

17.2 Relationships to support the goals

17.2.1 Relationships with regional NGOs and government for SDG policy

Isra University works to build relationships with regional NGOs and government agencies to advance Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) policy by serving 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 the region to conduct research or pilot projects aligned with the SDGs. 73.6% of the research conducted at IU is collaborative. Isra University has made various agreements and activities with national, regional, and international entities for collaboration towards sustainability. A summary is presented on the following table:

No.	Agreement	Date
1	Memorandum of Understanding with CyberX	26/12/2024
2	Conference Collaboration Agreement with Global Academic Forum on Technology Innovation & Management (GAFTIM)	26/12/2024
3	Cooperation Agreement with Abdul Hadi General Hospital	24/12/2024
4	Agreement with Raja Pharmacy	22/12/2024
5	Memorandum of Understanding with the Jordanian Anti-Narcotics Association	12/12/2024
6	Memorandum of Understanding with Sidr Pharmacies Chain	24/11/2024
7	Memorandum of Understanding with Al-Fareed Pharmacy	24/11/2024
8	Memorandum of Understanding with Team & Lamis Pharmacy	24/11/2024
9	Memorandum of Understanding with the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission	23/10/2024
10	Memorandum of Understanding with the White Family Association (Elderly Care Home)	30/09/2024
11	Memorandum of Understanding with Al-Jazeera Hospital	19/09/2024
12	Memorandum of Understanding with Tafila Technical University	12/11/2024
13	Memorandum of Understanding with Zarqa Al-Hadith Center for Physical Therapy	03/09/2024
14	Memorandum of Understanding with Al-Khat Al-Aqwa Center for Physical Therapy	03/09/2024
15	Memorandum of Understanding with Watan Satellite Broadcasting Company	07/08/2024
16	Memorandum of Understanding with the National Center for Human Rights	21/08/2024

Evidence:

Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Al-Isra University and the National Center for Human Rights

Prof. Mohamed Hamed (President of the University) indicated that this agreement consolidates the university's commitment to the development of partnership with local and international community institutions, especially the National Center for Human Rights, which will participate with the university in projects of building the capacity of the local community, the integration of the elderly, workshops related to human rights, and the introduction of the annual report on human rights in order to achieve effective cooperation in achieving the university's vision of knowledge and empowerment related to human values. Al-Isra is a house of expertise in the development of companies with local and international community institutions, and this agreement will open new horizons of research and training cooperation, and indicated the importance of the center in developing the human rights awareness system through the report that the center issues annually.



A delegation from the Association of the Residents of Kafraana visits Al-Isra University

At the beginning of the meeting, His Excellency the President of the University welcomed the distinguished guests and assured them of the keenness of Al-Isra University to build partnerships with local community institutions, and gave them a summary of the academic programs offered by the university to students at the bachelor's, higher diploma and master's levels. His Excellency also stressed that the university has adopted the slogan "Knowledge and Empowerment" out of its belief in the need for the university's graduates to be able to compete in the labor market through the development of new specializations that keep pace with technological development and excellence in supporting medical specialties. His Excellency pointed out that The President said that Isra University holds many international accreditations and local and international quality certificates. On the other hand, His Excellency the President pointed out the university's keenness to achieve its social responsibility by providing incentive grants to students up to 50% in a number of specializations, providing transportation and free health insurance for all students, as well as providing many training courses and programs through the Center for Counseling, Training, Continuing Education and Community Development. For his part, Mr. Talaat Daghmash, President of the Association of the Residents of Kafra'ana, pointed out that the partnership with Al-Isra University has been extended for years, as its aim is to support students by providing them with grants and discounts.

Al-Isra University discusses ways of cooperation with An-Najah University.

- ❖ His Excellency Prof. Dr. Mohamed Hamed, President of the University, received in his office Prof. Dr. Kifah Barham, Dean of Graduate Studies at An-Najah University, in the presence of the Dean of the Faculty of Educational Sciences, Dr. Asma Al-Khawaldeh, to follow up the preparations for the International Scientific Conference on Childhood between the Challenges of Reality and the Ambitions of the Future, to be held jointly between the two universities at Al-Isra University. The topic of childhood is of great importance, especially in light of the recent changes resulting from technological developments, and because of the importance of the topic of the conference, the idea of holding it and inviting researchers and academics from various countries to present scientific papers and researches that contribute to finding solutions to the problems faced by childhood and presenting future aspirations for them. His Excellency also expressed the importance of such partnerships, which are reflected in the impact of community development and scientific research, which came in the wake of the memorandum of understanding between the two universities, which deals with aspects of scientific cooperation and joint supported research, holding scientific conferences, seminars and training workshops, and exchanging faculty members and students.



-Memorandum of Understanding between AlIsra and Jordanian German Universities to Enhance Their Scientific and Research Partnership

Al-Isra University and the German Jordanian University signed a memorandum of understanding to enhance joint cooperation between the two parties in the research and scientific fields, and to implement joint projects targeting faculty and administrative staff members, students, and the local community. The MoU, which was signed by the President of the German Jordanian University, Prof. Dr. Alaa Al-Din Al-Halhouli, and the President of Al-Isra University, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Hamed, stipulated the organization of conferences, scientific seminars, academic programs, and joint research activities, in addition to cooperation in the fields of innovation, technology transfer and entrepreneurship. For his part, Prof. Hamed stressed the keenness of AlIsra University to strengthen cultural relations and open new horizons in an environment of openness and respect for the opinions of others, expressing his happiness with the strategic partnership with the German-Jordanian University, and his thanks and appreciation for the warm welcome and reception, and his hope for fruitful and constructive cooperation between the two sides in the near future.



Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Al-Isra University and the National Center for Creativity

On Wednesday, 12/6/2024, Al-Isra University and the National Center for Creativity signed a memorandum of understanding with the aim of framing and strengthening the bonds of joint cooperation in the field of scientific research development and stimulating creativity and entrepreneurial projects. The memorandum was signed on behalf of the university, its president, His Excellency Prof. Dr. Mohamed Hamed, and on behalf of the center, its president, His Excellency Dr. Jihad Muhaidat, in the presence of Dr. Shatha Al-Assaf from the Faculty of Law. This MoU comes out of the belief of the University and the Center in their missions and their tireless efforts to fulfill their responsibilities towards the nation to serve scientific research, creativity and leadership, and to stimulate cooperation between the concerned institutions in the system of creativity, innovation and scientific research, and to enhance the exchange of knowledge and experiences between them. The MoU seeks to support and develop creativity and innovation at the National Center for Creativity -as AlIsraUniversity is one of the active universities in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship, and the MoU is in line with the decision of the Council of Higher Education to adopt the Jordan Open Platform for Creativity (JOIP) as an official platform for gathering scientific research, creativity and innovation activities, and as a national platform for researchers as an official reference for Jordanian universities, faculty members and researchers.



Memorandum of Understanding between Al-Isra University and Al-Muwaqqar Municipality

On Wednesday 5/6/2024, Al-Isra University and Al-Muwaqqar Municipality signed a memorandum of understanding with the aim of submitting research projects or joint applied development projects to consolidate the concepts of partnership and enhance the exchange of experiences and cooperation between various institutions in achieving sustainable development in Jordan. The agreement was signed on behalf of the university, its president, His Excellency Prof. Dr. Mohammed Hamed, and on behalf of the municipality, its president, Mr. Awad Al-Jabour, in the presence of the Dean of the College of Engineering, Dr. Nasim Al-Numan, and a number of faculty members at the college. The agreement stipulates the provision of training opportunities for the employees of Al-Muwaqqar Municipality at Al-Isra University, and the provision of engineering training opportunities for Al-Isra University students, in addition to discussing engineering and technical consultancy in accordance with the regulations and laws of the two institutions. The President of the University said that the university puts all its experience and capabilities at the service of the local community, pointing to the need to network with all sectors and institutions of the governorate, as the university is a major and important part that works to



meet the needs of the community and provides its academic and practical experiences to advance the local community in all its sectors.

-AlIsraUniversity Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Al-Dawaa Charity Bank

Al-Isra University and Al-Dawaa Charity Bank signed a memorandum of understanding to consolidate the partnership and build bridges of cooperation between the two parties. The MoU was signed by His Excellency Prof. Dr. Mohamed Moussa Hamed, President of the University and the Director General of the Drug Bank, Dr. Wasfi Al-Nawafleh . In the presence of the Dean of the College of Pharmacy, faculty members and the accompanying delegation from the Charitable Drug Bank. The memorandum included the implementation of joint charitable programs, projects and campaigns, the implementation of a number of "free medical days", in cooperation with the Pharmacists Syndicate and the Saudi Food and Drug Corporation, and the formation of a team called "Agents of the Charitable Medicine Bank" that includes a number of students of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the university, and the implementation of joint awareness, educational and professional programs related to the pharmacy and pharmaceutical sector, targeting the students of the Faculty of Pharmacy, with the aim of raising their capabilities and developing their skills in line with the requirements of the labor market.



Volunteer Day for "Isra" Students at the Clothing Bank

- ❖ Based on the university's community responsibility and to promote the spirit of participation and the expatriate of Student Affairs garment bank Sabreen Al-Dean of Student Abu Shawar Career Guidance The visit included students in the arranging, and activities come as an embodiment of the university's mission to serve the local community and promote the concepts of national awareness towards the issues of the community and the country.



A University Participates in the Scientific Day of the Public Corporation for Housing and Urban Development



Dr. Nasim Al-Numan, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Eng. Murad Abu Sheikha (Research and Teaching Assistant), and a group of students of the Department of Architecture participated in the Scientific Day of the Public Corporation for Housing and Urban Development (UNDP), entitled: (Humanizing Cities as a Pillar of Mental Health for Community Members). The participation included the presentation of research papers on the cities of the future, sustainable development, urban intelligence, the development of local communities and the

relationship between lived heritage and the humanization of cities. On the sidelines of the scientific day, Dana Freihat, a student from the Department of Architecture Engineering, and Eng. Khaled Abu Hadid (a graduate of Architecture Engineering from Al-Isra University) participated in the presentation of two projects. 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 collaboration in the field of vocational and technical training, including the organization of vocational courses, scientific conferences, seminars, and training workshops.

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

Faculty member	Faculty	Collaboration	Organisation
Dr Esraa Al Omari	Pharmacy	Member of Biotechnology Drugs registration committee	Jordan Food and Drug Administration (Governmental)
Dr Eman Zmaily Dahmash	Pharmacy	Honorary Affiliation with Kingston University London UK for research collaboration	Kinston University London (International)
		Certified Surveyor in Hospitals, Primary healthcare, Breast imaging Units	Health Care Accreditation Council (NGO)
		Principal investigator for the following projects: - 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
Prof Venous Samawi	Business	Member in the International Association of Engineers (IAENG).	Hong Kong- China
Dr Dalia Khalil	Allied Medical Sciences	Jordan Chemical Society	Jordan NGO
Prof Salam Al Deigah	Allied Medical Sciences	Director of Jordan Physiotherapy Society	Jordan - NGO
Dr Wael Thnebat	Allied Medical Sciences	Allergy and Immunity Society	Jordan - NGO
Dr Khaldoun Al Edwan	Allied Medical Sciences	Jordan Rehabilitation Society	Jordan – NGO
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.