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Biography

Samir AITA has studied at Ecole Polytechnique, Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, with an MBA from the Centre de Perfectionnement des Affaires (HEC), and postgraduate degrees in mechanical engineering from the Institut National des Sciences et Techniques Nucléaires and in social anthropology from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales.

He started his professional activities in 1978 in nuclear power plants' engineering at the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique. Then he headed the development department in a virtual prototyping company active in Europe, the USA and Japan.

In 1993, he joined a Middle-Eastern group, and manages several companies in the fields of energy, tourism and irrigation. In parallel, he was between 1996-1997 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Framasoft.

In 2000, he founded A Concept www.mafhoum.com, a consulting firm in economy and information technologies. And in 2005, he created *Le Monde Diplomatique éditions arabes*, in partnership with the French edition. He continues today to run the two companies. Within the framework of A Concept, he consulted for different international (UNDP, European Union, World Bank, ESCWA, ILO, etc.), for Arab countries' governments (in finance and ICT), as well as for several industrial firms (cement, chemistry, energy and tourism). In 2009, he was elected President of the Cercle des Economistes Arabes www.economistes-arabes.org.