

17.2 Relationships to support the goals

17.2.1 Relationships with regional NGOs and government for SDG policy

Isra University works on building relationships with regional NGOs and government for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) policy by acting as a collaborative hub that connects academic research with community and policy needs. Here are a few brief approaches that we endeavour:

- **Joint Research and Projects:** IU partnered with NGOs and government bodies in Jordan and regionally to conduct research or pilot projects that aligned with SDGs. 61.5% of the research that is conducted at IU is based on collaboration and is directed towards solutions of SDGs (ref: [الأبحاث العلمية \(iu.edu.jo\)](http://iu.edu.jo)). The following are few examples of such collaborations/ partnerships:
 - **A research collaboration** based on case study in Jordan was made between the Health Care Accreditation Council (HCAC) (NGO) and Isra University from Jordan, The WHO, Kingston University (UK), Aston University (UK) to study the effect of COVID 19 on the quality of services in Jordan the project was published under the following title: **Upholding Quality and Patient Safety during COVID-19 Pandemic—A Jordanian Case Study**. Link to the study [Upholding Quality and Patient Safety during COVID-19 Pandemic—A Jordanian Case Study \(mdpi.com\)](https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph170505433).
 - **Additional research collaboration between** Isra University the HCAC, USAID, Ministry of Health- Jordan, under the title **Assessment of Hospital Readiness to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic in Jordan—A Cross Sectional Study**. Link to the study [Assessment of Hospital Readiness to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic in Jordan—A Cross Sectional Study \(mdpi.com\)](https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph170505444).
- **Isra University made various agreements and activities with national, regional and international entities for collaboration towards sustainability. A summary is presented on the following table:**

Table 1: Memorandums of Understanding and Activities with Local Community Institutions and Government 2023

No	Activity Name	SDG	Link
1.	Isra University hosts the 13th meeting of the Executive Office of the Arab Renewable Energy Authority	SDG7 SDG4 SDG11	https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/en/all-news-2/1255003534-iu-32408765
2.	Isra University organises a lecture entitled "First Aid, Evacuation and Disaster Prevention Methods"	SDG11 SDG3	https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/ar/all-news/1255003532-iu-324099876
3.	Madaba Directorate of Education visits Isra University for collaboration	SDG4 SDG17	https://iu.edu.jo/index.php/ar/all-news/1255003507-iu-324055433
4.	The President of Isra University receives a delegation from the Council of Churches - Middle East	SDG16 SDG10	https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/ar/all-news/1255003505-iu-3240555444
5.	Isra University signed a memorandum of understanding with the International Academy of Community Health (IAF)	SDG3 SDG17	https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/ar/all-news/1255003489-iu-324099998
6.	Isra University signed a memorandum of understanding with the Royal Geographical Center	SDG17 SDG11 SDG9	https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/en/all-news-2/1255003482-iu-32404333
7.	Isra University signed a memorandum of understanding with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)	SDG17 SDG16 SDG10	https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/ar/all-news/1255003406-iu-654055
8.	Isra University discusses ways of cooperation with the International Academy of Community Health	SDG17 SDG4	https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/ar/all-news/1255003377-iu40900

9.	Isra University participates in the launch of the Eighth Arab Renewable Energy Forum	SDG7 SDG4 SDG11	https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/ar/all-news/1255003366-iu765
10.	The University Signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Bar Association	SDG17 SDG8 SDG4	https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/ar/all-news/1255003033-isra-iu-8753
11.	The university signed a MoU with Jordan river foundation to provide an intensive English language training for a number of refugees in Jordan.	SDG1 SDG4 SDG10	
12	The university signed a MoU with National Innovation Centre- Jordan		
13	Isra University's Human Rights Department Participated in the Consultative Meeting Between the Government and Civil Society Organizations in Preparation for the Fourth Universal Periodic Review in 2024."	SDG16	https://jawharatarabnews.net/article/84782

Evidence:

❖ Isra University hosts the 13th meeting of the Executive Office of the Arab Renewable Energy Authority

Isra University hosted the 13th annual meeting of the Arab Renewable Energy Authority, in the presence of the University President, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Director of the Consulting and Training Centre, and Head of the Department of Renewable Energy, and in the presence of representatives of Arab countries members of the Executive Office in its current session. The meeting outcome focussed on the importance of the meeting of the Arab Renewable Energy Authority and its essential and effective role in encouraging the use of renewable energy in the world, spreading awareness and stimulating investments in this field to bring positive revenues to Arab countries. His Excellency the President of the University pointed to the importance of using energy and green hydrogen, stressing the interest paid by the Executive Office of the Arab Renewable Energy Authority, to spread the uses of renewable energies, reduce carbon emissions and increase the share of private sector participation in such projects. **It is noteworthy that Isra University and the Arab Renewable Energy Authority signed a memorandum of understanding** for the purposes of **activating research cooperation between members of the Arab Authority** from Arab countries, **partnership in the fields of research and academics, exchange of studies and experiences, organizing joint visits** for students, faculty members and researchers, participating in holding conferences and seminars, in addition to encouraging scientific studies and research of common interest and research exchange.



❖ **Isra University organizes a lecture entitled "First Aid, Evacuation and Disaster Prevention Methods"**



The Public Safety Committee at the Business Faculty, in cooperation with the Civil Defence, organized an awareness lecture entitled "First Aid, Evacuation and Disaster Prevention Methods" in the presence of the Dean of the College, heads of departments, faculty members and students. The outcome of the lecture is to raise awareness and engage students and staff in the extracurricular activities that align with SDG11 and SDG3. The session is a hands-on training to build capacity in public safety, evacuation of buildings, and dealing with fires.

❖ **Madaba City Directorate of Education visits Isra University**

The Directorate of Education of Madaba- headed by the Director of the Directorate of Education of Madaba, Mrs. Lana Al-Bakhit, accompanied by senior members of the directorate, were received by the Dean of the Faculty of Educational Sciences, in the presence of the heads of departments in the college. The visit outcome included discussions, where Al-Bakhit Education, is moving to achieve discussion papers of His Hussein, and that the Ministry is many qualitative initiatives and most important of which is the Ministry pays great attention to educational process and **community strategic sustainable understanding**



The Head of the Classroom Departments indicated that the university has abundant luck in providing **community services to the country in all its spectrum**, and stressed the importance of national resources for the Jordanian citizen and the work of a **ten-year plan for sustainable professional development of the education and higher learning sector to provide qualitative outputs for society that contribute to the progress of construction**, and Al-Ajarma said in a course that the BTC program represents a qualitative leap for education in the Jordanian education system, and a constructive brainstorming has been conducted for the frameworks of cooperation between the two sides. Its goal is to develop the wheel of the educational system.

❖ **The President of Isra University receives a delegation from the Council of Churches - Middle East**

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Muhammad Hamed, President of Isra University, received in his office Mr. Azmi Al-Adwan (Director of Programs) and Mrs. Annie Koshkrian (Training Coordinator) in the Council of Churches in the presence of Dr. Mahmoud Al-Disi (Director of the Consulting Center). This meeting will discuss ways of **joint academic cooperation between the university and the Council of Churches**. The visit included a tour of the **Energy and Renewable Energy Laboratory**, the **Soilless Agriculture Model** and its **Link to Renewable Energy**, and the Elderly Care Laboratory. That aligns with the active role of IU with the community to raise awareness.



❖ **Isra University signs a memorandum of understanding with the International Academy of Community Health (IAF)**

Isra University and the International Academy of Community Health (IAF) signed a memorandum of understanding to **devote partnership and build bridges of cooperation between the two parties in the scientific and research fields**. The memorandum of understanding was signed by His Excellency Prof. Dr. Muhammad Musa Hamed, President of the University, and Dr. Muhammad Al-Tarawneh (Executive Director of the International Academy for Community Health (IAF)), in the presence of Dr. Mahmoud Al-Disi (Director of the Center for Consultation, Training, Continuing Education and Community Development), and the accompanying delegation from the International Academy for Community Health (IAF).



❖ **Isra University signs a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Royal Geographical Centre**



Isra University and the Royal Geographical Centre signed a memorandum of understanding to confer partnership and build bridges of cooperation between the two parties to keep pace with technological development in geographic information systems. The MOU included holding joint training courses in advanced geographic information systems, spatial analysis of geographical data, three-dimensional analysis of geographical data, building geographical databases, analysing road networks and publishing maps on the web. Haddadin stressed that the centre is working hard to provide the Kingdom with all forms of support

and expertise and train technicians in the field of surveying sciences, maps, geographic information systems and remote sensing techniques, to help in issues and events of interest to the Kingdom and achieve the public interest, as the centre puts all its capabilities to various national institutions, whether governmental or private. He pointed out the importance of partnership with the private educational sector through the exchange of experiences, and the conclusion of such agreements and MOU, which reflect positively on both parties and the employment of information and knowledge. His Excellency Prof. Mohamed Hamed, President of the University, stressed that the memorandum comes from the university's keenness to support and consolidate the existing strategic partnership between the university and national institutions, whether the public or private sector. He added that the centre, under its management, was able to open up and increase the volume of academic and training cooperation at all levels to develop methods of education, training and dissemination of knowledge to contribute to the service of public and private institutions in the Kingdom, and to qualify and empower university students and refine their skills and abilities by providing them with joint training courses and diplomas between the two parties.

❖ **Isra University signs a memorandum of understanding with the YWCA**

Isra University and the YWCA – Amman signed a memorandum of understanding to consolidate partnership and build bridges of cooperation between the two parties in the technical, professional and social fields. The agreement included aspects of cooperation in the field of vocational and technical training, holding vocational courses, holding scientific conferences, seminars and training workshops.



❖ **Isra University discusses ways of cooperation with the International Academy of Community Health**

The President of Isra University met with the Director of the International Academy for Community Health, in the presence of Director of the Centre for Consultation, Training, Continuing Education and Community Development, the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy and the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing. The MOU comes within the framework of discussing ways of joint academic cooperation between the two sides, and the exchange of training programs and professional diploma programs in order to achieve capacity building to provide the university with the opportunity to benefit from various training courses, as the Consulting and Training Center contributes to achieving the university's plans by raising the efficiency of the academic and technical staff of the medical and medical support colleges in cooperation with the Middle East Organization for Community Health and the International Academy (IAPH), and the accreditation of international certificates through the Academy (IAPH) To implement medical programs.



❖ **Isra University participates in the launch of the Eighth Arab Renewable Energy Forum**



Under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Sana Assem, His Excellency Prof. Dr. Mohamed Hamed, President of the University, participated in the launch of the Eighth Arab Renewable Energy Forum, which was organized by the Arab Renewable Energy Authority over a period of three days with the participation of (20) Arab and foreign countries. The forum included a focus on the importance of Jordan being a vital centre for investment, a centre for smart grids, green hydrogen and sustainability, and an important hub for energy transfer between the countries of Asia, Europe and Africa, as well as a specialized workshop for energy storage and electric cars and the importance of Arab economic integration in the field of renewable energy. On the sidelines of the

Eighth Renewable Energy Forum, Isra University and the Arab Authority for Renewable Energy signed a memorandum of understanding between them in the field of scientific research and exchange of teaching experiences. The agreement, which was signed by the President of the University, and the Secretary-General of the Arab Renewable Energy Authority aimed at cooperation and partnership between them in the fields of research and academics, exchanging studies, experiences and various programs, and holding joint training workshops.

❖ **The University Signs a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Bar Association**



Yahya Salem Abu Abboud , the President of the Jordanian Bar Association signed a memorandum of cooperation, with the aim of strengthening cooperation relations between the university and the Jordanian Bar Association and benefiting from the expertise and capabilities available to train students, which was attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Law. Dr. Nusairat stressed the importance of continuing cooperation between the university and the syndicate activating practical training methods for students of the Faculty of Law, and seeking to conduct many activities and lectures with the syndicate. Then, the President

reviewed through his lecture the development of the Bar Association and its national and legal role, stressing its constant keenness to follow up the enactment and development of legislation, and pointed to the importance of the legal profession and the foundations that any member of the profession must learn, and the most important ethics that must be available in the lawyer.

- Policy Advisory Role:** IU provides expertise to governments and NGOs by offering recommendations based on research findings, helping to inform decision-making in line with SDG goals. The following are few examples of collaborations that would inform decision making either through direct input into key decision making committees or through research.

No.	Faculty member	Faculty	Collaboration	Organisation
1.	Dr Manal Al Najdawi	Pharmacy	Member of the Cosmetic and cosmeceutical registration committee	Jordan Food and Drug Administration (Governmental)
2.	Dr Esraa Al Omari	Pharmacy	Member of Biotechnology Drugs registration committee	Jordan Food and Drug Administration (Governmental)
3.	Dr Eman Zmaily Dahmash	Pharmacy	Honorary Affiliation with Kingston University London UK for research collaboration	Kingston University London (International)
			Certified Surveyor in Hospitals, Primary healthcare, Breast imaging Units	Health Care Accreditation Council (NGO)
			Principal investigator for the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women Friendly Health Services The effect of lactation consultant on Breast feeding Behaviour 	Health Care Accreditation Council UNDPA WHO
			Subject matter expert of: Strengthening access to PHC for Syrian refugees and vulnerable communities in Jordan	Health Care Accreditation Council MoH WHO
4.	Prof Venous Samawi	Business	Member in the International Association of Engineers (IAENG).	Hong Kong- China
5.	Dr Dalia Khalil	Allied Medical Sciences	Jordan Chemical Society	Jordan NGO
6.	Prof Salam Al Deigah	Allied Medical Sciences	Director of Jordan Physiotherapy Society	Jordan - NGO
7.	Dr Wael Thnebat	Allied Medical Sciences	Allergy and Immunity Society	Jordan - NGO
8.	Dr Khaldoun Al Edwan	Allied Medical Sciences	Jordan Rehabilitation Society	Jordan – NGO
9.	Dr Moawieh AlNsour	Engineering	Engineering Syndicate- Committee of tenders and accreditation	Syndicate- NOG

- Shared Resources and Capacity Building:** IU provides training and technical support, to empower regional actors in implementing SDG-focused policies effectively.

This collaborative approach not only supports SDG initiatives but also ensures that universities play an active role in fostering sustainable regional development