

SESAME

The UK National Commission for UNESCO (UKNC) supports the Synchrotron Light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME) as a scientific initiative that supports the diplomatic interests of the United Kingdom.

The SESAME Project has been developed under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to provide a major international facility for world-class research to be conducted by scientists from the Middle East. SESAME promises to be a critically important regional scientific facility, while building bridges between scientists from different nations through international scientific collaboration, including joint training programmes and co-operative research. It is expected to have far-reaching beneficial effects on the development of national capacities.

As the SESAME Project serves UNESCO's cross-cutting educational, scientific and cultural goals, the UKNC urges UNESCO to work with its Member States to identify opportunities for continued support for SESAME and to highlight world-wide SESAME's objectives of "science for diplomacy".