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in the standardization of geographical names**

Jordan activities in the field of geographical names 2019-2020

Summary **

Most of the countries in the world have realized the importance of geographical names in their past, present and future. They paid great attention to them, and most countries of the world designated committees, associations or associations to take care of these geographical names due to the importance of the topic.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan was one of the first Arab countries in this field. A committee was formed to consider geographical names in 1984 according to a decision issued by the Council of Ministers.

Jordan has accomplished many activities and works related to geographical names, such as hosting the headquarters of the Arab Division for Geographical Names experts and heading it since 2012, and holding conferences of the Arab Division since that year and others. Among the most prominent activities of Jordan in the field of geographical names during the two years 2019/2020 is the holding of the eighth conference of the Arab Division for geographical names experts in 2019, hosting workshops and lectures, and following up on the production of maps, charts, atlases and geographical indexes, hosting training courses and continuing to update the website of the Arab Division and issuing the Geographical names magazine.

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