

International Scientific Forum on:

### The Future of the Middle East and the Gulf States



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### Introduction:

The Middle East and the Gulf States represent a vital and significant region on the global stage due to their vast natural and human resources, along with their strategic geographic location. Despite these advantages, the region continues to grapple with significant challenges concerning security, stability, sustainable development, and climate change, necessitating comprehensive strategies to address them effectively. In response to these challenges, several countries in the region have launched the "Middle East Vision 2030" initiative, a comprehensive roadmap for the region's development and growth through the promotion of regional cooperation, economic growth stimulation, and attraction of private investments, in line with global trends. This international scientific forum seeks to highlight the future prospects of this pivotal region in 2030. It offers a unique platform to discuss fundamental issues, explore innovative solutions, and promote regional and international cooperation to overcome these obstacles.

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### Forum Objectives :

- A comprehensive analysis of the current situation, focusing on the political, economic, and social factors influencing stability in the Middle East and Gulf States.
- Identifying and diagnosing the key challenges facing the Middle East and Gulf States.
- Fostering regional and international partnerships, such as public-private collaborations, to support the realization of Vision 2030.
- Emphasizing the role of innovation and digital technologies in driving economic development and enhancing global competitiveness.
- Investigating solutions to combat climate change and promote sustainability.
- Highlighting the significance of economic integration across the Gulf and Middle East regions and how such integration can facilitate the realization of Vision 2030.
- Learning from international models and experiences to achieve significant leaps forward.
- Offering practical recommendations to support the region's economic transformation.

### Forum Themes:

# Technology and the Digital Revolution as Catalysts for Economic Transformation



- Digital transformation in key sectors of the Middle East and Gulf States.
- Cybersecurity and its applications.
- Cities, tangible heritage, and digital technologies.
- Artificial intelligence and automation.
- International trade and the digital economy.
- Investment in clean technology and renewable energy.

# Sustainable Development and Economic Transformations

- Sustainable development policies and the green economy.
- Post-oil economic planning and promoting sustainable innovation are
- crucial for future economic stability.
- The evolving role of industrial sectors in attracting foreign investment.

  Innovation in renewable energy sources.

# Regional Security, Stability, and Their Impact on Investment and Trade



- Global trade and supply chains ensure the uninterrupted flow of goods. Inflation and fluctuations in oil prices in relation to achieving financial stability.
- The role of regional cooperation in aligning shared developmental
- objectives, including specific examples of past successes and setbacks.
- Regional security and its protection through international legislation.

## Geopolitical and Economic Challenges to Sustainable Development

- The impact of armed conflicts and political instability on development.

  Oil price volatility and reliance on natural resources in certain countries.
- External interventions, regional tensions, and their effects on economicand social stability.

### Environmental Challenges and Climate Change



- Environmental challenges such as desertification, water scarcity, and air and water pollution.
- The impact of climate change on sustainable development, including its effects on agriculture and natural resources.
- Managing water resources and ensuring food security through sustainable agricultural policies and biodiversity conservation.
- Food security and agricultural technologies.
- Strategies for addressing natural disasters.
- Adapting to climate change and its effects on local communities.
- Regional cooperation in addressing shared environmental challenges.



### Public Health and Social Justice

- Health care systems and crisis management.
- Health institutions in the Middle East and Gulf States.
- Medical technologies across the public and private sectors.
- Social justice in benefiting from health and social reforms.

# International Partnerships and Regional Integration for Sustainable Development



- Financial and banking integration in the region to ensure the stability of financial and monetary markets.
- Foreign investment and strategic partnerships within the Gulf region.
- International partnerships to enhance security and stability in the Middle East.
- Integrated regional development programs and the extent to which a unified economic bloc can be achieved.
- Economic and social reforms to promote sustainable development in the region.
- Learning from successful global development models.

#### Facilitations for Researchers

- The conference administration grants participants accredited certificates of participation issued by the Canadian Institute for Middle East and Gulf Studies (Canada) and University of Derna (Libya).
- Participants will receive a stamped copy of the conference program.
- Participants will regularly receive updates on all events, activities, research materials, and additional resources.
- The conference book will publish research papers that meet the requirements, providing an international identifier and access to a publication link.

### **Publishing and Participation Guidelines**

- The General Secretariat of the conference invites researchers, academics, and specialists to submit abstracts related to the conference themes. Abstracts should not exceed 200 words and must include the researcher's full name, contact details, research title, relevance to the conference themes, significance, and objectives;
- The research must demonstrate originality, academic rigor, and adherence to internationally recognized scientific publishing standards;
- The research must not have been previously published or presented at any other scientific conference:
- The conference administration guarantees the scientific publication of the research after it undergoes peer review, provided that the researcher implements any required revisions.

**Conference Languages** 

English

Arabic

French

#### **Important Dates**

Deadline for receiving research abstracts via email:

March 2025,1

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Feedback on abstracts: Within one week of submission

Registration and Opening Ceremony

April 2025,12

Scientific Sessions and Conference Closing

April 2025,14-13

Scientific publication of research papers and provision of publication links

June 2025 ,20

**Participation Fees** 

In-person: €250

Remote: €100

#### Participation includes:

- You will receive a participation certificate, a stamped program, and a conference bag.
- There is an option to deliver a joint presentation, with an additional fee of €50 per participant;
- The article will be published in a conference book with an international identifier and access to a publication link;
- The conference will take place in 5-star venues, and refreshments provided.

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