

# YASER O. SALEM

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## EMPLOYMENT

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2003 – 2016	<b>Regional Director for Middle East &amp; North Africa</b> Educational Testing Service (ETS)
2002 – 2003	<b>Full-time Lecturer</b> Amman Arab University for Graduate Studies
1997 – 2002	<b>Regional Director/ Middle East and North Africa</b> Special Olympics International
1986 – 1996	<b>General Director</b> Al Harriri Educational Foundation – Jordan
1984 – 1986	<b>General Director</b> Gifted Students Educational Center – Jordan
1982 – 1984	<b>Director</b> National Special Education Center – Jordan
1977 – 1982	<b>Faculty in University Center For International Rehabilitation Special Education Center</b> Michigan State University - USA
1975 – 1977	<b>Full-time Lecturer</b> College of Education – University of Jordan

## EDUCATION

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1982	<b>Ph.D in Education</b> Michigan State University – USA
1976	<b>MA in Educational Counseling</b> University of Jordan
1973	<b>BA in Psychology</b> University of Jordan

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

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From 2003 until 2016, I was in charge of all Education Testing Service (ETS) operations in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. As the Regional Director of ETS, one of my primary responsibilities was heading **business development** and expansion in the MENA region. As such, my work included collaborating with ministries of education and higher education, as well as major universities to develop the quality of their testing.

As Regional Director, I oversaw a two-year project with Ministry of Education in Jordan to train 120 teachers on how to build educational tests for the Arabic and English Languages, as well as Science and Math for grades 6, 8, 10 & 12. The project also trained the teachers on the related processes of administering the tests, scoring them, learning how to analyze the results and how to do the reporting.

In my same position, I led a five-year capacity building initiative with the Ministry of Education in Qatar to train teachers on how to effectively build, administer and analyze tests.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS & OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Appointed by the Prime Ministry of Jordan as a member of the board of trustees of the Jordanian Vocational Rehabilitation Training Association.
- Appointed as an outside member in a committee to evaluate and develop the effectiveness of the College of Education programs in the University of Jordan.
- Member of the Board of the Hashemite Association for the rehabilitation of physically challenged soldiers.
- Member of the National Committee to develop the national high-school exam in Jordan.
- Member of the Education Board Council for the development of the national educational tests in Jordan.
- Board member of the Arab council for the Gifted and Talented.
- Chairman of national committees in different fields of education, rehabilitation and legislation.
- Served several times as a chairman/member in Doctoral and Masters committees in Universities across Jordan.
- Ex-member of the Jordanian National Council for people with special needs.
- Ex-member of the Jordan Family Planning and Protection Association.
- Established the Regional Leadership Arab Council for Special Olympics International, which now includes representatives from twenty countries.
- Appointed by the UNESCO, ESCWA, UNDP and other international organizations as an expert to start, implement, or evaluate various educational projects in Jordan, as well as other Arab countries.
- Organized and headed several conferences on the international, Arab, and local levels.
- Led several delegations to international conferences and events.
- Participated in numerous conferences around the world.