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Heading Back to Abu Dhabi

I am heading back to Abu Dhabi today after attending the QS Higher Ed Summit 2025, hosted by **Gulf University for Science and Technology**, and the 57th Annual Meeting of the **Association of Arab Universities** (AARU), hosted by the IUK International university of Kuwait.

At the AARU event, I participated in a panel discussion about university rankings, which was moderated by **Prof. ANAS RATIB ALSOUD** and included Dr. **Ashwin Fernandes** and Professor Issam Khamis. Over 300 university presidents from the Arab world were in attendance, many of whom are my good friends. The leadership of HE Prof **Amr Salama**, Secretary General of AARU, was evident throughout the two-day event with the great support from **Lina Albitar**.

I am grateful for the leadership and generosity of the Chairman of IUK, HE Prof. Barakat A. AL-Hudaiban, as well as my good friends Dr. **Salah Al-Sharhan** and Dr. Khaled Al-Hudaiban, VPs at IUK. I feel privileged to have met such exceptional leaders at IUK.

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