Prof. Mohammad Al-Zakari

President of the Arab Open University (AOU)

Qualifications:

➢ Ph.D. in Computer: Electronic Design and Electronic Education obtained from the USA
➢ A training course in Active Electronic Education at the University of Harvard.

Major Occupations:
➢ President of the Arab Open University (2018)-Present
➢ Rector of the Arab Open University in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (2016-2018),
➢ Professor of UNESCO Chair of Quality Assurance in Higher Education (2012-2018),
➢ General Supervisor of the Information Technology Deanship at Al-Imam University, KSA,
➢ Director of Performance Monitoring Unit of the Arab Open University (a Unit which reports directly to the Chairman of the AOU Board of Trustees, His Royal Highness Prince Talal Bin Abdul Aziz)

Membership of Major Councils and Committees:
➢ Member of the AOU Board of Trustees,
➢ Member of the Technical Committee of the AOU Board of Trustees,
➢ Member of the Technical Committee for the Establishment of Al-Qassim University,
➢ Member of the Faculty Council of the Deanship of Assessment, Quality Assurance, Development and Accreditation at Al-Imam University,
➢ Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of *Risalat Al Tarbiya Wa'ilm al Nafs* (Journal of *Education and Psychology Message*),
➢ Member of the Academic Board of a number of international educational conferences,
➢ Chairman of the Curricula and Teaching Methods, Department of the Faculty of Social Sciences in Al-Imam University.

Most Key Academic Experiences

➢ Over 15 years' experience in quality assurance work at higher education establishments,
➢ Revising descriptions of academic programmes and courses to ascertain that they reflect with accreditation and validation values,
➢ Establishing the Performance Monitoring Unit of the Arab Open University, and preparing standards and indicators of academic performance,
➢ Teaching and supervising postgraduate students (Master's and PhD) in electronic teaching,
➢ Participating in over (50) training courses and (10) trainer training courses in areas linked to academic validation, academic leadership and strategic planning in higher education,
➢ Trainer in electronic education, strategic planning, quality assurance, academic leadership and in the description of academic porgrammes and courses in higher education.