



**Ghassan Aouad**

Chancellor of Abu Dhabi University, Past President of the ...  
4d

### QS Arab Forum 2024: Meeting Dr. Ashwin Fernandes

Many thanks to the inspirational leader, Dr. **Ashwin Fernandes**, the QS Executive Director for the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia, for organizing such a successful Arab Forum. The sessions this morning focused on building excellence and benchmarking, with more exciting sessions to come. Tomorrow, we will have the presidential roundtable, and Dr. Ashwin will announce the QS Arab Region Ranking results at the Gala Dinner in the evening.

Dr. Ashwin has been instrumental in supporting universities in the Arab region for over a decade, and I have had the pleasure of interacting with him for the last 12 years starting during my time at the University of Wollongong Dubai. Even though Dr. Ashwin is not from the region, I am very impressed with how he respects the culture and pays attention to the nuances of Arab culture.

[#QSArabForum2024](#) [#QS](#) [#ADU](#)

[Hamad Odhabi Professor Barry O'Mahony Bassam Mura, MBA](#)  
[Noor Al Masri Steve DCunha QS Quacquarelli Symonds Abu Dhabi University](#)



274 · 18 Comments