



ADEK Awards - Winning Entry Showcase

Best ADEK Engagement Award | Madar International School | Cycle 2024/25

Title	Partnering for Progress
Focus	Position the school as a proactive partner in ADEK's ecosystem – contributing expertise, hosting pilot programs, and supporting capacity building for educators.
Approach	• Hosted ADEK pilot programs such as the technology-based science curriculum, welcoming other schools to observe implementation. • Mentored new principals and school leaders through ADEK's leadership development and GGL initiatives. • Facilitated ADEK-led training sessions for counselors, Arabic teachers, and PE staff, with Madar educators serving as trainers. • Supported higher education pipelines by hosting 30–40 interns annually from local universities. • Contributed to policy consultation and educational research, including ADEK improvement surveys and diploma program reviews. • Engaged in national events and competitions, representing Abu Dhabi in the AI Olympics and supporting vocational and STEM education initiatives.
Impact	• Strengthened collaboration between ADEK and the private education sector through open data sharing and mentorship. • Improved educator capacity across schools via training sessions and workshops. • Provided pathways for emerging educators, with interns transitioning into full-time teaching roles. • Represented Abu Dhabi internationally, showing excellence in innovation & STEM. • Created a sustainable engagement model aligned with UAE Vision 2021 and 2031.

What Makes Collaboration Strong



Approach it as a shared mission, not a mandate.



Engage with
ADEK initiatives
consistently
across the year.



Share expertise
and best
practices with
other schools.



Invest in long-term leadership mentoring and teacher training.



Align initiatives to UAE goals and the education vision.

What Made This Entry Stand Out

- Madar International School's engagement extended well beyond compliance – it exemplified partnership in action.
- The school consistently supported ADEK's initiatives, from leadership development to wellbeing and curriculum pilots, reflecting a shared commitment to system-wide improvement.
- Its open-door approach, collaborative leadership, and investment in teacher development reinforced a strong, trust-based relationship with ADEK and the broader education network.

Judge's Feedback

“Madar International School demonstrated exceptional collaboration across ADEK initiatives – hosting workshops, mentoring leaders, and contributing to key pilots and professional programs. Their approach represents true partnership and system-level impact.”