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The global economy has recently witnessed an acute economic crisis as a result of the Coronavirus repercussions that caused significant damage to the economic activity developed and developing countries alike.

For its part, the Arab Authority is currently endeavoring to develop an agriculture innovation strategy, which will be built upon feasibility studies and research, and based on innovation, research, and development in all aspects of the agricultural sector and food production to enhance food security. In the field of investments, AAAID's companies have achieved great successes, including but not limited to the Emirates Rawabi Company, one of AAAID's companies that contributes to the implementation of the UAE Energy Strategy 2050, which is considered to be the first consolidated plan for energy that balances between production and consumption, and global environmental commitments.

The company has implemented a project to produce energy from cow waste, also known as the biogas project, which reduces unpleasant odors by a high percentage, and contributes to reducing the cost of energy consumption, in addition to fertilizer production.

In the field of rural women's development for the season 2020-2021, AAAID has funded 127 women farmers under the organization of Agadi Pioneers for Agricultural and Livestock Production in the Blue Nile State, Agadi area for the 2021-2022 agricultural season, to grow cotton crop in an area of 900 acres and sorghum crop in an area of 2,600 acres.

The area achieved a high productivity of about 600 tons of sorghum crop and about 2,774 quintals of cotton crop. The success had an economic and social dimension for the female farmers who fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Arab Authority by a 100%, and achieved returns that garnered substantial financial rewards.

In an effort to strengthen collaboration between the Arab Authority and the regional and international organizations, companies and institutions, in an attempt to enhance the Arab food security and contribute to achieve sustainable development goals. The Arab Authority signed a memorandum of understanding with the Arab Fertilizer Association in order to develop an outline for the cooperation between the two parties in areas related to their joint activities.

May god guide us to successfully enhance Arab food security.



H.E Mr. Mohammed Bin Obaid Al Mazrooei

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

The forty-fifth meeting of the AAAID's Board of Shareholders



Under its resolution No. (17) of 2021, the Board of Directors recommended to the Board of Shareholders to take decisions related to the recommendations contained in the agenda of the forty-fifth meeting of the Arab Authority's Board of Shareholders by passing, taking into account the precautionary measures in place to stop the spread of the Corona virus.

In implementation of this, the management of AAAID has sent the recommendations of the board of directors to its member states' representatives, and the draft decisions and documents containing the agenda such as the annual report and the auditor's report, and those recommendations and decisions were approved by the members of the board of shareholders, and were approved by His Excellency Mr. Ayman bin Abdul Rahman, Minister of Finance of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and Chairman of the AAAID's Board of Shareholders in its forty-fifth session.

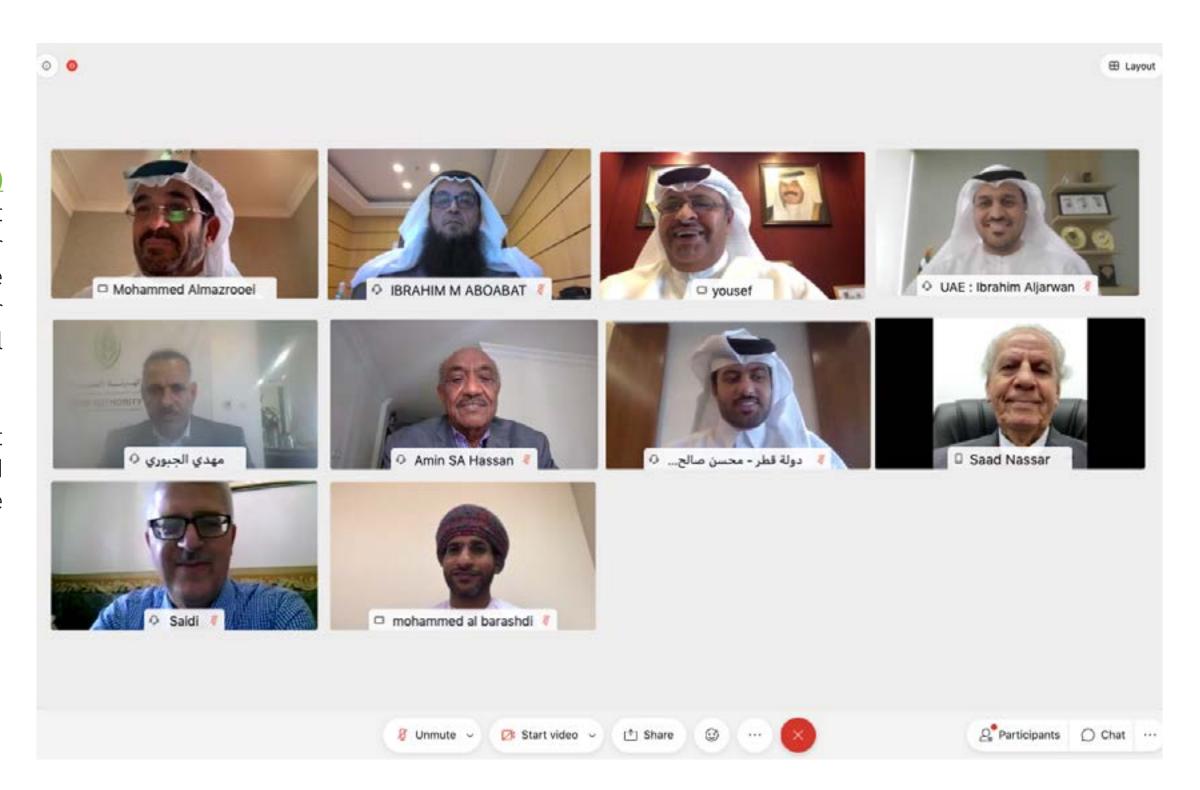
Among the most important decisions issued by this session are the decisions related to the approval of the AAAID's investment operations program for the year 2021 in the amount of (9.1) million Kuwaiti dinars, the approval of AAAID's annual report, the approval of the final accounts for the year 2020, and the allocation of 10% of the AAAID's net profits for the year 2020 to support the Palestinian people, as well as approval to appoint auditors for the AAAID's accounts for the year 2021, and to nominate the representative of the Kingdom of Morocco in the Board of Shareholders as the Chairman of the Board for the forty-sixth annual session, and nominate the representative of the Kingdom of Bahrain as his deputy.

AAAID's Board of Directors' Meetings

The Board of Directors of the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID)

has held two meetings from March to June 2021, during which it discussed a number of important issues related to investments, agricultural projects and administrative aspects, and issued a number of decisions related mainly to following up on the situation of some companies, and approving the minutes and recommendations of the Financial Investments Committee in its second meeting for the year 2021, highlighting the performance of the financing and loan portfolio and the financial position of the AAAID in the period ending March 31, 2021.

The Board also approved the minutes and recommendations of the second meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee for the year 2021. The Board also reviewed a presentation on the updated corporate identity of the AAAID and the electronic knowledge portal, and praised the efforts made by AAAID in the field of business development.



AAAID praise the two initiatives of His Highness, the Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia "Green Saudi Arabia" and "Green Middle East"

The Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development praises and highly appreciates the two initiatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: "Green Saudi Arabia" and "Green Middle East" that were announced by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, which aim to partner with Middle Eastern countries to plant an additional 40 billion trees in the region, and will contribute to restoring an area equivalent to 200 million hectares of degraded land and reducing global carbon rates by 2.5%.

The Arab Authority confirms that these two initiatives express the high forward-looking responsibility of the Kingdom's leadership, as the "Green Saudi" initiative will reduce carbon emissions by more than 4% of global contributions through renewable energy projects, which will provide 50% of electricity production within The Kingdom by 2030.

In addition to projects in the field of clean hydrocarbon technologies that will reduce more than 130 million tons of carbon emissions, and raise the percentage of waste diversion from landfills to 94%.

Besides, the two initiatives come to enhance the existing the previous years in accordance with Vision 2030, as well as based on the Kingdom's pioneering role towards common international issues.

His Excellency Mr. Mohamed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei President of AAAID, said: "The Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development plays an important and complementary role for these two initiatives as a joint Arab institution, with more than 42 years of experience in the field of investment and agricultural development, and **21 Arab countries contribute to it**. The number of companies and projects in which AAAID contributes is 55 companies and projects until the end of 2020. The Arab Authority aims to achieve Arab food security by making use of the agricultural resources available in the Arab countries. The AAAID's strategy for the period 2021-2025 includes the increase of Arab agricultural production by using the best technologies and smart applications in the agricultural field, and providing financing to small producers in Arab countries."

He added that the two initiatives aim to achieve the Arab Authority's goals, which aspires to provide food products in the Arab countries, and mitigate the negative effects of climate change. The two initiatives clearly express the leading role of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in dealing with pressing global issues, foremost of which is combating climate change and desertification and protecting the environment by reducing carbon emissions and adopting agricultural plans to plant more than 10 billion trees inside the Kingdom, and 40 billion trees environmental efforts in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during In the Middle East, in cooperation with Arab countries, during the coming decades. This is considered to be the largest and unprecedented program for reforestation in the world, which will have a great amount of positive effects on all sectors and will extend to the rest of the world.



AAAID praises the UAE's initiative for agricultural innovation in climate

The Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID) commends the initiative of the United Arab Emirates launched by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai during the Leaders' Summit on Climate that was remotely organized by the United States of America, on 23 April 2021. The event aimed to support research, development and innovation in the agricultural sector and food systems over the next five years, in order to reduce the repercussions of climate change and adapt to it.

His Excellency Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President of AAAID, expressed his great pride in the initiative of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum regarding agricultural innovation in climate change.

H.E. also affirmed that AAAID highly values the initiative and confirms its support and encouragement to achieve the goals it seeks. A number of developed countries have announced their accession and support, such as the United States of America, Britain, Denmark, among others.

Further indicating that the Arab Authority is the only joint Arab financial institution that has been working in the field of investment and agricultural development for 44 years and works directly in rural areas with small farmers and producers in the Arab countries. This is due to the belief that the effects of climate change are destructive for the entire planet, but it is often more destructive for the rural population in the Arab countries.

The use of modern technologies has led farmers to increase production, and this was demonstrated by changing the agricultural pattern from traditional to modern, and the ability to optimally employ resources related to the agricultural sector such as land, water and others. Additionally, the use of modern technologies to support farmers and enhance their capabilities and competences contribute in expanding the area of arable land and increasing production quantitatively and qualitatively. This was carried out in a systematic manner and according to studied funding plans and programs.

In the current stage, AAAID is seeking to develop a strategy for agricultural innovation, which will be based on studies and research, and is inspired by the initiative of the United Arab Emirates through cooperation with the public and private sectors in the same field. The basis of the initiative will rely on innovation, research and development in all aspects of the agricultural sector and food production. As well as the adoption of **modern technologies and innovative practices** in AAAID's projects and investment programs, which will be expanded as AAAID contributes in **55 companies and agricultural projects** distributed throughout the Arab world.

The initiative comes in line with AAAID's aspiration to increase its projects and programs in the rest of the Arab countries, targeting more geographical and sectoral diversity in preparation for promoting and achieving Arab food security. This comes in collaboration with Arab countries in particular, and other countries and international organizations to reach the goals sought to achieve the contentment and well-being of the Arab and global population.



The Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development and the Arab Fertilizer Union sign a Memorandum of Understanding











The Arab Authority is keen to strengthen cooperation and integration relations with regional and international organizations, companies and institution, in order to enhance Arab food security and contribute to achieving sustainable development goals.

In this context, the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Arab Fertilizer Association, on April 6, 2021, during the first day of the 27th AFA International Annual Fertilizer Forum, which took place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. AAAID was represented by His Excellency Mr. Mohamed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei President of AAAID, while the Arab Fertilizer Association was represented by His Excellency Dr. Sherif El Gabaly, representative of the Egyptian industry in the Associations' Board of Directors, and a member of the Egyptian Parliament.

The signing of the memorandum took place in the presence of His Excellency Dr. Nevin Jama, Egyptian Minister of Trade and Industry, His Excellency Major General Khaled Fouda, Governor of South Sinai, and His Excellency Engineer, Raed Al-Saoub, Secretary General of the Arab Fertilizer Association.

The memorandum aimed to establish a general framework for the initiation of cooperation between the two parties in areas related to their joint activities. The two parties will also work to cooperate in presenting and studying investment opportunities related to the manufacture of fertilizers in the Arab countries that are compatible with the strategic plans of both parties. This is particularly in the field of projects associated with specialized and complex fertilizers (Blinding) and its various industries, in addition to the participation of local and international experts of the two parties in activities related to the manufacture and use of fertilizers in the Arab countries, besides the preparation and evaluation of various relevant feasibility studies.

His Excellency Mr. Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President of the Arab Authority stated that the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding represents an enhancement of the active role played by the Arab Authority and the Arab Fertilizers Association to contribute to achieving food security and increasing trade exchange in agricultural products in the Arab world.

H.E explained that AAAID has an important role as an Arab financial institution with more than 42 years of experience in the field of investment and agricultural development, with contribution in 21 Arab countries and investments in 55 companies and projects until the end of 2020.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sudan values efforts of the Arab Authority and its contribution to achieving food security



A personal meeting took between His Excellency Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President of the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development, and Dr. Maryam Al Sadiq Al Mahdi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sudan, on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, in Dubai, UAE.

His Excellency the President of AAAID thanked the Minister of Foreign Affairs for this meeting, and congratulated Her Excellency on the occasion of the blessed month of Ramadan and on the occasion of her assumption of the duties of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, wishing her continuous success.

The meeting included introducing the programs and activities of the Arab Authority and its investments in Sudan for 44 years through which it was able to achieve great successes In the field of enhancing food security in Sudan, the AAAID's contributions were able to cover 75% of the production of seeds, 52% of the production of sugar, 17% of the production of vegetable oils, and 7% of the production of poultry meat and other basic food products, in addition to implementing **Several development programs for the benefit of small farmers and the social responsibility of rural residents**, especially women, where the cultivated areas increased to more than 69.4 thousand acres.

His Excellency also indicated that the Arab Authority continues

in its quest to achieve sustainable development in rural communities, referring to the experience of AAAID in each of the Gezira project, South Kordofan and Darfur, explaining that the Arab Authority is looking forward to expanding the base of beneficiaries, whose number reached 148 thousand beneficiaries by the end of 2020 Which he looks forward to doubling due to the successes it has achieved to include all states of Sudan; additionally praising the care and attention received by AAAID's projects in the headquarters country and looking forward to more cooperation and support so that AAAID can achieve its mission of enhancing food security.

Eye on AAAID's Affiliate Companies

Arab Qatari Agricultural Production Company شركة السرحة للإنتاج الحيواني AL SARHA COMPANY FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTION



Arab Sudanese Blue Nile Agricultural Company (Agadi)

Republic of Sudan

- The company was established in 1982, and its agricultural project is located in Agadi area in Blue Nile State, 570 km south of Khartoum, in an area of 219,000 arable acre, of which about 160 thousand acre, and the Arab Authority contributes 85.3% and the Government of Sudan by 14.7% to its capital.
- The Arab Sudanese Blue Nile Agricultural Company (Agadi) is considered one of the major and pioneering companies in the no-till agriculture sector to produce the most important strategic crops in the rainy sector in Sudan, as the company is considered the first to introduce the no-till farming system to Sudan.
- In the agricultural season (2019 / 2020), the company planted estimated areas of cotton, corn, sesame and watermelon crops in partnerships with a number of local investors, and the season achieved good results, and net profits are expected to reach about 500 thousand US dollars.
- The company targeted this season (2020 / 2021) to cultivate a large area with the partnership system, and the expected net profit from the current season is estimated at about 1.5 million US dollars.









Arab Company for Drugs Ltd

Republic of Sudan

- The company was established in 2007 with a capital of \$46 million, in which the Arab Company for Pharmaceutical Industries and Medical Appliances (Acdima) contributes 40%, the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development 29.92%, the Arab Company for Industries (AEC) 17.58%, and the Industrial Development Bank by 17.58% 7.17%, the General Authority for Veterinary Supplies with 3.44%, and the Government of South Darfur State with 1.89%.
- The company's project is located in Soba, Khartoum State, on an area of 12,989 square meters. The company started its commercial activities in the second quarter of 2019.
- The company aims to produce, manufacture and market human and veterinary medicines through 3 production lines:
- 1. Vial line (injection) 900,000 liters/year
- 2. Oral fluid line 1,800,000 liters/year
- 3. Powder and tablet line 180,000kg/year
- During 2017, the activity of manufacturing human medicines was added to the company's goals.



- The company obtained approval from the Ministry of Commerce for the purpose of importing to expand the company's activity in the production and distribution of human medicines, and work is underway to introduce equipment and equipment for the manufacture of human medicines in the factory. A total of 7 preparations for human medicines are being registered.
- The company is working to obtain a certificate of conformity of the company's factory to the principles of good manufacturing practice, and it is expected to obtain the official certificate from the competent authorities soon, which will support the company's activity and enable it to export to neighboring markets.







Alsarha for Animal Production

Republic of Sudan

- The company was established in 2015 in the name of Al-Baqir Red Meat in the Republic of Sudan and was registered as a business name.
- The proposed capital amounted to about 38.59 million US dollars, and the total investment cost of the project was about 118.85 million US dollars.
- The company aims to cover the nutritional gap of red meat in the Arab countries by establishing an integrated project for the production, fattening, carrots, manufacturing, marketing and exporting of red meat (live animals, meat slices and meat manufacturers) with international quality and specifications and a proposed annual design card as follows:
- 1.500 thousand head of sheep for guidance and for the living export.
- 2. Fattening 150,000 head of sheep and preparing them for the local and export market.
- 3. Fattening 45 thousand cows and preparing them for export.
- 4. Allocating 15,000 heads of cows for meat processing.
- In the year 2020, the company was registered with the Registrar General of Companies as a company in the name of Al Sarha Animal Production.
- The company implemented (6) fattening cycles in the period 2017-2020, with a number of 5357 heads.
- A feed factory, electricity generators, digital scales and cars



needed for operation have been purchased, and the molasses unit is being rehabilitated.

- A plot of land with an area of 150 acres was obtained for the establishment of the slaughterhouse, and procedures for allocating 5 thousand acres in western Omdurman for the establishment of the fodder project are being completed, and electricity has been connected to the fattening sheds.
- An operating partnership agreement has been signed with a private investor, according to which AAAID will contribute 95% of the capital of the partnership, and the investor will contribute 5% of the capital. The investment cost of this partnership is 4 million dollars, to be funded with 1 million dollars in contributions and 3 million dollars in loans through The investment fund established for this purpose is also expected to achieve positive financial flows since the first year, with an internal rate of return of 66.7% and a payback period of about 2.37 years.
- A closed investment fund was established with a target capital of one billion Sudanese pounds to finance meat production and marketing, under the management of a specialized local investment bank.





Arab Qatari Agricultural Production Company (Qtfa)

State of Qatar

- The company was established in 1986 with a capital of 47 million Qatari riyals (equivalent to about 12.9 million US dollars), divided equally between AAAID and Hassad Food Company.
- The company's activity is the production of vegetable crops, ornamental seedlings, seasonal and evergreen seedlings, installation of greenhouses and provision of agricultural services to others. The company aims to meet the growing local demand for vegetable crops and ornamental seedlings of all kinds.
- The company's capabilities are represented in the production of vegetable crops by about 4 thousand tons / year, and the production of seasonal and permanent seedlings by about 6 million seedlings. In addition to the company's capabilities in providing various types of agricultural services.
- The company applies advanced agricultural techniques in production and has long experience in the agricultural field, in addition to the company's ability to diversify production and the presence of markets and demand for its products.









Al-Ahliah Vegetable Oil Company

Syrian Arab Republic

- The company was established in 1996 in the city of Hama, 250 km south of Damascus, and commercial production began in November 2001.
- The National Company is considered one of the leading companies in the field of vegetable oils and ghee industry in the Syrian Republic, as it aims to produce vegetable ghee and vegetable oils with a design capacity of 50,000 tons/year.
- The company's capital is about 1.5 billion Syrian pounds (equivalent to about 30 million US dollars), in which AAAID contributes by 40%, in addition to private shareholders by 60%.
- The company's products are characterized by quality, good reputation, and high demand, which enabled it to achieve good profits and distribute dividends to shareholders, despite the challenges it faces as a result of the security conditions facing the Syrian country and the resulting economic effects.
- The company contributes to supporting community services by allocating sums of net profits generated annually to be spent on service and charitable works in the region.
- The average sales of the company for the last three years is about 7.7 billion Syrian pounds.











Al Rawabi Dairy Company

United Arab Emirates

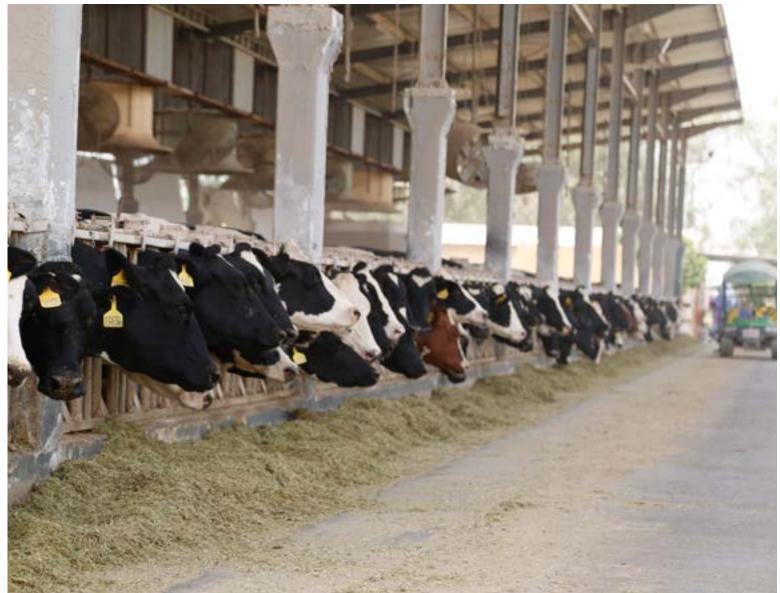
- Al Rawabi Dairy Company (one of the Emirates Rawabi companies, in which the Arab Authority contributes 27.56% in its capital along with other investors) and is one of the largest and leading dairy and juice companies in the United Arab Emirates, as it contributes about 33% of the state's production of dairy and juices. The company's farm in Al Khawaneej area in the Emirate of Dubai.
- The company started its activity with a dairy farm with about 500 imported cows, and the farm currently includes about 17 thousand heads. The company is currently equipped with the latest capabilities and technologies that are compatible with international standards. The company has won many national, regional and international awards. The company currently has more than one million customers daily.
- Al-Rawabi Dairy Company currently produces about 350 thousand liters of dairy products and 150 thousand liters of juice products per day, and it has many dairy products and its derivatives, juices and supportive food products, and it has expanded to include meat products, pastries in addition to fodder.
- As a contribution to the implementation of the UAE Energy Strategy 2050, which is considered the first unified energy plan that balances the production and consumption sides, and global environmental obligations, the company has implemented a project to produce energy from cow waste





or what is known as the biogas project, which reduces a high percentage of farm odor emissions and contributes to reducing The cost of energy consumption in addition to the production of fertilizers.







Arab Mauritanian Fish Company (SAMAK)

Islamic Republic of Mauritania

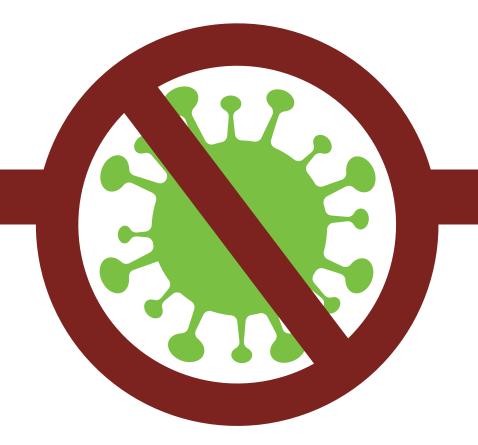
- The company was established in 2016 with a subscribed capital of 385 million Mauritanian ouguiyas (about 11 million dollars) and the project is currently under implementation, in which the Arab Authority contributes by 37.9%, the Imam Ould Abno Group by 37.1%, and the Mauritanian Company for Fish Marketing by 9% And 8% for each of the Ibrahim group and the Delta Bash group. Its project is located in the free zone of Nouadhibou in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.
- The company aims to manufacture and market fish through the establishment of an integrated industrial complex with advanced technologies to exploit the quantities of surface fish abundant in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, to fill part of the gap in fish products, and to contribute to the development of the sector of small and medium fishermen, and the development of inter-Arab trade in the field of fish products. Through the following:
- 1. A unit for receiving fish with a capacity of 428 tons/day.
- 2. A fish sorting and processing unit with a production capacity of 260 tons/day.
- 3. Fish freezing unit with a capacity of 300 tons/day.
- 4. Stores for frozen fish with a capacity of 10 thousand tons.
- 5. A refrigerated transport fleet consisting of 5 trucks to transport fish from the port to the factory.
- 6. Fish meal production plant with a capacity of about 8 thousand tons / year and fish oil production with a capacity of about 2 thousand tons / year.

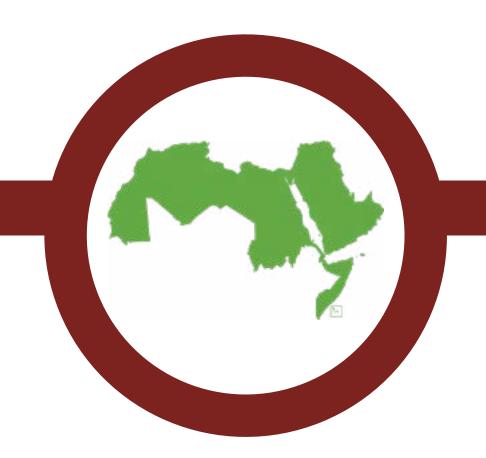


• The company was able to provide the full financing required for the implementation of the project through the shareholders paying their full contributions to the project by about 11 million dollars, and the company obtained loans of about 14 million dollars from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and the People's Bank of Mauritania. The project is expected to be completed and commercial production begins in 2022.









Follow-up the performance of companies in light of the Corona virus crisis

As a result of the effects of the Corona virus crisis and its negative repercussions that swept the world and the accompanying closure of countries and the imposition of health requirements, the management of the Arab Authority, in coordination with the representatives of countries in its board of directors, took the necessary measures and measures to address the problems and obstacles facing AAAID and its companies in the concerned countries, as well as the management of AAAID that organized remote meetings with representatives of the authority in the boards of directors of some companies and their executive departments, where the performance of the companies and the most important problems and obstacles they face under the circumstances of the virus crisis and its repercussions were reviewed and worked to overcome them in a way that helps support these companies and develop their performance and launch towards their desired goals

Follow-up of the competent government agencies to address the challenges facing some companies in some Arab countries

The management of the Arab Authority, in coordination with the representatives of countries in the board of directors of AAAID, to address the problems and obstacles facing AAAID and its companies in the concerned countries, and these efforts resulted, for example, but not limited to canceling the decision to expropriate the lands of the <u>Arab Sudanese Blue Nile Agricultural Company</u>.

Development programs

AAAID's efforts in the field of rural women's development for the 2020/2021 season

• In the field of rural women's development for the season 2020-2021, AAAID has funded 127 women farmers under the organization of Agadi Pioneers for Agricultural and Livestock Production in the Blue Nile State - Agadi area for the 2021-2022 agricultural season - to grow the cotton crop in an area of 900 acres and the sorghum crop in an area of 2,600 acres.

High productivity amounted to about 600 tons of sorghum crop and about 2774 quintals of cotton crop. The success had an economic and social dimension for women farmers. In addition, the accounting settlement process was completed, as the organization fulfilled its obligations towards the Arab Organization by 100% and is considered a successful experience, knowing that the program achieved returns for women farmers after fulfilling their obligations.

Harvesting the wheat crop in the areas funded by the AAAID in Al Jazirah state, season 2020/2021

• In proportion to the success that accompanied the experience of the Arab Authority in financing small farmers and its direct impact, which was reflected in improving their standard of living, AAAID saw the need to increase its contribution to the agricultural area of Al Jazirah project and expand the cultivation of those crops and work to maximize the returns of the small product and the large gap in the wheat commodity, which is increasing year after year.

This came as a result of the change in the consumption pattern in Sudan and the shift from corn to wheat, in addition to the announcement of the price of concentration by the state and its entry as a buyer of wheat at a remunerative price for farmers, there has become a great demand from farmers to increase the areas of the wheat crop, and to go with all their capabilities to cultivate this crop.

In response to this trend, the Arab Authority funded an area of 15,791 acres in the state of Al Jazirah, from which 1,747 farmers benefited, and the area achieved a high productivity that ranged between 12 to 18 sacks / acres, and there are some areas that achieved productivity that reached 27 sacks / acres, and this is considered a great achievement, which relied on providing inputs Production at the right time, under the unfavorable conditions that surrounded the agricultural process represented by high temperature, thirst, and scarcity of water.





AAAID organize an interactive meeting to congratulate its female affiliates in celebration of International Women's Day

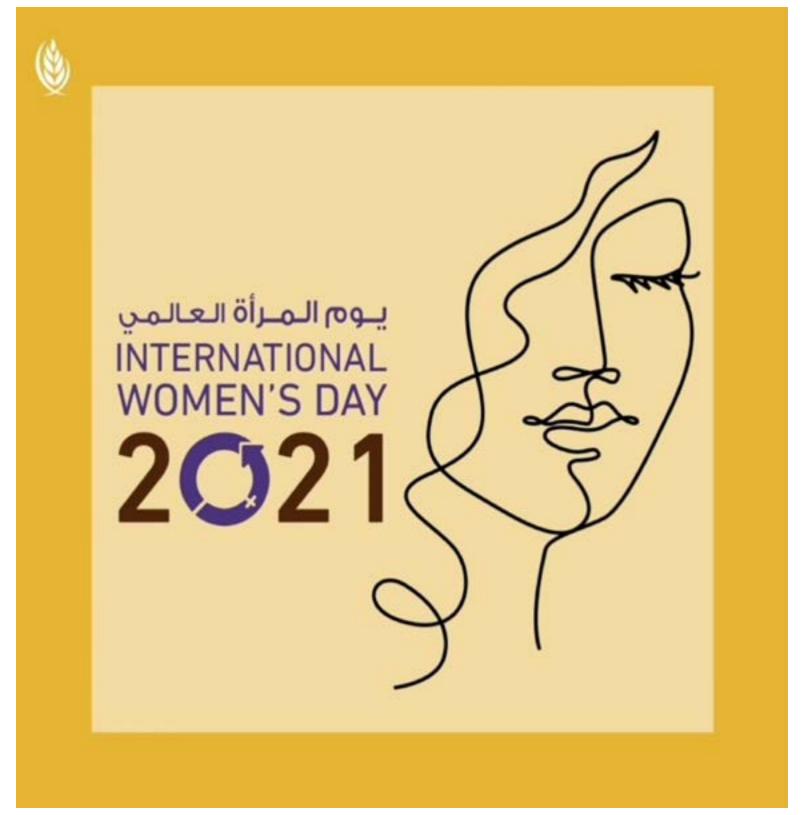
The Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID) has organized a virtual meeting for its affiliates on March 8, 2021, to celebrate the International Women's Day with the participation of all departments and the Arab Authority's employees.

During the meeting, His Excellency Mohammed bin Obaid Al Mazrooei, President of AAAID delivered a speech in which he explained that the world is celebrating this day to mark the importance of women in society, highlighting his appreciation and love for their social, economic and political achievements. It is worth noting that the female employees represent 35% of the skilled and specialized cadres within the Arab Authority.

During the celebration, an awareness lecture was presented on a number of important pillars, including time and life management, and the role of women in managing crises. Different success stories were also discussed, in which women were the cause to the increase of efficiency and effectiveness of work.







AAAID organize a virtual workshop titled "How smart agriculture can enhance food security" for its employees

The Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development organized a virtual workshop for its employees and agricultural experts titled "How smart agriculture can enhance food security", on May 6, 2021.

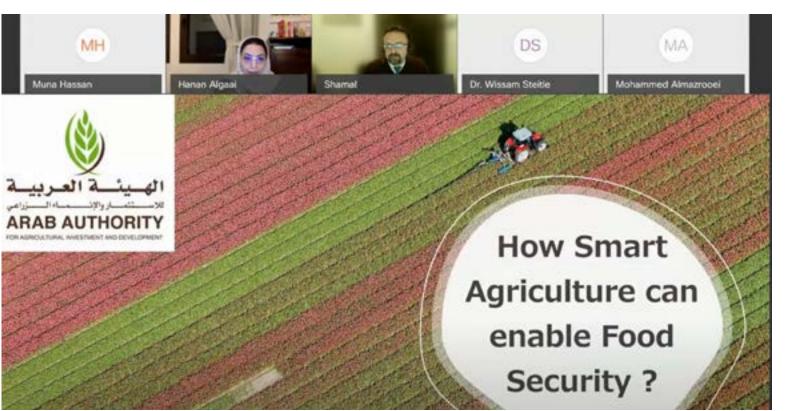
During the workshop, the importance of technology and food systems was demonstrated, and the latest uses of smart agriculture technology and its feasibility in increasing productivity and accuracy accompanying the presented uses.

The most prominent sciences of digital technology, agricultural data applications, artificial intelligence systems, the Internet of things and sensors for the purposes of precision agriculture were also reviewed to know changes in the soil and the use of GPS technology that completely changed the face of agriculture by storing spatial information and maps of crops using drones and satellites to analyze soil elements and robots used in detection operations about epidemics and crop control.

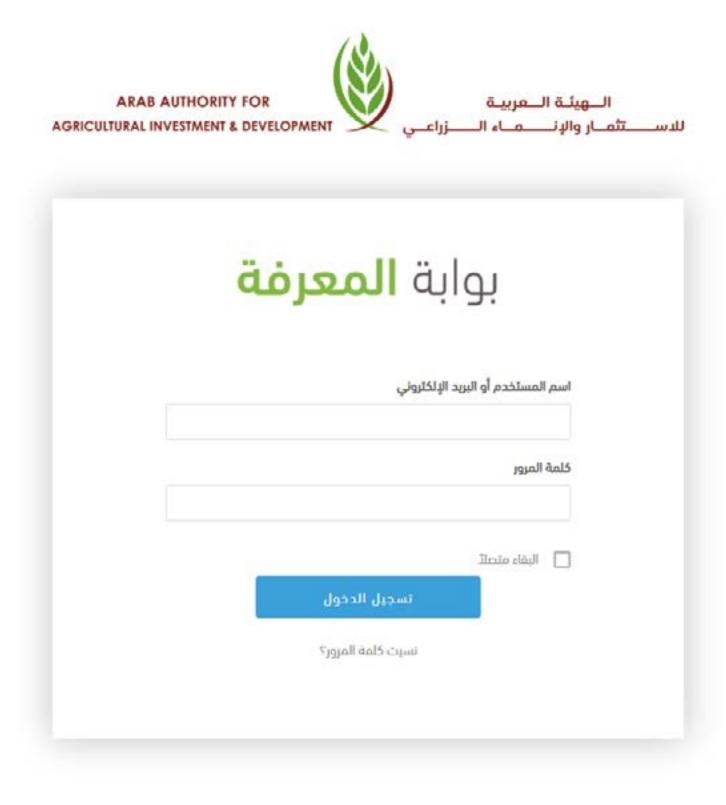
As well as the use of automatic driving through the digital map, which accurately determines a straight path for heavy harvesting mechanisms and reduces interference, which results in an increase in production and a reduction in the waste of land fertilizers caused by the traditional path and resulting in soil compaction.

It was also discussed about the challenges faced by precision agriculture, such as farmers' unwillingness to change and their survival on traditional agriculture, in addition to the lack of awareness of skills to work with agricultural technology tools and means, in addition to the lack of standards and a unified formula for data storage by all precision agriculture technology companies. Digital technology in agriculture is now facing the privacy of data from one farm to another, which requires customizing solutions. Digital technology also faces the difficulty of collecting data in one location and analyzing it for machine learning and artificial intelligence, in addition to communication challenges due to the limited Internet in agricultural and remote areas and far from cities.





The Arab Authority launches an electronic knowledge portal for its affiliates



Based on the strategic directions of the Arab Authority and its efforts to innovate and localize the use of modern electronic applications and technologies, the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development launched during March, 2021 the electronic knowledge portal for its affiliates as one of the means of knowledge transfer in AAAID, which aims to transfer and exchange experiences and professional knowledge acquired by the owners of expertise and experience Miscellaneous from inside or outside the body.

The portal includes the electronic library and interactive newsletters of the agricultural economy, in addition to displaying the recordings of the workshops that are organized internally and quick access links to the most important international journals to view the latest articles, studies and the most important researches in the field of administrative sciences.



