

Constitution of the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Art. 1 Foundation

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) is a bilateral young academy at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) in Germany and academic institutions in the Arab world.

The AGYA was founded by the German Die Junge Akademie, the Arab World Academy of Young Scientists in cooperation with the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, the BBAW and the Arabian Gulf University (AGU) in 2013. It was established with the support of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Qatar Foundation (QF).

Art. 2 Organs

(1) AGYA is independent with regard to the content of its activities and organizes itself autonomously and democratically through its organs. AGYA has three main organs: 1. the General Assembly, 2. the Steering Committee, 3. the Advisory Board.

(2) All members of AGYA are members of the General Assembly. Every member has one vote in the General Assembly. The General Assembly decides on all general matters of AGYA within this constitution.

(3) The Steering Committee manages the activities of AGYA. It consists of three German and three Arab members of AGYA who are elected by the General Assembly for one year. Re-election for one year is possible once. The Steering Committee shall choose two of their members to be Presidents of AGYA. This suggestion shall then be approved by the General Assembly. The Presidents represent AGYA vis-à-vis its partners and the general public. They organize meetings of AGYA and inform the other organs on current developments relevant to AGYA.

(4) AGYA is further supported and advised by an Advisory Board consisting of an equal number of German and Arab representatives of internationally renowned academic institutions in Germany and the Arab World. The Advisory Board shall choose two of its members to be co-chairing the Advisory Board. Nomination and appointment of the members of the Advisory Board should be decided upon by the General Assembly.

Art. 3 Aims and Objectives

(1) The overall aim of AGYA is to further the careers of the younger generation of academics in the Arab world and Germany and to enable dialogue and cooperation between the Arab and the German academia. It promotes academic discourse and cooperation between disciplines and cultures, carries out projects of considerable academic or societal importance and supports initiatives at the interface between academia and the public.

(2) The main objectives of AGYA are:

- To promote innovative and interdisciplinary collaborative Arab-German research projects;
- To carry out trans-national and trans-disciplinary initiatives on questions of science, public policy, academic management and education;
- To initiate Arab-German projects on the boundary between academia and society;
- To promote active engagement of early career researchers in the Arab, German and international academia and public.

Art. 4 Membership

(1) AGYA should regularly consist of at least 25 Arab and 25 German outstanding researchers from different academic disciplines. Members of AGYA are distinguished early career researchers from Germany and Arab countries (Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen).

(2) Membership entails the obligation to participate actively in the General Assemblies, activities and projects of AGYA.

Art. 5 Election of New Members

(1) The members of AGYA are elected for a five-year period by a selection committee appointed by the General Assembly and the Advisory Board. Re-election is not possible.

(2) At the time of election, a candidate's doctoral degree has preferably been conferred upon them not less than three and no longer than ten years.

Art. 6 Further Rules and Regulations

The General Assembly of AGYA sets up specific 'Rules and Regulations'.

Art. 7 Change of the AGYA Constitution

This Constitution can be changed by a majority vote of the General Assembly. The majority has to amount to two thirds of all AGYA voting members.