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SAUDI STATISTICS FORUM



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# Saudi Statistics Forum

## Forum Document

### Forum Participants

Data producers- Data users- Experts and academia- International and regional statistical organizations

Forum Slogan: **Statistics for Sustainable Opportunities**

### Date

April 27-28, 2025  
(Two days)

### Location

Movenpick Hotel- Riyadh

### Number of Attendees

**300 participants**

## Forum Frequency

**Annual forum** that brings together regional & international statistical experts to achieve the following objectives:



### Knowledge Sharing

Strengthening partnerships within the statistical sector.



### Participation

Showcasing key international methodologies and modern statistical products.



### Awareness

Promoting statistical awareness among societies in general, with a focus on practitioners.

## Invitees

- Board of directors' members.
- Their Royal Highness and Excellencies.
- Leaders and experts from international and regional statistical organizations.
- Representatives of government statistical units and agencies.
- Academia and higher education students.
- Research centers, economic and media institutions.
- Writers and those interested in the economic and statistical fields.
- Directors of some international statistical offices.

## Forum Key Topics

**01**

The role of statistics in policy development and decision-making.

**02**

International statistical methodologies and practices.

**03**

Modern methods of innovation and statistical development.

**04**

The role of the private sector in producing statistical data.

**05**

Enhancing relationships between statistical agencies and data beneficiaries.

# Keynote Speech

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# Keynote Speech



Minister of Energy

**HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin  
Abdulaziz Al Saud**

Session One:

# The Role of Statistics in Policy Development & Decision Making

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# The Role of Statistics in Policy Development and Decision Making

## Overview

This session highlights the pivotal role of statistical data in supporting decision-making and shaping public policies by providing accurate and reliable information. Such data contributes to the development of strategic plans across various sectors, assesses the performance of government entities, and enhances policy effectiveness through impact evaluation. The session discusses the role of statistics in monitoring progress towards achieving strategic objectives at the national level through tracking indicators, mechanisms for transforming statistical data into actionable policies and the role of quantitative evidence in improving decision-making strategies. It will also explore how decision-makers can navigate challenges and complexities by analyzing trends, mitigating risks, and aligning policies with national and international development goals.



# The Role of Statistics in Policy Development and Decision Making



H.E Minister of Industry  
**Bandar bin Ibrahim Alkhurayef**



President of the General Authority for Statistics  
**Fahad Abdullah Aldossari**

Session Two:

# International Statistical Methodologies & Practices

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# International Statistical Methodologies and Practices



**Fahad Aldossari**

President of the General Authority  
for Statistics



**Stefan Schweinfest**

Director of UNSD/DESA



**Hanan Mansour Ahli**

Director of the Federal Competitiveness  
and Statistics Centre



Moderator

**Dr. Sharifah Alrajhi**



**Steve MacFeely**

Chief Statistician of OECD



**Rafael Diez de Medina**

Chief Statistician of Dep. of  
Statistics at the ILO

# Session Three:

## **Innovation and Development in Statistical Methods**

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# Innovation and Development in Statistical Methods



**Urmet Lee**

Director General - Statistics Estonia



**Markus Sovala**

Director General of Statistics Finland



**Diao Awad Kazem**

President of the Statistics and  
Geospatial Information Authority in Iraq



Moderator

**Dr. Sara Alzaid**



**Dr. Mohammed Alotaibi**

Acting General Supervisor of Research,  
Development and Innovation Authority



**Duaa Alharban**

Deputy Chief Executive of Information  
and E-Government Authority in Bahrain



Session Four:

# **The Role of the Private Sector in Supporting and Producing Statistical Data**

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# The Role of the Private Sector in Supporting and Producing Statistical Data



**Prince Alwaleed bin Nasser Al Saud**

Founder and CEO of Mukatafa



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President of International Statistics Institute



Moderator

**Dr. Omar Aldibasi**



**Johannes Jutting**

Executive Head - PARIS 21



**Prof. Ibrahim Almanjahie**

Saudi Association for Statistical Sciences

# Session Five:

## **Integration between Statistical Institutions and Data Beneficiaries**

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# Integration between Statistical Institutions and Data Beneficiaries



**H.E. Dr. Khalifah Albarwani**

Chief Executive Officer at National  
Center for Statistics and Information



**H.E. Dr. Essam Alwoqait**

Director of National Information Center



**H.E. Dr. Zehra Zumrut Selcuk**

Director General of the Statistical, Economic  
and Social Research and Training Centre for  
Islamic Countries (SESRIC)



Moderator

**Dr. Abdullah Althunayan**



**H.E. Dr. Ola Awad**

President, Palestinian Central  
Bureau of Statistics



**H.E. Intisar Alwahaib**

Director General of GCC  
Statistical Center

# Agenda

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Day One

27 April 2025

12:25 - 12:55 PM	Reception
01:00 - 01:05 PM	Saudi National anthem
01:05 - 01:10 PM	Speech of the President of the General Authority for Statistics
01:10 - 01:15 PM	Speech by H.E. Chairman of GASTAT Board of Directors
01:15 - 01:45 PM	Keynote Speech: HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
01:45 - 02:45 PM	Session 1: The Role of Statistics in Policy Development and Decision Making
02:45 - 03:10 PM	Signing MoUs
03:10 - 04:00 PM	Lunch and Asr prayer
04:00 - 05:00 PM	Session 2: International Statistical Methodologies & Practices

Day Two

28 April 2025

09:00 - 09:30 AM	Reception
09:30 - 10:30 AM	Session 3: Innovation and Development in Statistical Methods
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Coffee Break
10:45 - 11:45 AM	Session 4: The Role of the Private Sector in Supporting & Producing Statistical Data
11:45 - 12:45 AM	Lunch and Dhuhr prayer
12:45 - 01:45 PM	Session 5: Integration between Statistical Institutions and Data Beneficiaries
01:45 - 02:15 PM	Closing Session: Recommendations & Outcomes
02:15 - 02:45 PM	Conference Closing & Farewell



Thank you..