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Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA)

AGYA on Fact-Finding Mission in Morocco

Promoting the Futures of Young Researchers – AGYA is Looking for New Members

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) is currently looking for new members and held an event in Rabat to present the Academy to the Moroccan academic community.

What do talented young researchers need to build a sustainable career and what role can science academies play to boost their academic standing? How can they forge impactful collaborations across disciplines and cultures to address complex societal challenges? Can stakeholder engagement and industry collaboration be pathways to translating research into innovation and real-world outcomes? These and further questions were explored in the panel discussion ‘Shaping Research Futures: Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration for Early-Career Scholars’, which aimed at strengthening research cooperation between Germany, Morocco, and other Arab countries. The discussion was part of a networking event that brought together AGYA members and alumni/ae, Moroccan early-career scholars and senior scientists, international researchers, and stakeholders from industry and policy.

The event was initiated by members of the AGYA leadership, who succeeded in bringing together top-level representatives from senior academies, namely Prof. Dr. Gina El-Feky, Co-Chair of the AGYA Advisory Board, and President, Academy of Scientific Research & Technology (ASRT), Egypt, and Prof. Dr. Abdeslam Houmada, Director of Sciences, Hassan II Academy of Sciences and Technologies, Morocco. Panellist Prof. Dr. Abdelhadi Souidi, Member of the AGYA Advisory Board, Full Professor and Head of Sign Language Lab, École Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Rabat (ENSMR), Morocco, provided insights from his rich experience in research with real-world impact. The panel was completed by Dr. Michael Alszner, Lecturer of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Mohammed V University, Morocco, who stressed the potential of international collaboration in research and innovation.

“Our discussion once more highlighted that being a researcher requires a high level of resilience. AGYA helps us to build up this resilience and provides the conditions to boost our careers: access to an Arab-German network of excellence, funding for research and mobility as well as collaboration opportunities with pioneering minds from all disciplines in a vibrant and supportive academic community.”

- Prof. Dr. Lahcen El Youssfi, AGYA Steering Committee Member, Professor of Agro-environment, ENSCK, Ibn Tofail University, Morocco, and Dr. Julia Leib, AGYA Co-President, Political Scientist, Leipzig University, Germany

AGYA offers young scholars a unique opportunity to increase their international visibility and enhance their interdisciplinary research skills. The current Call for Membership Applications is open until 23 March 2026.

The Academy is looking for new members and welcomes applications from outstanding scholars from all disciplines in the Natural Sciences, Life Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences, Technical Sciences, and the Arts are invited to apply for an active membership of five years.

Eligibility criteria are:

- A PhD preferably awarded no less than three and no more than ten years ago.
- Affiliation with a university or a research institution in Germany or any Arab country: Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.
- Full command of English, both spoken and written.

About AGYA

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) is based at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) and at the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT) in Egypt. It was established in 2013 as the first bilateral young academy worldwide. AGYA promotes sustainable research cooperation between outstanding Arab and German scholars (3-10 years post-PhD) from all disciplines. The Academy offers its members the unique opportunity to develop and implement their ideas and visions through research projects and joint initiatives at the interface of science and society. AGYA members share an inter- and transdisciplinary approach to scientific enquiry, with the intention of seeking solutions to societal challenges. AGYA is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) and various Arab and German cooperation partners.

Event Details

Date: 11 February 2026

Venue: Borj Rabat Hotel

Format: Panel discussion followed by a networking dinner

Learn more about the Academy's approach to research that transcends both disciplinary and geographical borders: <https://agya.info/>

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