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A Landmark Initiative for Our Region and Planet

I am pleased to announce the official launch of the Arab Universities Knowledge Network for Climate Change and Carbon Footprint (AUKNCCF)—a transformative initiative under the umbrella of the [Association of Arab Universities](#) (AArU). This timely network aims to serve as a dynamic platform for climate action, empowering Arab universities and partners beyond the region to lead sustainable, resilient, and equitable responses to one of the most critical challenges of our time.

AUKNCCF is founded on a powerful vision: to become the region's leading knowledge hub for climate change and sustainability. Its mission is equally ambitious—to bring together Arab universities, regional and international stakeholders, and researchers to foster collaboration, share insights, and promote impactful, climate-resilient development across the Arab world and beyond.

I extend my sincere appreciation to:

- H.E. Prof. [Amr Salama](#), Secretary-General of AArU and Honorary President of AUKNCCF, for his leadership and unwavering support.
- [Prof. ANAS RATIB ALSOUD](#) Alsoud, Executive Director of AArU.
- Ms. [Lina Albitar](#) Albitar, Director of Administration at the Association.
- Prof. [Randa Rizk](#), Executive Director of the Network, whose dedication to building this collaborative platform is commendable.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to [Prof.sherine Farouk](#), Associate Provost for Academic Projects and Internationalization at [Abu Dhabi University](#) for her outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to sustainability in higher education. I am delighted to announce that she will serve as the Chairperson of the AUKNCCF Network, leading its strategic direction and fostering meaningful collaboration among Arab and international universities.

We are honoured that ADU has been selected to host this important network. Today's launch brought together over 70 presidents and representatives of Arab universities—a powerful testament to our shared resolve in addressing global environmental challenges.

AUKNCCF goes beyond traditional collaboration. It is a strategic platform that will:

- Foster interdisciplinary research
- Support the creation of Carbon Footprint Centres
- Encourage sustainable institutional practices
- Engage the academic community in shaping evidence-based climate policy and action

As Patron of AUKNCCF, I reaffirm ADU's deep commitment to sustainability, innovation, and academic leadership. I strongly encourage universities across the Arab world and beyond to join us in this vital effort.

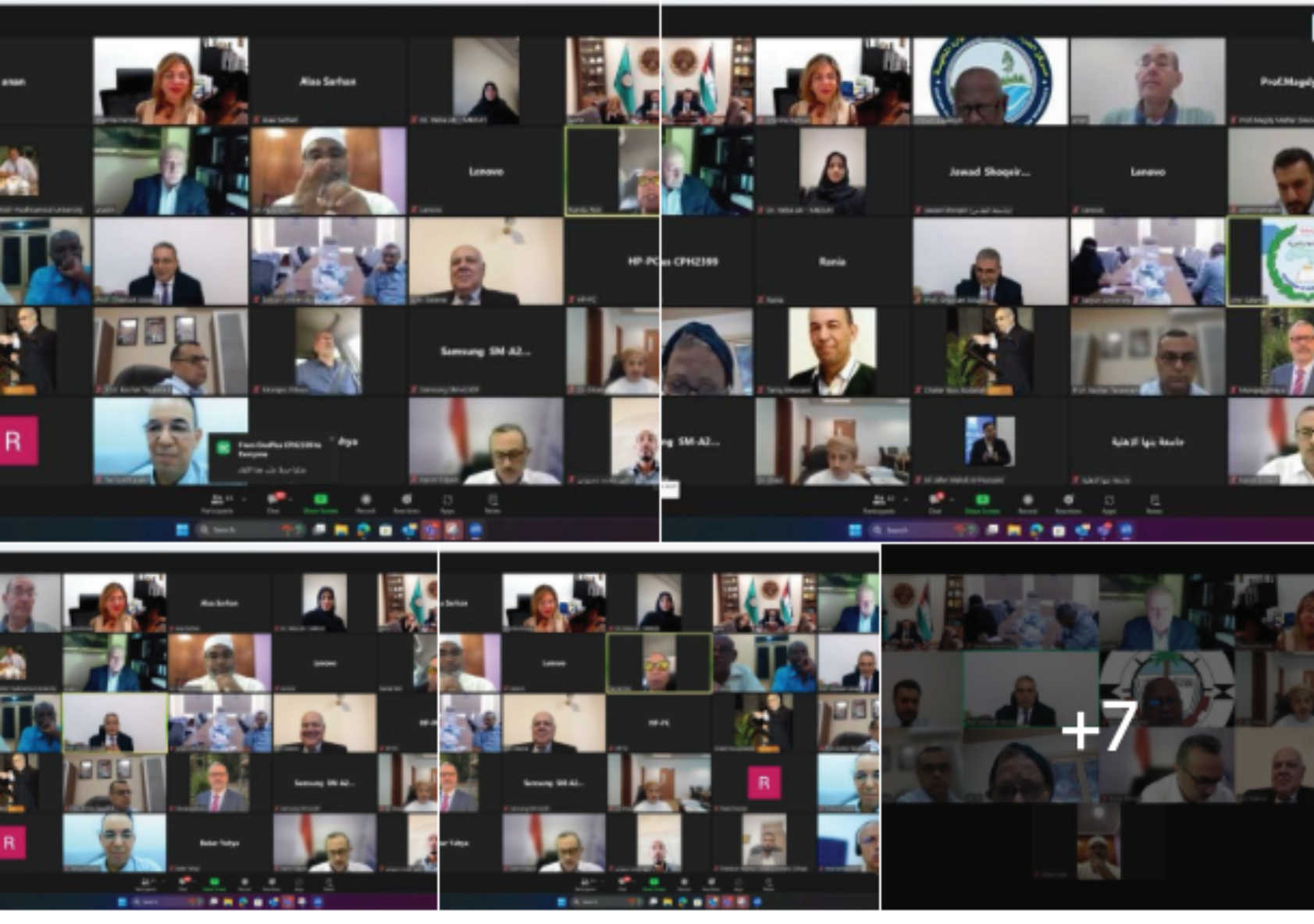
Join us in shaping climate resilience across our region and beyond.

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