



Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS)

Brief description of the organisation	Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS): AITRS is an intergovernmental and non-profit organization for training and research in statistics. The members of AITRS are the National Statistical Organizations (NSOs) from all Arab countries.
Mission	AITRS mission is to build capacities of the Arab Statistical Organizations and support them through executing the following activities : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize 3-4 week training courses in a variety of statistical areas. 2. Conducting short courses to train and update Arab Statisticians on up-to-date knowledge and practices in statistics. 3. Training trainers on statistical schemes to upgrade and qualify them in different areas of statistics. 4. Holding seminars, conferences and workshops concerning various statistical fields and issues. 5. Offering statistical consultation to the Arab countries, especially in the fields of surveys and censuses. 6. Arranging visits among experts of statistical organizations in the Arab world and International and Regional Organizations. 7. Exchanging up-to-date recent statistical techniques, methods and guidelines to be followed by the Statistical Organizations in the Arab Region. 8. Preparing and implementing appropriate, programs for high diploma in statistics to develop the skills (theoretical & practical) of statisticians holding bachelors degree in statistics.
Field of statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Official statistics (economic statistics, social statistics and general issues) - Data collection and survey methodology - Applied statistical analysis - Publication and dissemination of statistics - Management of statistical institute - Statistical information systems - Demography and censuses
Mandate	Based on the high demands created by the agricultural censuses, an institute was established in 1972 in Baghdad-Iraq as a Regional Institute for Training and Research in Statistics for the Near East which consisted of all Arab countries and other countries in the region (Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan and Cyprus) under the authority of UN & UNDP at that time. In April 1977, the Board of Directors decided to change the title of the Institute to the "Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics". Now all Arab Statistical Organizations and Bureaus are members in the Institute representing the Arab countries and the heads of the Arab NSOs are members in the Board of AITRS.
Statistical work programme	The strategies and the policies applied by the AITRS in the short or long run will form the base for the annual plans to accomplish the required objectives. For details use the following link: http:// www.aitrs.org/desktopdefault.aspx?t
Number of staff	10

Flagship Publications	<p>Books: many books in applied statistics and statistical methodology.</p> <p>Translations: some of the UN publications were translated by AITRS.</p> <p>Researches: The AITRS issued, prepared and published researches and studies on various statistical topics; in addition to the researches prepared by the high diploma students in population and applied statistics.</p> <p>Manuals: Since 2003 and as part of its plans to develop and upgrade its curricula, AITRS issued many manuals that serve as a guide for Arab statisticians to help them use a number of specialized statistical software.</p> <p>- Statistical Bulletin (every quarter)</p> <p>- Statistical Science Journal (Biannual)</p>
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