



## WIT Bahrain, Oman and Saudi Arabia move towards full Sustainability and Independence!

IIE is thrilled that our partners the Omani Women's Association (OWA), the Bahrain Women's Union (BWU) and Effat University (Saudi Arabia) are fully taking the reigns of WIT going forward. While we at IIE are sad to end our day to day involvement with our partners, we are proud of the amazing work being done in each country to continue to offer WIT trainings to women. Through the dedication and hard work of its partners, WIT will continue to reach many more women in Bahrain, Oman and Saudi Arabia. Below are some highlights from each country:

In Bahrain, BWU has developed a strong partnership with Tamkeen, a government funded organization with the goal of employment and workforce development for the people of Bahrain. Tamkeen's focus on employability and job creation makes for an ideal partnership for continuing WIT's work in Bahrain.

WIT Bahrain [website](#).

In Oman, WIT has trained more than 1,700 women at twelve training centers. Due to its tangible impact and success, WIT Oman attracted over \$200,000 in cash and in-kind donations from the public and private sector. A prominent success stories in Oman is that of Fatima Al Shidad. As a WIT trainer, Fatima dreamed of opening her own training center for women. She did just that in Salalah. Since its establishment, Fatima has seen over 250 women graduate. "You must always believe you can, and never forget your dream," says Fatima. "This is what I gained through the WIT program—the self-confidence and belief that I could achieve my dream—my very own IT center for women."

WIT Oman [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

In Saudi Arabia, our partner, Effat University, has trained more than 435 women through WIT. They also established a very active Professional Development Network in which approximately 80% of WIT graduates participate. One of WIT Saudi Arabia's unique accomplishments is an innovative Business English Course, which provides participants with English training focused on business writing, creating cover letters and resumes, which greatly enhances employability.

WIT Saudi Arabia [website](#).

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