in mid-2020.



### Osool Poultry Company- Oman (Under Implementation)

- The Arab Authority contributed to the Osool Poultry Company in the Sultanate of Oman in the amount of OMR 5.12 million, representing 17.76% of the total contributions. The project aims to produce about 150 million fertilized eggs annually, and consists of:

- Six breeding farms, each farm has 12 hangars with a total of 72 hangars.
- 12 production farms, each farm has 12 hangars, with a total of 144 hangars.
- Feed factory with a capacity of 20 tons per hour.
- Small slaughterhouse with a capacity of 180 thousand birds per month, which includes a waste treatment unit.

- According to a feasibility study, the investment cost of the project, is about OMR 61.5 million, to be funded by short and medium-term contributions and loans.
- The project aims to satisfy the shareholders demand for hatching eggs as well as cover part of the deficit in the Gulf countries.
- The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2020.





### **Domaine Youssef– Morocco (Under Implementation)**

- The Arab Authority contributed to the Domaine Youssef Company in the Kingdom of Morocco, with 49% of the total contributions. The project aims to establish a company to market vegetables and fruits in Morocco for export purposes to European and Gulf countries, and to take advantage of the outbound sorting results to establish a factory focused on fruit juices and jams in order to cover the local demand for imported juices.
- The investment cost of the project, according to the feasibility study, is about MAD 265 million (about USD 28.3 million), to be funded through contributions, loans, government support, and self-financing through its activity.
- An area of 80 hectares is currently being planted, making the total area planted with fruits 240 hectares in the first phase. In addition to applications for loans to banks.



### **Orbis Holding Projects – Morocco (Under Establishment)**

#### **Orbis Green Olive**

- The project aims to create an integrated project for olive production and processing through olive cultivation in an area of 285 hectares to produce about 10 thousand tons of olives and about 2 thousand tons of olive oil in the Kingdom of Morocco.
- The investment cost of the project is about MAD 111.4 million (USD 11 million).
- The Arab Authority contributes about MAD 12.8 million (USD 1.3 million) to the project, representing 49% of the project's capital.

#### **Orbis Berries**

- The project aims to create an integrated project for the production and packaging of various types of berries and citrus fruits by planting about 900 hectares and establishing a packing and packaging plant with a capacity of 33.5 tons per year in the Kingdom of Morocco.
- The investment cost of the project is about MAD 576.6 million (USD 57.6 million).
- The Arab Authority contributes about MAD 52.5 million (USD 5.5 million) to the project, representing 49% of the project's capital.

### **Project of Producing, Processing and Promoting Vegetables (Hydroponic) - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Under Establishment)**

- The Arab Authority contributed about SAR 20.36 million to the project (USD 5.43 million), representing 45% of the project's capital. The project aims to produce vegetable crops (tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, lettuce and strawberries) out of season with high-quality healthy specifications matching local and international standards based on hydroponic technology (the process of growing plants without soil) to achieve high production rates. The total production capacity of the project is estimated at 4.15 thousand tons per year.
- The total investment cost of the project is estimated at USD 21.15 million.

### **Arab Company for Red Meat- Mauritania (Under Establishment)**

- The Arab Authority contributed to the Arab Company for Red Meat in Mauritania with about MRU 32.4 million, equivalent to about one million US dollars, representing 30% of the total contributions.
- The project aims to produce healthy meat in accordance with the latest methods that are compatible with global health requirements to be able to export to foreign markets.
- The project's annual capacity (slaughter and processing) is about 30,000 cows and 60,000 sheep per year.
- According to a feasibility study, the investment cost of the project is about MRU 335 million, equivalent to about USD 9.3 million, to be funded through 32% contributions and about 68% loans.



# H.E President of AAAID pays evaluation visits to AAAID's Affiliate Companies

H.E Mohamed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President of the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID), accompanied by a delegation from the Arab Authority, toured a number of AAAID's Affiliate Companies in the Republic of Sudan on 31/08/2019- 01/09/2019. The visit came in support of the economic development process taking place in the country and the keenness of the Arab Authority to provide sustainable agricultural and food products to reinforce food security in the Republic of Sudan as well as an interest in following up on the level of performance and achievement in agricultural companies.

His Excellency the President of AAAID personally inspected the fields and the performance of Al Mutamayiza for Vegetables and Crops Production in the Umm Dom region, which is engaged in contracting with farmers to grow, sort, grade and package vegetables and fruits. The company has refrigerated warehouses with a capacity of 2,500 tons, three lines for grading and packaging, irrigation channels, 16 greenhouses, as well as some agricultural machinery.

H.E also reviewed the performance of El Bagair Red Meat Company, which works on the production, fattening, slaughter, marketing and export of red meat of international quality (live animals, meat cutters and meat factories). The production capacity of the company is 500 thousand sheep for live export, and fattening and for Hajj sacrifice purposes, while 150 thousand head of sheep are for processing for the local market and export. In addition to fattening of 45 thousand heads of cows and preparing them for the local market and for exporting, and allocating 15 thousand head of calves to manufacture meat.

H.E Al Mazrooei also paid a visit to the Arab Poultry Production and Processing Company located at Al Taybah Al Hassanab, whose main activity includes the production of poultry meat and table eggs. The production capacity includes (12) breeder coops that can accommodate 50,000 chicks and produce about 4.5 million hatching eggs annually. Al-Badari farms (broilers) contain 30 coops with a production capacity of 4.4 million chicks to produce about 5 thousand tons of poultry meat annually. The laying section consists of 3 sheds with a production capacity of 15 million table eggs per year, while the hatchery has 12 incubators and 4 hatchers, the hatchers' production capacity is 5 million chicks per year. The slaughterhouse section contains a freezing room and cold stores for conservation and has a production capacity of 3000 birds per hour. The fodder plant, with a production capacity of 10 tons per hour, consists of 3 silos with a storage capacity of 6 thousand tons in addition to external warehouses and an administrative building.

Additionally, H.E President of AAAID also visited the Arab Company for Drugs LTD, which is engaged in the production, manufacture and marketing of veterinary medicines through 3 production lines. These include the sterile injection production line producing 900,000 liters per year, 1.8 million liters per year from the veterinary oral liquid line and 180,000 kilograms of powder, tablets and capsules from the solid production line. His Excellency met with officials in the Affiliate Companies and listened to a detailed explanation of the performance of the companies and stages of production processes, constraints and difficulties facing those companies, and how to find appropriate solutions for the suggested issues. During the visit, a strategic partnership was signed that focused on developing agricultural projects and industries in Morocco.





## Applied research programs implemented during the second half of 2019



In continuation of its efforts to transfer and localize modern agricultural technologies to small farmers and producers, the Arab Authority has implemented a unique development research program in the Khor Abu Habel area in the state of North Kordofan, Sudan. Through which, the lands of a number of farmers (totaling 30 feddan) were equipped with a number of solar powered irrigation pumps. The system was also connected to a drip irrigation network that covered all the targeted area and was planted with different vegetable crops. Besides reducing agricultural costs, it is projected that this program will contribute to the stability of farmers in their areas, which will positively reflect on increasing their productivity of crops annually, thus improving their living standards.

The Arab Authority also implemented a research program to grow horticultural crops using a drip irrigation system in the Al Rahad Agricultural Project in the Khor Abu Habil area in North Kordofan State, where 1,300 seedlings of mango, lemon and orange trees were planted, distributed to a number of farmers with a total area of 30 feddan. The program mainly targeted the introduction of modern agricultural techniques to the region and familiarized farmers with modern systems for managing irrigation systems and fertilization programs for fruit and citrus trees. This is to produce high-quality crops, in addition to increasing farmers income and improving their standard of living. The program is expected to achieve tangible results in stabilizing farmers and increasing their crop productivity annually.





## In the scope of supporting and developing the rural agricultural sector

The agricultural season for the year 2019-2020 targeted 3492 small farmers, producers and rural women, as the total cultivated area reached about 20,900 feddan. This is in continuation of the efforts exerted by AAAID on the possibility of contributing to the provision of the necessary financing by directing credit lines that commensurate with their agricultural capabilities to implement development programs according to the comparative advantage of each region. The aim is to highlight the vital role that the small producer plays in advancing the agricultural development process by increasing the total cultivated area.

The Arab Authority signed 12 contracts with a number of small farmers' associations from the Gezira Agricultural Scheme project in Al Gezira State, Sudan, divided throughout 5 sections of the project (Al Musalamiya, Al Maturi, Al Shawal, Sarhan, and Al Jamous). This is in order to grow 10,500 feddan of wheat crop for the agricultural season 2019-2020 (winter) in October 2019. In addition, in July 2019, 9 contracts were signed for the cultivation of peanuts (summer) in an area of 8000 feddan. AAAID also signed a contract with the Fund for the Development of Rural Women in the state of South and North Kordofan to grow a number of summer crops (beans, maize, millet, and sesame) in the rain-fed sector in an area of 2,400 feddan, within the framework of improving the performance of women farmers in the targeted states.



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His Excellency Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President of AAAID, accompanied by a delegation from the Arab Authority, visited a number of ministers and senior officials of the state in the headquarters host country, Sudan. This is in the framework of the efforts of the higher management of the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID) to continue its efforts aimed at reinforcing food security. The meetings aim to introduce the ministers to AAAID, its vision, mission, goals and investments. While reviewing the different investments and projects that AAAID has in the Arab countries in general and in Sudan in particular. Further stating that the size of the Arab Authority's investments in Sudan make up 66% of the AAAID's total investments and that more than 95% of the total loans and guarantees provided by AAAID to all of its companies are in Sudan, adding that AAAID has 12 companies it contributes to in Sudan. The meetings also aim to explain the sectors in which AAAID operates, including the agricultural manufacturing sector, plant production and animal production sectors, as well as the agricultural services sector. In addition to developmental activities and AAAID's role in developing and supporting small farmers and producers in Sudan. In 2019, the following meetings took place:

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- H.E Asmaa Mohammed Abdullah, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on 26 November 2019, at her office in the Ministry headquarters in Khartoum, Sudan.
- H.E Madani Abbas Madani, Minister of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Sudan, on 29 September 2019, at his office in the Ministry.
- H.E Ambassador Omer Bashir Manis, Minister of Cabinet Affairs of Sudan.
- H.E Eisa Othman Sharif, Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources of Sudan.
- H.E Leina Al Sheikh, Minister of Labor and Social Development of Sudan, on 03 October 2019.



**H.E Dr. Abdallah Hamdok, Prime Minister of the Republic of Sudan**

On their part, the Ministers welcomed the President AAAID and the accompanying delegation, wishing AAAID success in its endeavors to be able to continue its effort in supporting the march towards food security, explaining that there are many challenges facing food security in light of the change that has occurred in Sudan. Further stressing the importance of the agricultural sector and its position in supporting the economy, they also promised to provide all assistance and support to the Arab Authority and its affiliate companies in the country of headquarters to serve their development goals.



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# AAID's reinforcement of its international relations and diplomatic partnerships

Within the framework of strengthening its international relations, diplomatic and institutional partnerships, and effective communication with organizations, bodies, businesspersons, the private sector and related bodies, His Excellency the President of AAAID met, at his office at the headquarters, with:

- H.E Houssein Sidi Abdellah Deh, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in Khartoum, Sudan, 27 November 2019.
- H.E Mr. Hachemi Agili, Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia in Khartoum accompanied by Mr. Maher Zaghouan, Consul of the Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia, 24 November 2019.
- H.E Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, Director General of Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), 27 November 2019.

These meetings come with the aim of being acquainted with the investments and investment opportunities available to the Arab Authority in the member states. These parties also praise the potential and standing of the Arab Authority and its projects that contribute to bridging the food gap and achieving food security.



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## Cooperation continues between the Arab Authority and its Affiliate Companies to achieve common goals



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# AAAID's initiative to achieve food security and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG2030) by eliminating hunger

AAAID and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States signed a MoU that aims to develop and activate joint strategic policies to serve the goals of sustainable development 2030 and food security. As well as, unify efforts to face the changes and challenges in the field of agricultural sector growth and development and management of natural resources to work efficiently and to find solutions to agricultural problems. H.E Mohammed Bin Obaïd AL Mazrooei, representing AAAID, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Dr. Kamal Hassan Ali, Head of Economic Affairs and Assistant Secretary General, representing the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States. The signing was witnessed and honored by the presence of H.E Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary General of the League of Arab States.

The signing took place during the participation of H.E Mohamed Bin Obaïd Al Mazrooei, President of AAAID, in the activities of the third edition of the Arab Sustainable Development Week, which was held during the period 3-6 November in Cairo, Egypt in partnership with the World Bank, the European Union and the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. The Event was under the theme "Integrated Partnership for Sustainable Future".

The two sides seek to cooperate in several areas, including intensifying efforts to support training and building of Arab competencies and capacities in the field of food security and sustainable development. This also includes exchange of information, experiences, studies, consultations in the field of agriculture and modern technologies in support of food policies. And lastly, organizing conferences and seminars to promote better agricultural and food practices and raising awareness on agricultural issues.





# AAAID as the Exclusive Investment Partner at SIAL ME 2019

Food security in the Arab region is facing major challenges due to a food gap estimated at USD 32.8 billion. In this context, the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development is striving to reinforce food security through its partners and over 50 of its affiliate companies, all working to provide sustainable food and agricultural products.

In continuance of its major role and as one of its effective means, AAAID was pleased to participate at SIAL Middle East 2019, which was held during the period 9-11 December 2019, at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Center, Abu Dhabi, UAE. The event was under the gracious patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Presidential Affairs and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Agricultural and Food Safety Authority.

During the exhibition and on the first day, 09 December 2019, AAAID organized a private Roundtable Meeting. The meeting aimed at presenting and highlighting investment opportunities and prospects available in the field of aquaculture and fisheries sector, as well as promote intra-regional trade between Arab countries. The meeting witnessed participation from a number of dignitaries, decision-makers, a group of businesspersons, entrepreneurs and a number of investors from the GCC and various Arab and foreign countries.

On the second day of the event, AAAID also organized its periodic Affiliate Companies Meeting, where the meeting was attended by companies representatives from Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Sudan, Iraq, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Mauritania. During the meeting, a number of themes were discussed, with a focus on conveying successful experiences in increasing company profits and their ability to solve problems and overcome obstacles. This is in addition to promoting trade exchange between the companies in which the Arab Authority contributes, and strengthening relations and exchanging experiences and information.

During the Affiliate Companies Meeting, AAAID and Al Rajhi International for Investment signed a declaration announcing the launch of Trans-Agri Company. The new partnership aims to develop the performance of existing agricultural companies and the integration of related companies in order to be a pioneering model in agricultural investment that serves the strategies and goals of both parties. As a first stage, the company will study and evaluate companies and factories that have the capabilities and mechanism for success.





# AAAID adopts modern information systems applications

In continuation of the efforts made by the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development(AAAID) in adopting information systems applications that contribute to the stimulation and development of its performance, a number of accomplishments were presented during the second half of 2019, including the following:



## **The Investment Map of AAAID's Activities System (Agri22):**

Programming of a system that provides a mechanism to facilitate knowledge of the Arab Authority's investments in Arab countries, and the geographical distribution, status and outputs of the Authority's investments in Arab countries. In addition to assisting the specialists in marketing AAAID' activities and helping the decision-maker know the status and geographical locations of the different investments in Arab countries. Additionally, work is underway on the second issue of adding the notes of a consultant from PWC to link the Arab Authority's agricultural investment strategy for 2020-2024 and follow up on its implementation.



## **AAAID's Corporate Chat System (Chatbot):**

Programming of a system to take advantage of short text messages and chat windows (WhatsApp) to receive and respond to messages and include queries from all AAAID's databases (Bank balances, corporate earnings, portfolio income, leave balances, salary details, etc.), as well as querying and searching for files according to the Authority granted to each user.



## **The Correspondence, Meetings and Tasks Management System:**

Development a system for managing incoming and outgoing correspondence electronically and provide mechanisms for archiving, preservation, search, review, follow-up and circulation of correspondence in complete confidentiality and according to specific authorizations, in addition to increasing the speed of information recovery and facilitate its sharing among users.





# The Fifth Career Excellence Award Ceremony 2019

The Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development organized the Fifth Career Excellence Award Ceremony for its employees on October 24, 2019 in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan.

During the ceremony, H.E Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President of the Arab Authority, presented a speech welcoming the employees, thanking them for accepting the invitation, congratulating the employees who were honored and praising the continuation of the celebration in its fifth year. He hoped that next year witness more success and creative initiatives that contribute to the advancement of the Arab Authority. To conclude his speech, H.E congratulated all employees of AAAID and thanked them for their attendance, and wished them good health and prosperity.

In a generous gesture from H.E the President of AAAID, Professor Abdul Moneim Bashir Al-Ahmadi, a scientist and agricultural expert in the field of plant breeding, was honored for his appreciable effort during his scientific career. It is worth mentioning that Professor Al-Ahmadi worked as an agricultural consultant at AAAID and is currently working at the Arab Sudanese Seeds Company. Additionally, the Department of Corporate Communication and Media received the Distinguished Department Award for the third year in a row at the level of all departments in the Arab Authority. Likewise, the Distinguished Director and Distinguished Consultant were honored, as well as the distinguished employees from the different levels and departments of AAAID. These include:

## Person of the Year

Professor. Abdul Moneim Bashir Al-Ahmadi

## Distinguished Consultant for 2019

Mr. Larabi Mohamed Hamdi

## Distinguished Department Director 2019

Ms. Hanan Ali Al Gaai

## Distinguished Department 2019

Corporate Communications and Media Department





**Distinguished Executive Level Employees**

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Mr. Sameh Mansour          | Finance Department                  |
| 2. Mr. Omer A. Bahr           | Research and Development Department |
| 3. Mrs. Mai A. Ahmed          | Human Resources Department          |
| 4. Eng. Ibrahim Al Kandi      | Human Resources Department          |
| 5. Eng. Ahmed Ali Altom       | Services Department                 |
| 6. Mr. Sameh Mahdi            | Finance Department                  |
| 7. Mrs. Mariam M. Suleiman    | Legal Advisory                      |
| 8. Mr. Muzzamil S. Hag Elsafi | Agricultural Investment Department  |
| 9. Mrs. Manal A. Abdul Rahman | Finance Department                  |
| 10. Mrs. Sara M. Elzeber      | Internal Auditing Department        |

**Distinguished Employees Chosen by AAAID President**

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Mr. Mohammed Othman       | Director, Agricultural Investment Department, AAAID                       |
| 2. Dr. Talal Petrus          | General Manager, Al Marga for Cattle and Agricultural Development Company |
| 3. Mr. Ammar Aljumaili       | General Manager, Arab Sudanese Vegetable Oil Company                      |
| 4. Mr. Nader Mohammed ElHajj | Protocol Unit   |

**Employees with more than 30 years of service**

Mrs. Gamar Ahmed Ali

**Distinguished Admin Level Employees**

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| 1. Mrs. Selma El Bashir   | President's Office                                       |
| 2. Ms. Muna Mustafa       | Internal Auditing Department                             |
| 3. Mrs. Amal Gassouma     | Research and Development Department                      |
| 4. Mrs. Manal Babikir     | Agricultural Investment Department                       |
| 5. Mrs. Nuha Babikir      | Finance Department                                       |
| 6. Mr. Hazem Hamdi        | Corporate Communication & Media Department               |
| 7. Mr. Badreldin Mohammed | Human Resources Department                               |
| 8. Mr. Osama Ibrahim      | Services Department- Maintenance and Operations Division |
| 9. Mr. Eisam Mohammed     | Services Department - Support Services Division          |

**Distinguished Support Level Employees**

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| 1. Mr. Almubarak M. Almubarak | Human Resources Department                               |
| 2. Mr. Awad Khalil Jon        | Services Department - Support Services Division          |
| 3. Mr. Khalafalla Youssif     | Services Department- Maintenance and Operations Division |

**AAAID's Distinguished Employees**

From Executive Level: Mr. Omer A. Bahr Research and Development Department  
From Admin Level: Mr. Hazem Hamdi Corporate Communication & Media Department  
From Support Level: Mr. Almubarak M. Almubarak Human Resources Department

