MISSION

Established more than ten years ago, NAAS champions long-term collaboration and solidarity among a growing constellation of initiatives and spaces that maintain community around film. With a belief in the urgency of alternative narratives and the experience of watching film collectively, NAAS provides opportunities and resources for the cinema sector to cultivate critical thinking and dialogue among audiences across the Arabic-speaking region.

NAAS envisions communities across the Arabic-speaking region taking ownership of their available resources and of the decision-making around their allocation. The network prioritizes horizontal governance and measures of accountability in the arts and culture sector to achieve an equitable distribution of these resources, unbridled access to knowledge, and commitment to the radical values and practices of working together.
As a young organization, NAAS adopts the following values that underline its beliefs and guide its day-to-day actions and overall decisions:

**Creating and holding space for opportunities to flourish in the spirit of Kinship and interdependence.**

**Setting Equity as the topmost value for NAAS’s collective practices of sharing resources.**

**Centering Futurity in relationships with allies and partners, which require openness, critical thinking and transmissions of knowledges, practices and histories.**

**Building Trust within the network and its relationships mediated by a high sense of accountability to one another.**

**Allowing for flexibility and Adaptability to regional circumstances and to change and growth.**