

Country Historic Profile: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

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Basic Historical Information

Membership days for each affiliate

Information is taken from the [World Bank Group membership page](#).

- IBRD: December 29, 1945
- IDA: October 10, 1960
- IFC: December 28, 1956
- MIGA: December 15, 2003
- ICSID: not a member

First loan(s)

Information is taken from the [Projects & Operations website](#).

- January 22, 1957: [Seven Year Development Plan Project \(02\)](#)

Resident Mission establishment

Information is taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- February 23, 1957

Photo Resources related to country

Hyperlink links to photos in the World Bank Group Archives' [Photo Catalog](#) for a given country. Digitization and description of archival photos are ongoing, and photos are added to the catalog regularly. In instances where the catalog contains no photos for a given country, check back frequently for additions, or contact the Archives for consultation by emailing archives@worldbank.org.

- [Historical photos related to Iran](#)

Project profiles related to country

Link is to a list in the [Projects & Operations website](#) of all projects approved, dropped, or in the pipeline for a given country. Each project links to a project profile that includes description, financial details, and lists of reports, archival record folders, and photos, when available. This can be helpful to study the evolution of the Bank's work in the country over time, and to identify notable projects that represent important shifts or moments in the country's history. Projects are also excellent examples of case studies of how the Bank made an impact in a particular sector. The WBG Archives have original records and other information related to these projects. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

- [Iran project profiles in Projects & Operations](#)

Description of operational records in Archives Holdings

Archival records relating to Bank operations are described according to the ISAD(g) standard and are accessible in our [Archives Holdings catalog](#). Descriptions include lengthy organizational histories of the regional vice presidency responsible for operations in that region and a description of records created and transferred to the Archives by that vice presidency. The descriptions in the catalog can be helpful to understand the organizational context of Bank work, and to understand more about the content of the records in the Archives.

- [Middle East and North Africa Regional Vice Presidency](#)

Chronology events

Events have been selected from the Archivists' Chronology, an 800+ page resource compiled by Bank Group archivists over the course of the institution's history. Events chosen include important firsts, milestones and other events that evidence the country's development history and/or its relationship with the World Bank Group. The Archivists' Chronology is accessible on [this page](#). This list of events can be helpful to determine if you'd like to dig deeper into any moments in the country's history of engagement with the Bank. The WBG Archives may have original records and other information about these events. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

Bretton Woods Conference; Representatives from Iran among Those in Attendance

July 1-22, 1944

IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Iran

December 29, 1945

Loan Application from Iran

October 30, 1946

Garner Tour Announced, Includes Iran

February 16, 1949

Bank Announces First Economic Survey Mission to Iran

April 17, 1950

Bank Mission to Study Iran Oil Situation

December 31, 1951

Bank Issues Review of Negotiations for the Iranian Oil Problem

April 3, 1952

IFC Articles of Agreement Signed by Iran

December 28, 1956

First Funding for Iran

January 22, 1957

IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Iran

October 10, 1960

Bank Special Mission to Review Iran's Third Development Plan Announced

January 29, 1962

Study of Establishment of Electricity Authority in Iran Announced

October 29, 1963

Reappraisal of a Road Project in Iran Issued

April 28, 1969

MIGA Articles of Agreement signed by Iran

December 15, 2003

World Bank Group Timeline Events

Events are selected from the [World Bank Group Timeline](#). The Timeline is an online platform created by the Archives designed to highlight the important events in the Bank Group's history and to illuminate those events through a variety of archival records, photos, video and audio clips, oral history transcripts, reports, and more.

None.

Early Country Economic Reports

Reports have been selected from the [Documents & Reports website](#), a database of publicly available World Bank Group authored reports and publications dating to the opening of the Bank in 1946. Country economic reports that are selected here are, in many cases, some of the earliest economic studies ever published on Bank member countries. Reports discussing the whole economy of a country, rather than individual sectors, are prioritized in this list.

Present economic situation and creditworthiness of Iran	July 21, 1950
Iran - Economic development	January 31, 1957
Iran - Economic situation and prospects	July 31, 1958
Iran - Current economic position and prospects	February 29, 1960
Iran - The economic development program (Vol. 2)	April 17, 1962
Iran - The economic development program	April 17, 1963
Iran - Recent economic developments and progress of the third plan	February 29, 1964
Iran - Current economic position and prospects	March 31, 1965

Iran - Current economic position and prospects	December 31, 1965
Iran - Current economic position and prospects	March 31, 1967
Iran - Fourth development plan and economic prospects (Vol. 2): Agriculture	February 25, 1969
Iran - Fourth development plan and economic prospects: Overall view	February 25, 1969
Iran - Economic situation and prospects	December 31, 1969
Iran - Aspects of the problem of internal resource mobilization in Iran	August 31, 1970
Iran - Current economic position and prospects: The main report	May 18, 1971
Iran - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 2): The petroleum sector	May 18, 1971
Iran - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 7): Statistical annex	May 18, 1971
Iran - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 6): Government investment in the fourth plan (1968-72)	May 18, 1971
Iran - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 4): Foreign trade and balance of payments	May 19, 1971
Iran - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 3): Population, employment, and family planning	May 31, 1971
Iran - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 5): Domestic resource mobilization	July 20, 1971
Iran - Program of pre-investment studies	April 30, 1972
Iran - Current economic development	March 31, 1973
Iran - Economic Development: The main report	June 4, 1974
Iran - Economic Development (Vol. 2): Volume II (Part I) - Sectoral Analyses (Parts I and II)	October 4, 1974
Iran - Economic Development (Vol. 3): Volume II (Part II) - Sectoral Analyses (Parts I and II)	October 4, 1974
Iran - Economic Development (Vol. 4): Statistical appendix	October 14, 1974
Iran - Country economic memorandum	May 31, 1976

Country Assistance Strategies

The list is based on a similar list compiled by the World Bank's Secretary's staff. Introduced in 1990 and replaced by the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) in 2014, the CAS is an overview of each borrowing country's current economic situation and contains a discussion of its development challenges, prospects, and project-planning. CASs were often initially published as part of project documents but later on were published as standalone documents.

Country Strategies Included within Project Documents	
Iran - Irrigation Improvement Project	February 19, 1993
Stand-Alone Country Strategies	
Iran - Interim assistance strategy	April 16, 2001

Staff Newsletters

Resources have been selected from the World Bank Group's [Documents & Reports website](#). The World Bank has produced a staff newsletter since 1947. The publication changed its name twice: from

International Bank Notes to Bank Notes in 1971 and then to Bank's World in 1982. The newsletter moved online in 2000 and physical publication ceased. In addition to offering news relating to Bank operations and country development, the newsletters were intended to foster a sense of community among staff by highlighting social events, marriages and births, the arrival of new staff, recreational events, favorite cooking recipes submitted by staff, and features on different aspects of staff's home country and culture.

International Bank Notes -- Vol. 3, Iss. 16	August 15, 1949	"Impressions of a visit to Egypt, Iraq and Iran"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 3, Iss. 23	December 1, 1949	"My present impressions of Tehran"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 4, Iss. 3	February 1, 1950	"The Bank's Trainees"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 4, Iss. 14	August 1, 1950	"Mission Bade Farewell by Officials at Tehran"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 14, Iss. 11	November 1, 1960	"The World Bank and highways in Iran"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 17, Iss. 7	August 1, 1963	"The World Bank in South Asia and the Middle East"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 18, Iss. 8	September 1, 1964	"The Dez dam"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 19, Iss. 3	March 1, 1965	"The stamp box"
Bank Notes -- Vol. 1, Iss. 2	October 1, 1971	"New Roads for an Old Empire"

Oral histories

Oral histories are selected from the World Bank Group Archives' [Oral History website](#). The site contains transcripts of oral history interviews with departed staff and, in lesser number, Executive Directors and other individuals affiliated with or impacted by the World Bank Group. Interviews were conducted as part of an ongoing effort by the Archives to collect the personal stories and reflections of Bank Group staff. A portion of the interviews was conducted as research for publications. Each transcript provides a valuable first-person account of Bank activities and decision-making from the very beginning of its operations.

Robert Garner	July 19, 1961
Hector Prudhomme	May 2, 1985
Eugene Rotberg	November 2, 1990
Willi Wapenhans	July 21 and August 19, 1993: First Session

Online exhibits

Online exhibits are authored by the World Bank Group staff and are accessible on both the Archives' [external site](#) and as a [series of older exhibits](#) in the Documents & Reports website. Exhibits focus on notable personalities and accomplishments in the Bank Group's history.

None.

Executive Directors

The list is based on the World Bank Group [Board of Directors website](#). The country following the name of each ED indicates their nationality.

VARVARESSOS, K., (Greece)	May 7, 1946	October 31, 1948
ONARAN, Mekin H. (Turkey)	November 1, 1948	October 31, 1950
SHAH, Yaqub, (Pakistan)	November 15, 1950	October 31, 1952
SHOAIB, Mohamed, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1952	October 31, 1958
SHOAIB, Mohamed, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1958	October 31, 1960
SHOAIB, Mohamed, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1960	October 31, 1962
SHOAIB, Mohamed, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1962	January 28, 1963
MIRZA, Mumtaz, (Pakistan)	March 1, 1963	October 31, 1964
MIRZA, Mumtaz, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1964	October 31, 1966
AYUB, Muhammad, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1966	June 25, 1968
ALI, S. Osman (Pakistan)	September 1, 1968	October 31, 1970
ALI, S. Osman (Pakistan)	November 10, 1970	July 19, 1972
AHMAD, M. M., (Pakistan)	August 22, 1972	October 31, 1972
AHMAD, M. M., (Pakistan)	November 1, 1972	October 31, 1974
KHELIF, Yahia, (Algeria)	November 16, 1972	October 31, 1974
KHELIF, Yahia, (Algeria)	November 1, 1974	October 31, 1978
BELKHODJA, Moncef, (Tunisia)	November 1, 1978	October 31, 1980
KHELIL, Ismail (Tunisia)	November 1, 1980	November 30, 1982
BENACHENHOU, Mourad, (Algeria)	November 1, 1982	October 31, 1990
BENHOCINE, Mohamed, (Algeria)	November 18, 1990	October 31, 1992
BENHOCINE, Mohamed, (Algeria)	November 1, 1992	October 31, 1994
LODHI, Abdul Karim, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1994	October 31, 1996
BRACHEMI, Kacim, (Algeria)	November 1, 1996	October 31, 1998
HAQUE, Inaamul, (Pakistan)	November 1, 1998	October 31, 2000
SADOUDI, Ahmed, (Algeria)	November 1, 2000	October 31, 2002
AGHA, Tanwir Ali (Pakistan)	November 1, 2002	October 31, 2004
DIB, Sid (Algeria)	November 1, 2004	October 31, 2006
SHAH, Shuja, (Pakistan)	November 1, 2006	June 25, 2008, PD to July 7, 2008
TALAT, Javed, (Pakistan)	June 26, 2008	October 31, 2008
DIB, Sid (Algeria)	November 1, 2008	October 31, 2010
TALAT, Javed, (Pakistan)	November 1, 2010	October 31, 2012
BOUGARA, Omar, (Algeria)	November 1, 2012	October 31, 2014
KHOSA, Nasir Mahmood, (Pakistan)	November 1, 2014	October 31, 2016
BOUGARA, Omar, (Algeria)	November 1, 2016	October 31, 2018
TARAR, Shahid Ashraf (Pakistan)	November 1, 2018	October 31, 2020
BEDJAOUI, Abdelhak (Algeria)	November 1, 2020	present

For More Information

If you would like information or guidance on accessing more historic sources, we invite you to contact us by emailing archives@worldbank.org.