

Higher Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Governance, Empowerment, Independence, and Preparing
for the Future

Education is the foundation through which we achieve the aspirations of our people towards progress and advancement in science and knowledge

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King
Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud
King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Our ambition is to be among the top 20 to 30 educational systems and we have everything to achieve that

His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin
Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud
Crown Prince, Prime Minister of the Kingdom
of Saudi Arabia



The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 & Education Pillars



Vital Society: Promote quality education to empower a culturally enriched society.



Thriving Economy: Develop human capital to meet the demands of a dynamic, knowledge-based economy.



Ambitious Nation: Foster educational independence and innovation, building the next generation of global achievers.



Strategic View



The CUA serves as the legislative and regulatory authority for HEI's in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



Strategic Objectives:

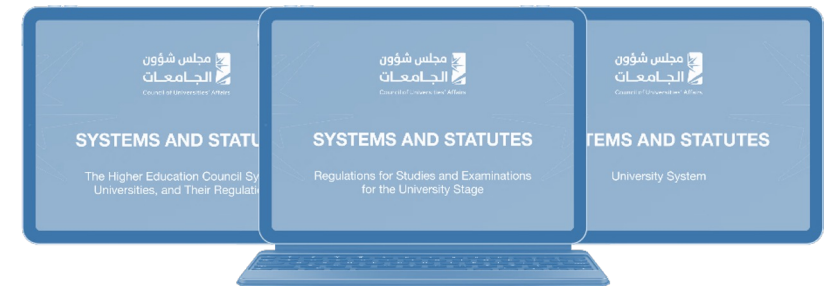
- Enhancing governance.
- Supporting independency.
- Promoting empowerment.



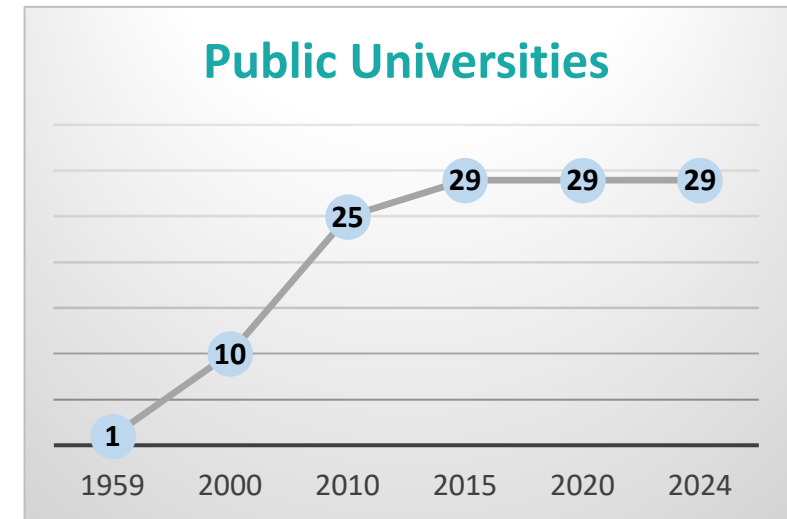
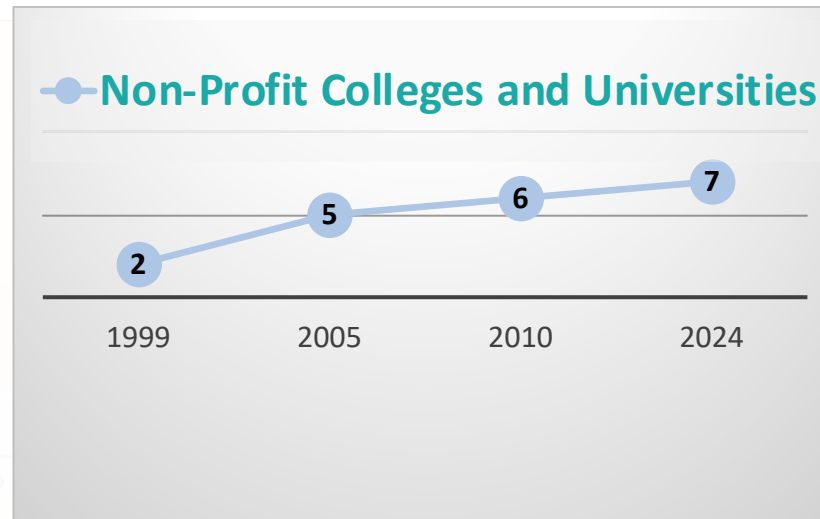
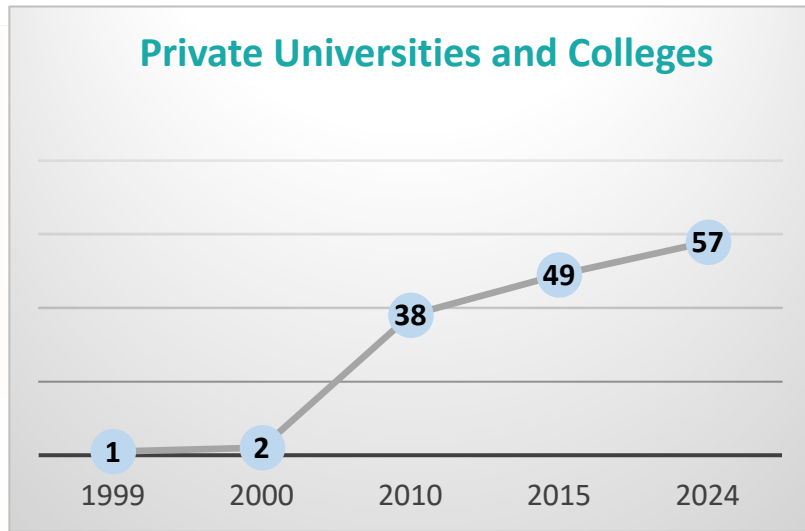
Role of CUA



- Developing and overseeing the implementation of higher education policies in the Kingdom.
- Supervising the governance of HEIs administratively, academically, and financially.
- Issuing regulations and systems that govern HEIs.
- Monitoring the achievement of the objectives and targets of Vision 2030.
- Enhancing the higher education system in the Kingdom.
- Coordinating and aligning with local and international bodies related to higher education.
- Addressing requests received from Saudi and foreign HEIs.



Growth of Universities in Saudi Arabia: A Statistical Overview



The Total Number of HEIs: 93

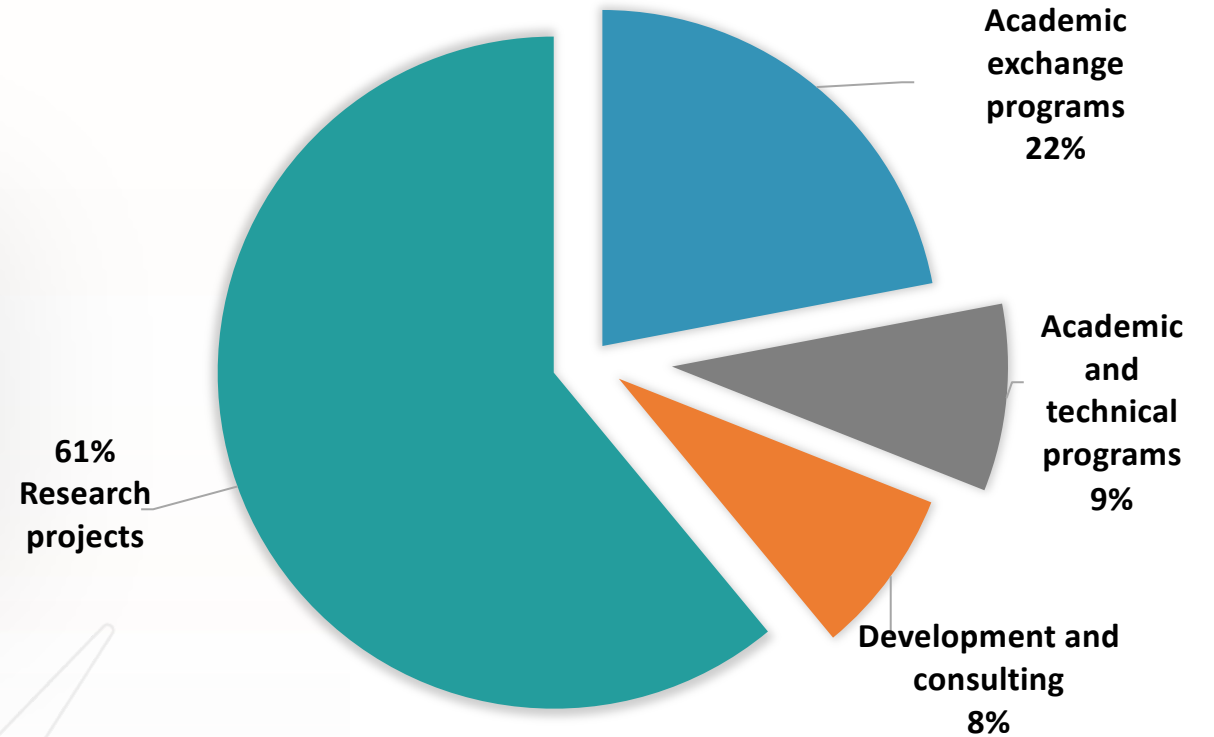
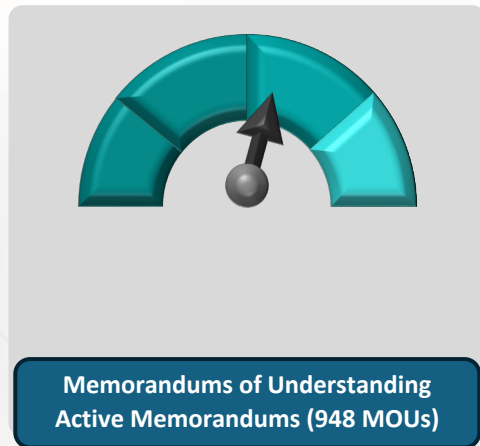


International Cooperation in Universities

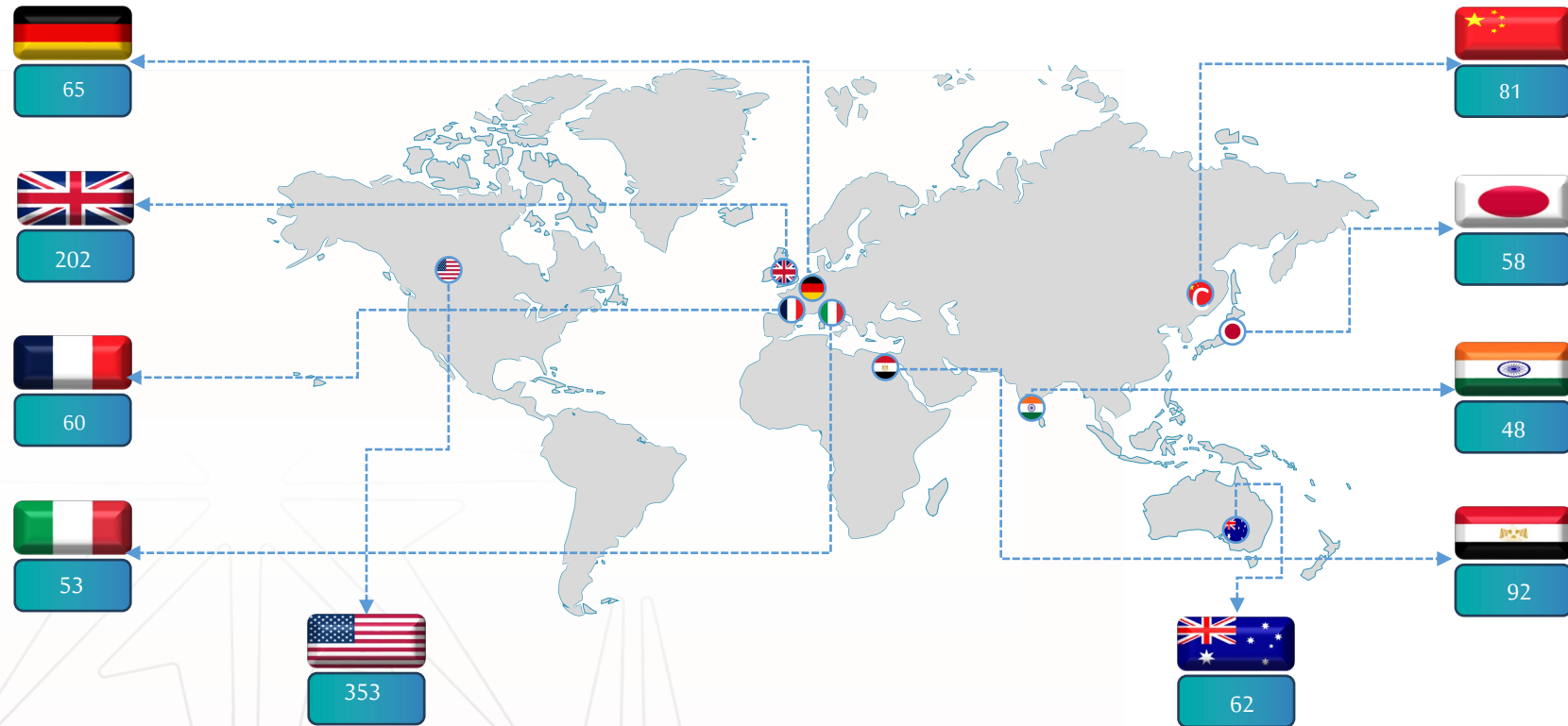


Key Areas of Agreements and Memorandums :

Scientific Research / Student and Faculty Exchange / Academic and Executive Programs / Development and Consultations



Bilateral International Collaboration



Higher Education Initiatives in the Kingdom



- **Universities' Excellence Initiative (Tamayuz).**
- **Joint programs between HEIs in the Kingdom and globally distinguished universities.**
- **Exchanging students and faculty members.**
- **Supporting scientific research and innovation through partnerships with HEIs and world-renowned research centers.**
- **Specialized studies degree.**



Local and Global Visibility of HEIs



Now there are 3 universities ranked within the top 200 worldwide, with one of them listed among the top 100 universities.



Goals:

- Elevate Saudi Arabia into the top 20-30 educational systems globally.
- Leading innovation and research Regional and globally.





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STUDY IN SAUDI



Statute Regulating Foreign Universities' Branches



The establishment of a private higher education institution follows a four-phases journey



Phase 1: Initial Approval

This phase focuses on obtaining preliminary approval to establish the institution.

Phase 2: Licensing

The investor has three years to complete the licensing requirements, starting from the date of receiving official approval notification.

Phase 3: Program Approval

This phase may run alongside Phase 2. It involves obtaining educational programs. All proposed programs approval to launch must meet the required standards.

Phase 4: Quality of Higher Education institution

Supporting and enhancing the quality of HEI's by monitoring institutional and program accreditation

Issuance of Operational License



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