MIDDLE EAST & NO. AFRICA REGIONAL STRATEGY GROUP REPORT

Year 1

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Related Local Institutions
Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati
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Activities of Focus for Next Few Years
- Focus recruitment activities in the region
- Develop opportunities for faculty collaboration
- Develop programming with identified institutions
- Identify possible international co-op opportunities in the region
- Consult on curriculum development and accreditation with institutions in Egypt
- Increase number of our students studying in the region
- Collaborate more routinely with local institutions for support for both UC students travelling to the region and incoming students from the region
Countries of Focus in the Middle East and Northern Africa for Potential Strategic Alliance

The Middle East/No. Africa Regional Strategy Group identified the following four countries on which to focus their deliberations. Their choices were based upon group members’ personal visits and experiences, a review of present and past relationships, and areas of opportunity.

Egypt
UC has many faculty with ties to Egypt and is currently finalizing terms of agreement with the Future University in Egypt. The Strategy Group is also considering Ain Shams University, Cairo University, American University in Cairo and Alexandria University.

Future University in Egypt

Saudi Arabia
The Strategy Group sees Saudi Arabia as a region of opportunity for multiple collaborations. The current focus is on institutions in the region of Riyadh. However, we have also been in negotiation for services with a corporate entity in Saudi.

Turkey
UC has either memoranda of understanding or activity agreements with Istanbul Technical University, Marmara University and the Turkish National Police. Additionally, the College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services is working on a relationship with Atilim University. Further, the committee is considering Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, Istanbul University and Middle East Technical University.

Istanbul Technical University

Israel
UC’s Department of Judaic Studies has strong connections with Israeli colleagues and has recently been actively pursuing an agreement with Netanya Academic College and currently has an activity agreement for exchange of pediatrics medical students with Tel Aviv University.

Tel Aviv University