



SESAME

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

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Statement by Professor Mahmoud M. Sakr Head of the Egyptian Delegation



Your Royal Highness,
Professor Sir Chris Llewellyn Smith,
Professor Rolf Heuer,
Professor Khaled Toukan,
Esteemed Delegates,

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to represent my country, Egypt, in this historic and very special opening ceremony of SESAME and to have the machine in operation. We trust this will strongly support scientific research and applications in the field, and serve scientists in the Middle East.

Egypt believes in SESAME as a regional joint centre of excellence that creates an environment conducive to leading advanced research, and to networking among researchers and scientists so that they may work together to invoke the prosperity and luxury of our people.

We are sure that SESAME will nurture “science for peace” through scientific collaboration.

The Egyptian research institutions are ready to use synchrotron light in many disciplines to meet national and regional demands and challenges. It is worthy to mention that SESAME has provided training opportunities for more than 400 Egyptian junior researchers in synchrotron radiation laboratories all over the world. In addition, a notable number of Egyptian scientists have been awarded their PhD in synchrotron light applications.

Egypt has created a National Committee of Synchrotron Light Applications (now called

Egyptian Synchrotron Users' Network (Eg-Sun) to coordinate national activities. The committee has organized 7 national and international training workshops and schools, and has established a SESAME complementary laboratory at Cairo University which is now in operation and ready to cooperate with SESAME users for material preparation and analysis.

I would finally like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to today's achievement and I wish SESAME great continuous success.

Thank you.