



## WIT Bahrain Proudly Celebrates First Graduation

“I believe I can do more, be more, all I needed was an opportunity!” Samah grins as she excitedly displays her WIT certificate. For Samah and her WIT classmates, this opportunity came in the form of the WIT program and she, along with 20 other Bahraini women, proudly celebrated the successful completion of the program with the first WIT Bahrain graduation ceremony on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2009.

As the graduates were the first to complete the WIT training in Bahrain, they endured many obstacles that led to this great achievement. These challenges included skeptical families who questioned the involvement of their daughters, mothers and wives in the program. Despite the frequent lack of support from their families, each woman demonstrated incredible commitment and a strong desire to learn. They were determined to complete the program and at the graduation, they proudly walked to the podium where they heard thunderous applause from all their families as they received certificates of completion.

Each graduate eagerly looks forward to the next step. Raja explains, “The WIT program showed me who I am.” She now enthusiastically anticipates finding a job. Many other women share her excitement, stating that taking WIT “enabled me to widen my knowledge, to know more, to develop myself and to strengthen my CV in my journey to find a job.” With the WIT program, many women, for the first time, have the opportunity to enter the workforce equipped with the skills to make a difference for themselves, their families, and communities.

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