

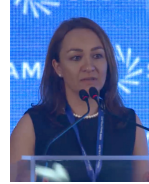


SESAME

Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East

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Statement by Dr Özgül Ozturk Chair of the SESAME Users' Committee (SUC)



Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today a big opportunity is given to us and as the potential users of SESAME we are aware of that.

For us, the scientists, it was not important where the facility would be built or who would be in charge, this was a chance that could not be found so easily in this geography. Therefore first we all wanted to believe that the project would be real, then in years we believed that it would be real. And now it is real.

SESAME will open new horizons for many of the researchers in the region: for those who are experts and also for those who perhaps never used synchrotron radiation in their research before.

Day by day a community will be built up regardless of nationality, gender or politics. After spending days and nights in beamlines next to each other, researchers will all start to extend the common language of science to other aspects of life and learn a lot from each other. I believe this will develop a strong background and will start a new era in science in this region.

On behalf of the SESAME users, I would like to thank from the bottom of my heart all the scientists, all the technicians and all the decision-makers that either took part or just supported SESAME and made this difficult project a reality.

Thank you.