



## GRC Events & Activities

### Gulf Research Center (GRC) Webinar From Conflict to Energy Crisis and Beyond: Implication of the US-Israel-Iran War March 6, 2026



The Gulf Research Center (GRC) hosted a webinar to examine the implications of the ongoing conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran, which has escalated in recent days. The discussion opened with a geopolitical overview highlighting the uncertainty surrounding strategic objectives and the potential trajectories of the conflict, including risks of prolonged instability. Emphasis was placed on the importance of diplomatic engagement and regional cooperation to mitigate escalation.

Participants explored the economic and energy-related consequences of the crisis, noting rising oil and gas prices, increased shipping costs, and disruptions to global supply chains. The discussion also addressed broader regional implications, including the potential role of external actors in facilitating de-escalation.

A key focus was placed on energy resilience in the Middle East. It was noted that concerns about a complete disruption of maritime routes may be

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overstated, given longstanding contingency planning and the development of alternative export routes. Energy infrastructure in the region was described as relatively resilient, having withstood previous periods of instability.

At the same time, the discussion highlighted significant vulnerabilities in global gas markets. Disruptions to liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply, particularly from major producers, were identified as having immediate and far-reaching effects, especially for markets in Asia and Europe. Limited spare capacity globally was noted as a key challenge in addressing supply shortfalls. The conversation further examined the broader relationship between geopolitical tensions and energy markets, including the need to diversify export routes and strengthen international energy partnerships. While risks remain, it was also observed

that regional economies have demonstrated a degree of adaptability, supported by strong financial reserves and the capacity to adjust to evolving conditions.

Participants reflected on the region's historical ability to navigate crises, underscoring the importance of coordination among Gulf countries in both economic and security domains. Discussions also touched on maritime security, alternative trade routes, and the diversification of energy sources. Finally, the session addressed the wider geopolitical implications of the conflict, including its potential impact on global alignments, trade flows, and security dynamics. The importance of regional unity, long-term strategic planning, and lessons learned from the current crisis was emphasized as essential for navigating future uncertainties.

Watch the full webinar [here](#)

## From Conflict to Energy Crisis and Beyond: Implications of the US-Israel-Iran War



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## “Through Syrian Eyes” Film Program

March 30, 2026

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The Gulf Center for Research in collaboration with the Taqaaddum Center for Dialogue, Development, and Peacebuilding published its recent episode of the 'Through Syrian Eyes' program titled: Reflections of the Iranian-Israeli War on Syria. The episode discusses the repercussions of the American-Israeli-Iranian war on Syria, its position on the map of the regional conflict, and the role of Iran in the confrontation, in addition to the stances of regional powers such as Türkiye and Gulf States, the potential scenarios for the end of the war, and its impact on Syria's future and alliances in the region. The program was presented by Professor

Abdullah Al-Ghadawi, Director of the Taqaaddum Center for Dialogue, Development, and Peacebuilding.

Speakers in this episode were:

- Professor Mustafa Sajri, Security and Military expert
- Dr. Mudar Al-Dabbas, Political Researcher
- Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Haj, Researcher on Islamic Groups

You can watch the full episode [here](#)



The Gulf Research Center (GRC) continues to provide in-depth analysis and thought leadership on key regional and global developments. Our latest publications in March cover a wide range of topics, from U.S. foreign policy under Trump's second term to Saudi Arabia's evolving diplomatic role in global affairs. We also explore sustainable development in the Gulf, Russia's repositioning in the Middle East, and Gulf relations with Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

Below are some of our most recent works:

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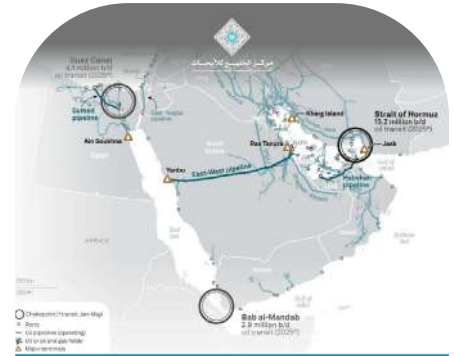
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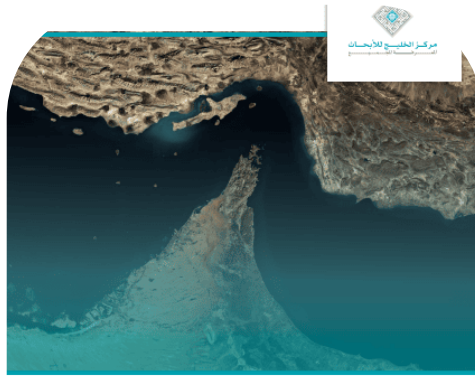


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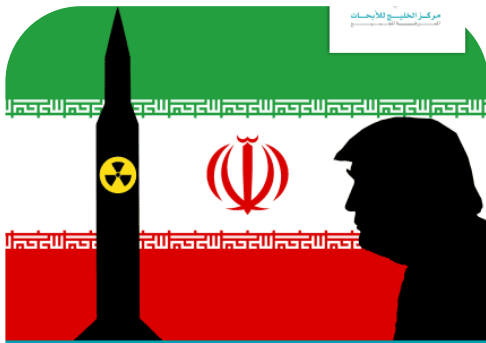
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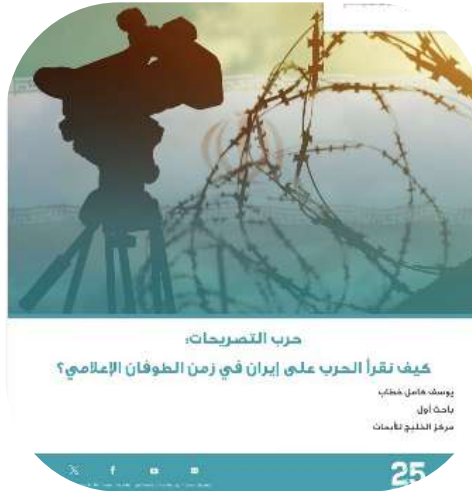
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## Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population (GLMM) Programme



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The Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population (GLMM) Programme is an international independent, non-partisan, non-profit programme established in 2010 and hosted and supported by the Gulf Research Center. The programme provides data, analyses, and recommendations contributing to the improvement of understanding and management of Gulf labour migration, population, and labour markets, engaging with, and respecting the viewpoints of all stakeholders. Visit the website [here](#).

### Highly Skilled Migration to the Gulf States: Project and Publications

GLMM has been engaged two years in the project focussing on **Highly Skilled Migration to the Gulf States: How Do GCC Countries Fare in the Global Competition for Talent?** For a detailed description, click [here](#).

The first phase focussed on the **Capacity of the GCC to Attract and Retain Global Talents**. Seven Research Papers will be published shortly in a volume. The Policy Briefs have already been published.

Eight policy briefs have been published from the first phase of the project and are available here:

1. [Misba Bhatti, Ameena Almeer, Zahra Babar: Qatar's Policy Landscape and its Impact on Highly Skilled Migration](#)

2. [Froilan T. Malit, Jr.: From Laissez Faire to A Centralized State Approach? A Critical Policy Analysis of the UAE's Attraction and Retention Approach Towards High-Skilled Migration in the Post-COVID-19 Era](#)
3. [Yusra Al Shanqityi: Trends and Dynamics of Highly Skilled Migration in Saudi Arabia: A Report](#)
4. [Ali Belhaj: Trends, Dynamics and Policies regarding Highly Skilled Migration from Tunisia to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE](#)
5. [Dina Abdelfattah: Trends, Dynamics and Policies regarding Highly Skilled Migration from Egypt to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE](#)
6. [Nasra M. Shah, Memoona Qazi: Trends, Patterns, and Policies regarding Highly Skilled Migrant Workers from Pakistan to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE](#)
7. [Binod Khadria: India as A Prime Country of Origin for Highly Skilled Migration to the Gulf: Perspectives of A Paradigm Shift in Indian Immigration of Talent to UAE, Saudi Arabia and Qatar](#)
8. [Jorge Tigno, Geoffrey Ducanes: Assets on the Move: Highly Skilled Migration from the Philippines to the Gulf](#)

The second phase of the project focused on **Transnational Migration Patterns of Non-Gulf Highly Skilled Workers from the GCC to Third countries in the EU and North America, and Back**. The thirteen policy briefs and a bibliography will be published between the end of March and early May 2026.

The first two policy briefs have already been published and are available here:



1. [Mouawiya AlAwad and Froilan Malit Jr: Beyond the Gulf: Rethinking Stepwise Migration, Citizenship Penalty, and Filipino Nurses in the UAE](#)
2. [Gennaro Errichiello: Second Generation Highly Skilled Pakistanis in Dubai Drivers of Secondary Migration](#)

### **New Project: Migration of Low-Wage Workers from Sub-Saharan African States to the GCC**

GLMM has launched a new multiyear (policy) research project on the Migration of Low-Wage Workers from Sub-Saharan African States to the GCC. Drivers, Characteristics, Governance, and Outcomes.

The project aims to address the scarcity of publicly available data on African migrants in the Gulf states (Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait and Bahrain) and advocates for improved understanding of Africa-Gulf migration dynamics. Focusing on low-wage migration from specific Sub-Saharan African countries or regions to specific Gulf states, it will unpack the diversity and complexity of these migrants' experiences in this corridor. The project addresses the following question: How do structural conditions, migration governance, and migrant agency shape low-wage migration from Sub-Saharan Africa to Gulf states, and what consequences does this migration have for migrants and their households?

#### **The project will:**

- Develop a network of especially young African researchers, policy makers, and civil society actors.
- Analyse data, engage in (policy) research, organise webinars and workshops.
- Produce research papers, policy briefs, factsheets, and statistics.

For a detailed description, click [here](#).

In the framework of the Project a **Workshop** entitled "Africa-Gulf Migration, Mobility and Trade Past and

Present, Policy and Prospects" will take place in Nairobi (Kenya), 10-11 September 2026.

#### **Directors:**

- **Dr. Faisal Garba** – Associate Professor of Sociology, Migration, and Mobility at The Africa Institute, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- **Dr. Linda Oucho** – Executive Director, African Migration and Development Policy Centre, Nairobi, Kenya and Part-time Professor, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

For the workshop description, click [here](#).

The Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient (CARPO) is workshop partner.

GLMM also organised a **Webinar** on Emerging Trends in Sub-Saharan African Migration to the GCC – for more information, click [here](#).

#### **Data**

Since more than a decade GLMM gathers, analyses, and republishes official data related to labour and migration from multiple sources of all 6 GCC states. The database contains more than 1,100 tables. Every week new data is added to the database.

#### **Recently Published Data**

- [Kuwait: Population by nationality \(Kuwaiti/ non-Kuwaiti\) \(1990-Dec.2024\)](#)
- [Bahrain: Population estimates by nationality \(Bahraini/Non-Bahraini\) and sex \(1991-Dec. 2024\)](#)
- [Bahrain: Population estimates by nationality \(Bahraini/Non-Bahraini\) \(1991-Dec. 2024\)](#)
- [UAE: Total population residing in the UAE, by sex \(2000-2024\)](#)



- [UAE: Total population residing in the UAE and demographic growth rates \(2000-2024\)](#)
- [UAE: Percentage distribution of total employed population \(aged 15 and above\) by sex and major occupation category \(2023\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Employees in the health sector by nationality \(Saudi/ non-Saudi\), sex, profession and sector of employment \(2024\)](#)
- [Saudi Arabia: Number of allied health professionals by nationality \(Saudi/ non-Saudi\) and sector of employment \(2017-2024\)](#)
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### **GCC Regional Tables**

GLMM constructs unique GCC regional tables based exclusively on the official country data [here](#).

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## Environmental Security and Sustainability Program

**3 March 2026**

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program director at the Gulf Research Center participated in the monthly telecall of UNEP Major Groups. The call focused upon UNEA 7 evaluation and the major groups plan for the intersessional period during 2026.

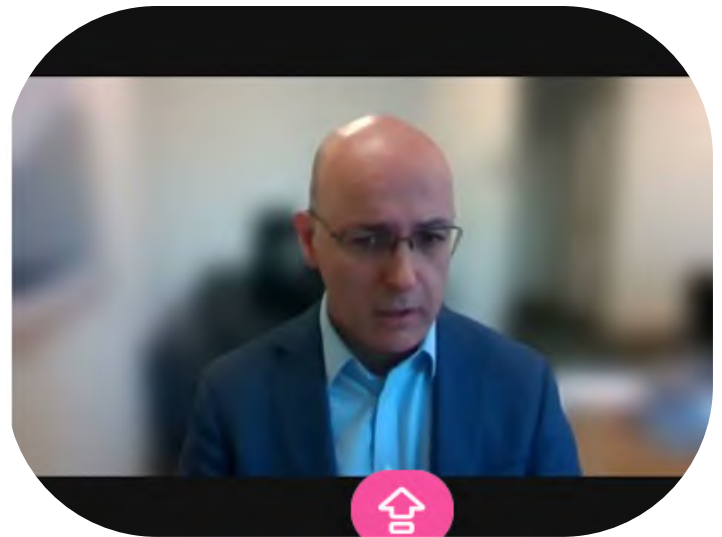
**24 March 2026**

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program director at the Gulf Research Center participated in observers dialogue session with the plastic INC new chair to exchange ideas and preparations for the next round of negotiations for a global plastic treaty.

**11 March 2026**



Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program director at the Gulf Research Center was a guest speaker at a webinar titled "Why the UN Is Talking About Karst (And Why Cavers Should Care)." Sharing Insights from the United Nations Environment Assembly UNEA-7. The webinar was organized by the German Speleological Federation.





## Cultural & Media Program



مختبر الحوار بمركز الخليج للأبحاث  
Gulf Research Center Dialogue Lab



GRC PODCAST  
بودكاست مركز الخليج للأبحاث

March 3, 2026



The Cultural Program at the Gulf Research Center held a seminar titled "The Arab World in the Twenty-First Century: Challenges of Renaissance and the Absence of a Unifying Project" as part of the Arab Dialogue Lab series, in collaboration with the Arab Thought Forum. Read the full report [here](#) and watch the full episode [here](#).

March 8, 2026



The Cultural and Media Program at the Gulf Research Center held a seminar titled "Folk Cultural Heritage in Ramadan" as part of the "Islamic Dialogue Lab" series,

in partnership with the Cultural Affairs Department of the Assistant Secretary-General at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. Read the full report [here](#) and watch the full episode [here](#).

### GRC Podcast Activities

March 2, 2026



The Gulf Research Center Podcast hosted Mr. Ihsan Tayeb in an episode of the program "Tafaseel" titled "The Memory of Social Work and Its Skills." Watch the episode [here](#).



**March 31, 2026**



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, met with HE Mr. Thomas Schneider, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Yemen at the GRC's office in Riyadh on March 31, 2026. During the meeting, both sides discussed areas of mutual interest and current regional developments.

**March 31, 2026**



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, met with H.E. Mr. Jean-Philippe Linteau, Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and H.E. Ms. Stefanie McCollum, Director General, Middle East at Global Affairs Canada, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on March 31, 2026. During the meeting, both sides discussed areas of mutual interest and the latest regional developments.

**March 31, 2026**



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder & Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), has signed to the "Hormuz Initiative to Protect Global Food Security", a timely effort led by the International Crisis Group to safeguard the flow of food & fertilisers through the Strait of Hormuz, ensuring uninterrupted transit is essential for global stability Read more [here](#).

**March 30, 2026**



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, met with H.E. Mr. Ahmed Farooq, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the GRC's headquarters in Riyadh on March 30, 2026. The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest and current regional developments.

**March 30, 2026**



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, met with H.E. Mr. Yasunari Morino, Ambassador



of Japan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the GRC's office in Riyadh on March 30, 2026. During the meeting, both sides discussed areas of mutual interest and the current regional developments.

## March 26, 2026

**Dr. Christian Koch**, Executive Manager of the Gulf Research Center Foundation, Brussels and Director of Research at the Gulf Research Center, participated in a closed-door event organized by the Euro-Gulf Information Center (EGIC). The discussion, titled "The Iran War: Europe-Gulf StratEGIC Briefing", brought together experts, diplomats and policy-makers from the EU, NATO and the GCC to examine the evolving dynamics of the war and its broader strategic repercussions, with a particular focus on the Euro-Gulf space. The event addressed key security, economic and geopolitical aspects, including the implications for regional stability and Europe-Gulf cooperation.

## March 20, 2026

Dr. Christian Koch, Executive Manager of the Gulf Research Center Foundation, Brussels and Director of Research at the Gulf Research Center sat down with Olga Kirillova of Telegraf Ukraine on March 20, 2026, and discussed some of the potential scenarios that could emerge from the Iran/U.S.-Israel war.

## March 9, 2026



Dr. Christian Koch, Executive Manager of the Gulf Research Center Foundation, Brussels and Director of Research at the Gulf Research Center spoke in an online panel organized by the European Policy Center on March 9, 2026, entitled "Middle East on the brink – the consequences of the US-Israel war with Iran."

The discussion examined the implications of the war for the future security architecture of the region and assessed how the confrontation is reshaping the positions of regional actors. Dr. Koch focused his remarks on the policies and reactions from the GCC states in the ongoing conflict.

## March 4, 2026

On March 4, 2026, Dr. Christian Koch participated in the MENA Days Plenary Session titled "The Eu in the Gulf: One Year On", along with EU Special Representative to the Gulf Luigi Di Maio and Head of Delegation for the UAE Lucie Berger. Together they spoke about what the latest escalation in the region signifies for the broader context of EU-Gulf relations, and explored potential opportunities and challenges to look out for in the coming year.

## March 3, 2026



Dr. Christian Koch, Executive Manager of the Gulf Research Center Foundation, Brussels and Director of Research at the Gulf Research Center spoke in two panel sessions at the 2026 edition of the Ideas Lab of the Center for European Policy Studies

The CEPs Lab is one of the most influential annual events on European policies, bringing together EU policymakers, experts and industry leaders for discussions on Europe's key policy challenges. Dr. Koch spoke in the plenary entitled "A 'new' war in the Middle East – what next for transatlantic relations?" on March 2 discussing how the US-Israeli War on Iran is impacting the Gulf region. He also spoke in the panel session on March 3 on "The EU in Gaza: Partner or Bystander" outlining the GCC position on the Gaza conflict and prospects for a two-state solution. The video of the plenary session can be accessed [here](#).



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On 1 March 2026, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, participated on Al Hadath TV as part of the special coverage on the war with Iran.



On 1 March 2026, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, participated on Al Arabiya TV as part of the special coverage on the war with Iran.



On 5 March 2026, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, participated in the program "Qasara Al Qawl" on RT Arabic, in an episode titled "Trump's War on Both Shores of the Gulf."



On 23 March 2026, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, participated on BBC Arabic as part of the special coverage on the latest developments and impacts of the ongoing war in the Middle East.



On 16 March 2026, Dr. John Sfakianakis, Chief Economist at the Gulf Research Center, participated on Al Arabiya English, discussing the impact of the war on the globalized economy.



On 25 March 2026, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Founder and Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, participated on CNN in "CNN Newsroom" with Becky Anderson, discussing developments in the ongoing conflict between the United States, Israel, and Iran.



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