

March 2022 Newsletter

The results of the agricultural census at the Qatar International Agricultural and Environmental Exhibition 2022

The results of the executive report of the ongoing Agricultural Census project in cooperation with the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute at Qatar University, the Ministry of Municipality and the Planning and Statistics Authority were announced in conjunction with the Qatar International Agricultural and Environmental Exhibition 2022.



Dr. Al-Mughirah Fadlallah, Head of the Field Operations Department at the Institute, reviewed the most important findings related to the agriculture sector and livestock in the country, and made some recommendations based on data and results. In addition, the Agricultural Census data is considered vital for decision-makers and policy-makers, especially policies related to food security.

The research team of the agricultural census project in Qatar 2021, follow up on the documentary film of the census, the agricultural census data that was announced at the Qatar International Agricultural and Environmental Exhibition, 10 March 2022.



Online Workshop on Diagnostic Criteria for Addiction

Dr. Khaled Ahmed Abdul-Jabbar, Consultant in the Department of Family Affairs at the Ministry of Social Development and the Family and Assistant Professor at the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute at Qatar University presented a virtual workshop for members of the scientific research group at the university, on diagnostic criteria for addiction (substance-related disorders and addictive disorders), on Wednesday, 2 March, 2022.



The workshop aimed to familiarize the attendees with the diagnostic criteria for substance-related and addictive disorders, according to the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-5), and the differences of this version to distinguish it from the fourth edition. The workshop discussed ways to benefit from both versions in diagnosing suspected cases or pre-diagnosed cases by knowing the extent and severity of accompanying psychological symptoms, and the extent of the required therapeutic intervention.

Through a deep consideration and a broad understanding of these criteria in the two editions of the DSM (4-5), it is always possible to find innovative research ideas related to problems of addiction and its complications. The research aspect is of equal importance to the diagnostic and rehabilitative intervention. It is through research production that sectors working in the field of addiction can focus their efforts on the results and recommendations of research, and work to close the gaps by keeping pace with research and studies.

SESRI'S participation in the Arab Forum for Sustainable Development

Prof. Dr. Kaltham Al-Ghanim, Director of the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute at Qatar University, participated as a commentator on the papers presented by speakers from decision makers from seven Arab countries, in the plenary session of the Arab Forum for Sustainable Development on "Social Inclusion through Recovery: Financing and Expanding Social Protection". It was held on Thursday, 17 March, 2022, at the United Nations House - ESCWA - Beirut. Prof. Kaltham focused on the importance of revising the concepts of social protection and focusing on the partnerships between all sectors of society and the integration of local communities into the social protection network.



SESRI to participate in the Annual Meeting of the Gulf Research Centre Cambridge –United Kingdom 2022

SESRI researchers submitted an abstract to the Gulf Research Meeting Workshop hosted by the Gulf Research Centre Cambridge. This workshop will take place in July 2022. SESRI's abstract was admitted to a workshop titled: "Women in the GCC socio-economic contributions to the urbanization of Gulf countries: Status, Challenges, Aspirations". Researchers will present a paper about "Labor force: Remote Work Strategy," contributing to SDG 11 about urbanization and sustainable cities. The Workshop will be a good opportunity for SESRI to expand its work as well as explore relatable topics in this field.

WASEDA University visit Team visit to SESRI

A team from WASEDA University is collaborating with Social & Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI's) researchers on "Qataris' Perceptions of University Degree" project. The aim of this survey is to examine the views of Qatari men and women over the age of 18 towards university degrees. The researchers from WASEDA University visited SESRI for a period of 2 weeks during which they had several working meetings with Prof. Kaltham Director of the SESRI and Prof. Abdoulaye Diop Manager of Research Department at SESRI to develop the survey questionnaire. During their visit, the team members of the project were able to finalize the questionnaire and discuss the analysis plan. The main goal of this study is to inform education policy makers whilst also contributing to achieving the overall goals outlined in the Qatar National Vision 2030 (QNV 2030).

The UNEP report September 2021 titled "Build Back Better. Reducing waste in food consumption by uptaking green and digital technologies" recommended that the article Effective policies to mitigate food waste in Qatar authored by Dr. Sana Abusin et al, should be engaged in a food waste reduction strategy at an urban level.

Dr. Sana Abusin participated in a poster judge panel for HBKU Research Day poster competition under the theme "sustainability" as a request from Office of the Vice President for Research at Hamad Bin Khalifa University.

Qatar University is invested in empowering younger generations and preparing them for the future sustainability era. Dr. Sana Abusin participated as a reviewer of two chapters in Springer book titled "The Sustainable University of the Future: Re-Imagining Higher Education and Research - UoF21". Invited by Office of VP for Research and Graduate Studies at Qatar University.

Workshop conducted by team of the project "Qatar Youth Survey"

SESRI's Policy Department organized a workshop related to the project "Qatar Youth Survey" that aims to understand the Qatari youth transition from education to the labor market and family making in the age group of 18-29 years old. The methodology used in the youth survey has been discussed by the project's lead principal investigator, Dr. Noora Lari, and Prof. Lisa Blaydes. The team discussed the project's progress and analysis of the statistical data gathered from the survey. In addition to discussing research articles and policy reports that will be released during the next phase, related to education, employment and civic engagement.

