



Symposium, March 27, 2024

Organized between the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) and the Gulf Research Center (GRC)



The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Gulf Research Center (GRC) organized a symposium on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, entitled 'Ramadan is a Unifying Ritual Among Islamic Peoples' at the OIC's headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, senior diplomats, intellectuals, and members of the media attended the symposium.



General Secretariat and the Gulf Research Center, and that it would be followed by many qualitative programs and events on other agreed-upon topics. Dr. Zaid Alfadeil moderated the panel session of the symposium.

Following the event, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Gulf Research Center



The symposium began with a welcoming speech by His Excellency the Secretary-General of the OIC followed by the Chairman of the GRC, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager. In his speech, Dr. Sager stressed the great importance of the OIC as the second largest international organization after the United Nations and the unifying voice of the Islamic world. He expressed his aspiration that this symposium would be the start of cooperation between the organization's



as a cultural and knowledge partner. The memorandum was signed by the General Secretariat, H.E. Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian, Cultural and Social Affairs Ambassador Tariq Ali Bakheet, and the Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager in the presence of H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, Secretary General of the OIC. More details can be found [here](#).

◆ GRC Events & Activities

- Symposium organized between the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) & the Gulf Research Center (GRC)
- GRC Webinar: The Crisis in Gaza and the Challenge of Regional Order in the Middle East
- Tafahum wa Tabadul Workshop
- Inaugural Gulf Studies Symposium (GSS)
- Gulf In-Depth Executive Learning Program
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Summary and Key Outcomes

The Crisis in Gaza and the Challenge of Regional Order in the Middle East
Organized by the Gulf Research Center (GRC)

March 13, 2024
1:00-3:00 PM KSA
Zoom

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IEMed - European Institute of the Mediterranean

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The Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA)

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Senior Associate Fellow
President of the Brussels International Center Egmont

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The Gulf Research Center (GRC) held a webinar on March 13, 2024, entitled 'The Crisis in Gaza and the Challenge of Regional Order in the Middle East.' The event examined what steps Europe and the GCC states can take to both de-escalate the current crisis as well as pave the way for a medium- to long-term political solution. H.E. Ambassador Jorge Hevia, Spanish Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, provided initial welcoming remarks. The speakers of the session included H.E. Dr. Abdel Aziz Hamad Aluwaisheq, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Negotiations of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf; Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center; Ambassador Senén Florensa, Executive President of the IEMed - European Institute of the Mediterranean; Dr. Pol Morillas, Director of the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB); Dr. Maria Luisa Fantappiè, Head of the Mediterranean, Middle East and Africa Programme at the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI); Cian FitzGerald, Researcher at the Institute of International and European Affairs; and Professor Saleh Al-Khathlan, Senior Advisor of the Gulf Research Center. Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research at the GRC, moderated the session.

Despite no international consensus on the actions needed for an immediate ceasefire, speakers argued that there is an urgent need to alleviate the humanitarian crisis and ensure compliance with international humanitarian law. In this domain, Europe's role in war-ending diplomatic efforts was seen as essential, also in terms of restoring some of Europe's relevance as a geopolitical actor. During the webinar, several suggestions were made including pushing for a United Nations Security Council resolution recognizing Palestinian statehood, addressing Israeli settler violence in the West Bank with sanctions, and engaging other countries outside the West in the move towards Palestinian recognition. Emphasis was given to how Europe and the GCC can coordinate their efforts to create a broader strategic vision, for example, through an international peace conference. The speakers expressed cautious optimism that such collective efforts involving the GCC and EU could play a constructive role in moving current discussions forward.

From a GCC perspective, it was underlined that a ceasefire should be immediate and sustainable, and that the war cannot be allowed to continue under any pretext, given the extreme conditions the people in Gaza are living in. Key to



determining how Gaza should be governed in the future as well as Israeli-Palestinian negotiation, is that this must be decided by the Palestinians themselves and that the international community should support whatever decision is reached within the context of Palestinian national unity. For the GCC, the Palestinian Authority is seen as the legitimate representatives of the Palestinians.

In addition, the Arab Peace Initiative is seen as a platform to explore ways to revive the peace process. Challenges preventing progress being made in a possible political process include the position of Prime Minister Netanyahu's government which opposes the two-state solution, and paradoxically, the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and its associated rejectionist front. Taken together, this holds regional repercussions and has implications for the broader Middle East region. The attacks on international shipping and the efforts by the Houthi militias have already disrupted the peace process in Yemen, for example.

Another challenge highlighted was the different positions on the crisis of individual EU member states. It was noted that after seven months of conflict, the direct effects of it on Europe have become visible, illustrated by the growing social polarization within European society. Overall, one of the significant shortcomings highlighted on the European side was that instead of addressing the overall conflict, Europe has been focusing on different side effects of the conflict, such as the security of the Red Sea and the tension and political spillover in Lebanon. It was argued that it would be better if Europe would take a broader strategic approach to ending the conflict.

Overall, the session put forward several suggestions for policy considerations:

1. The crisis in Gaza is an opportunity for Europe to restore some of its geopolitical relevance by focusing on ending the war in Gaza and promoting stability in the region.
2. The idea of an International Peace Conference can be advanced with European countries such as Spain advancing this concept.
3. The European Union should work with the GCC states to build alliances in the region that advocate support for a two-state solution as the only viable political solution.
4. International support for a legitimate Palestinian Authority in Gaza is required as the PA cannot be discredited further. This includes involvement of the EU in the political process of building the Palestinian state.
5. Putting pressure on the US to stop vetoing UN Security Council resolutions, realigning the role of the P5 to help reach a political solution, and using all levers within the UN multilateral system should be considered.
6. Research centers from the EU and the GCC should come together and produce a joint publication(s) on the strategic view of the situation that can then be presented to officials on both sides.

TAFAHUM wa TABADUL Project

Workshop Urban Spaces in Flux:

The Concept of Healthy and Sustainable Cities in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula

March 5 - 6, 2024



تفاهم وتبادل
TAFAHUM WA TABADUL



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in Partnership with the Orient



This workshop was the first of two workshops dedicated to the concept of healthy urbanism with the idea to jointly develop an ‘understanding’ (tafahum) of sustainable cities in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula (WAAP). By the end of the century, about 600 million people, or half the population of the MENA region, are said to be exposed to recurrent super- and ultra-extreme heatwaves. It is estimated that over 90% will live in urban areas and have to cope with socially disruptive weather conditions (Zittis et al. 2021). Additionally, as certain groups are more vulnerable to such environmental stresses or have fewer resources, environmental justice is compromised.

In order to promote a multi-layered and interdisciplinary perspective on “healthy cities,” different perspectives have been taken into account. These include urban infrastructure, climate change mitigation and adaptation, cities as spaces for cultural and identical belonging, and perspectives on sustainable architecture, mobility, and well-being. Against this backdrop, the workshop addressed the following key questions:

- What does sustainability mean for urban development in the WAAP region?
- To what extent are health determinants incorporated into regional urban design and planning? In what way are health and well-being combined with the sustainability of

environmental systems?

- What scope for action is there in the WAAP to promote the topic of healthy urbanism?
- What strategies for UCCR or climate action plans in a broader sense are being pursued by the region’s major cities?

Based on those questions, the workshop participants discussed multi-dimensional and interdisciplinary aspects of sustainable urbanism in order to identify potential fields of joint action and avenues for transregional cooperation. The workshop convened distinguished stakeholders from academia, economy, architecture, urban planning, and arts and culture as well as medical experts and representatives from NGOs from the WAAP region.

The Tafahum wa Tabadul project seeks to enhance sustainable regional cooperation in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula (WAAP). This includes the 6 GCC countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates), Yemen, Iraq, and Iran. Tafahum wa Tabadul is implemented by CARPO – Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient and the Gulf Research Center Foundation (GRCF). The project started in October 2018 and is currently funded by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Switzerland.

Inaugural Gulf Studies Symposium (GSS)

In partnership with the
Gulf International Forum (GIF) & Georgetown University's
Center for Contemporary Arab Studies
March 4-5, 2024



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March 2024



The Gulf International Forum, in partnership with the Gulf Research Center (GRC), and Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, organized the inaugural 'Gulf Studies Symposium (GSS)'; which took place from March 4-5, 2024, at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. The GSS was inspired by the Gulf Research Meeting (GRM), organized by the Gulf Research Center in Cambridge since 2010.

Dr. Ahmed Sager, Vice-President of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), spoke at the Opening Ceremony and panel session which took place at Georgetown University's Gaston Hall.

The GSS 2024 consisted of seven workshop themes focused on Geopolitics; US-Gulf Policy; Defense and Security; Foreign Policies of the Gulf States; Energy Policy; Economy, Governance and Reform; Society and Culture. Find out more details [here](#).





Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

The Gulf Research Center (GRC) is pleased to announce the launch of the 3rd edition of the Gulf In-Depth, a week-long intensive executive learning program focused on the strategic aspects of the Arab Gulf.

What is the 'Gulf In-Depth' Program?

- An innovative and in-depth executive learning program focusing on the key strategic aspects of the Arab Gulf region and its linkages to the international community.
- An opportunity to gain unprecedented knowledge and insight into the workings of the Arab Gulf region from knowledgeable practitioners and insiders.
- A program bringing together leaders from government, business, academia, and the independent sector for a week-long session of highly focused presentations and intense debate.
- An initial building block in the establishment of a life-long network of experts.
- Held in Riyadh, the capital of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the program incorporates an understanding of the region's development, including the rapid economic, social, and cultural progress experienced throughout the Gulf. This encompasses various aspects such as urbanization, infrastructure growth, economic diversification, technological advancements, and increased global interactions.

Date: The program will run from October 6 to 10, 2024.

Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

The Gulf In-Depth is designed for diplomats, business leaders, academics, government officials, and media professionals who are interested in gaining a comprehensive understanding of the political, economic, and social dynamics of the Gulf region.

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Fee: 3,200 USD/12,000 SAR.

To apply for the program, a completed online application form must be submitted to the Gulf Research Center. The deadline for registration is three months before the program date.

To register for the program, [click here.](#)

For more information and details, [click here.](#)



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Gulf Research Meeting

Opening Ceremony Announcement

The Gulf Research Center (GRC) is pleased to announce the Opening Ceremony of the Gulf Research Meeting (GRM) 2024, scheduled to take place on July 9, 2024.

Opening Ceremony Details:

Date: July 9, 2024, at 16:00 BST

Location: Cambridge, United Kingdom

The Keynote speakers for the GRM 2024 Opening Ceremony are:

- **H.H. Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- **H.E. Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi**, Secretary-General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf
- **The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC**, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth
- **H.E. Lolwah Rashid Al-Khater**, Minister of State for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar

This will be followed by a panel session. Speakers include:

- Ms. Manal Radwan, Senior Advisor to the Foreign Minister, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- H.E. Ambassador Nancy Jamal, The Chief of Strategic Affairs, Director of Human Resources, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain

Gulf Research Meeting 2024
at the University of Cambridge

Workshops
July 9-11, 2024

- 1 Towards a Global Coalition: Gulf countries, BRICS+, and the Future of the Global Order
- 2 The GCC between the Kurdistan Region and Iraq
- 3 Securing the Future: The GCC States' Endeavors in Defense Industry, Warfare Technologies and Policy
- 4 The Structural Economic Challenges that GCC Economies Face to Move Toward Economic Diversification and Sustainability
- 5 Blue Gulf: New Models and Systems for Regenerative Environments and Communities in Changing Climates and Rising Seas
- 6 The Gulf Family: Transition, Tradition, and Tenacity
- 7 Gulf States' Engagement with Sport: Domestic and Global Drivers
- 8 Navigating the Future of Artificial Intelligence in the GCC Region: Opportunities and Challenges
- 9 Conflict Resolution Initiatives in the Gulf and Beyond: Strategies of Engagement and Prospects of Success
- 10 Migration to the Gulf: Possible Scenarios for the Future A View from the GCC and from Countries of Origin
- 11 GCC Energy Transition in the Era of Energy Security
- 12 Silk Road or Spice Route? The Gulf's Rising Connectivity with Asia, Africa, and Europe
- 13 The Politics and Policy of Climate Change in the Gulf

For more information visit:
www.gulfresearchmeeting.net/workshops

For more details on the Gulf Research Meeting, please visit the website [here](http://www.gulfresearchmeeting.net).

GRM 2024 WORKSHOPS

This year's GRM workshops cover a wide range of topics in the fields of politics, economics, energy, security and the wider social sciences as they relate to the wider Gulf region (GCC countries in addition to Iraq and Yemen).

Access each workshop and read its full [description here](#).

GRC Partnerships

Memorandum of Understanding with the Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI)



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March 2024



مركز الخليج للأبحاث
المعرفة للجميع
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CARI

CONSEJO ARGENTINO PARA LAS
RELACIONES INTERNACIONALES

The Gulf Research Center (GRC) and the Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI) have recently signed an MOU with the aim of deepening the understanding of

relations between Latin America and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states. This collaboration seeks to enhance academic knowledge and provide practical insights

GRC Programs

Cultural & Media Program

GRC Podcast Activities

March 21, 2024



Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Cultural and Media program interviewed Shaima Wahil on 'The Existential Identity Question: Who Am I?' Watch the full episode [here](#).

Gulf Dialogue Lab



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الموافق 8 رمضان
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النقاش يرجى مسح
QR رمز



<https://gd.grc.net>

The GRC's Cultural & Media program organized an online panel discussion that focused on healing from harmful relationships. Dr. Basma Al-Siyoufi, moderated the session with Samira Al-Ghamdi as the main speaker.



Gulf Dialogue Lab

Publication:

The GRC's Cultural & Media program issued a book on the 'Gulf's Cultural Dialogue Laboratory.' The book is a result of the opinions, recommendations, and ideas that were

discussed through a series of seminars in the Gulf Dialogue Lab, which discussed the nature of the cultural scene and its movements in all the countries of the GCC. Access the full publication [here](#).



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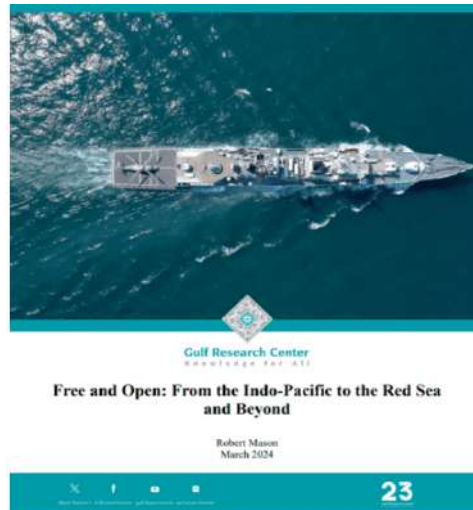
The Gulf Research Center produces various publications through its research programs, projects, and Gulf Research Meetings. The GRC's publications can be accessed on its website via [this link](#), and the commentary and analysis can be found [here](#).

Commentary & Analyses



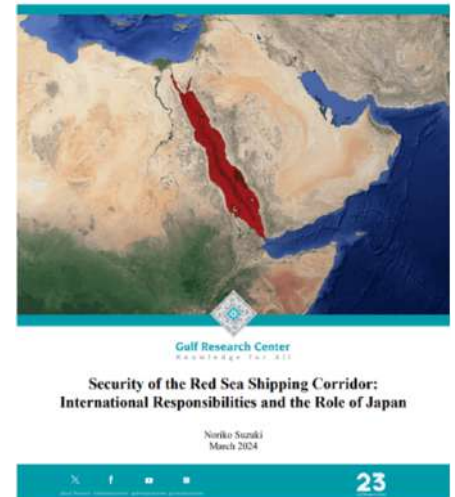
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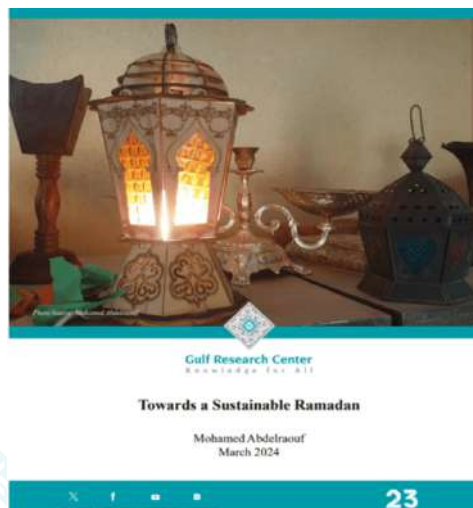
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Araa Magazine



#195 (March 2024)

Security of the Red Sea and the Horn of Africa: international and regional responsibility



In March 2024, the GRC participated in numerous international events, both online and in-person, tackling issues pertaining to developments in the Gulf region and its broader neighborhood. The GRC emphasizes participating in such events, as it allows for the inclusion of a regional perspective in the debate. The following is an overview of the critical events in which the GRC participated this month.

March 28, 2024



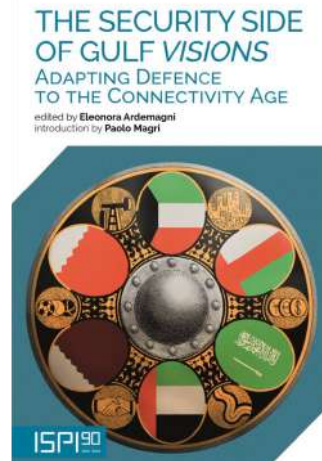
Prof. Saleh Al-Khathlan participated in the forum organized by the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in Riyadh as it launched its vision for regional security held at the headquarters of the GCC in Riyadh in the presence of the Secretary-General of the Council, members of the diplomatic corps in the Kingdom, and representatives of regional and international organizations and research centers.

March 27, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated as a speaker in a webinar organized by Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) on the issue of 'Gulf in the Horn: Rivalries, Interests, Projections.' Dr. Sager discussed the Gulf position in the Horn of Africa, and given its proximity to the Red Sea, taking into consideration its maritime, commercial, and security value for the Gulf countries.

March 26, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), contributed a chapter on the perspective of the impact of the Gulf Visions on foreign and defence policy to the report published by Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) entitled The Security Side of Gulf Visions. Dr. Sager's chapter examines 'The Regional and World Vision Behind Saudi Transformation.'

Access the full publication [here](#).

March 26, 2024



Layla Ali, Researcher and Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research, held a discussion with the Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI). They discussed the cooperation between the two institutions, focusing on joint activities and research.

March 25, 2024



The Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, received His Excellency Ramūnas Davidonis, Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Jeddah. During the meeting, several topics related to the Gulf and Lithuania as well as GCC-Baltic relations were discussed.



March 18-20, 2024



Layla Ali, Researcher at the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the NEXT Milan Forum 2024 entitled “Empowering Future Leaders” organized by the Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI). She participated as a speaker in a masterclass session entitled “Think Tank and Policymaking: Access and Impact,” in which she discussed the challenges impacting policymaking and the role of think tanks in the context of the Gulf region.

March 14, 2024

Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research, met with Adeline Bouche, Delegate to the Working Party on the Middle East/ Gulf from the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the European Union. They discussed issues within the context of EU-GCC relations.

March 11, 2024

Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research, participated in an online discussion entitled “Transformation Trends: Less democratic, less successful” in conjunction with the release of the 2024 Bertelsmann Transformation Index (BTI). The BTI is a global report on democracy, the economy and governance in 137 developing and transforming countries to shed light on the state of democracy, market economy and governance. The 2024 report covers the years 2021 to 2023.

March 11, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), received at the GRC’s office in Jeddah the Consul General of the People’s Republic of China in Jeddah, Mr. Wang Zhimin. During the meeting, Gulf-Chinese relations and a number of topics of common interest were discussed.

March 7, 2024



Layla Ali, Researcher and Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research, held a discussion with the Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia think tank. They discussed the cooperation between the two institutions focusing on joint activities and research.

March 6, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), hosted a dinner in Riyadh in honor of H.E. The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, who was accompanied by her delegation and the Canadian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia H.E. Ambassador Jean-Philippe Linteau, as well as some of the Saudi dignitaries, including the Saudi Ambassador to Canada H.E. Ambassador Amal Al-Muallami.



March 5, 2024



NEAR EAST SOUTH ASIA
Center for Strategic Studies

Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated as a virtual speaker in a seminar organized by the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESACSS) and the National Defense University (NDU) in Washington D.C., USA. The title of the session was “Dynamics of the Middle East” and it examined the role of regional powers amidst the ongoing crisis, in addition to global power competition and cooperation.

March 3, 2024



Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program spoke in the closing session of the UN Science-Policy-Business Forum convened during the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6). Dr. Raouf reflected on the importance of effective engagement of the Major Groups at all levels of decision making as well as the need for new economic, environmentally adjusted indicators to measure our progress in achieving sustainable development goals at all levels.

March 1, 2024



Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program participated in the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) from 26 February to 1 March 2024 at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. Dr. Raouf co-organized and spoke in numerous sessions during the week including the Major Groups daily morning debriefs, and the Major Groups press conference. Dr. Raouf also met with the President of the United Nations General Assembly, H.E Dennis Francis and with the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) H.E. Paula Narváez.



GRC media participation can be accessed at the [following link](#), which leads to the GRC official YouTube channel.



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in an episode of "Here in Riyadh" on Alekhbariya discussing the launch of the GCC's Regional Security framework. Watch the full episode [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in a podcast program entitled 'Politics Time with Tariq Al-Homayed.' The episode addressed several topics, including:

- Blinken's visit to the Middle East in an attempt to secure a ceasefire in Gaza
- US-Saudi relations
- Houthi attacks and the security of the Red Sea
- Relations between Russia and the West following the re-election of Putin and its impact on the war in Ukraine

Watch the full episode [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in the Al-Arabiya news program discussing U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's visit to the Middle East in search of ways to secure a ceasefire in Gaza. Watch the full episode [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in the Al Sharq TV (Bloomberg) program and discussed U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's visit to the Middle East and ways to end the conflict in Gaza. Watch the full episode [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in the Al-Arabiya news program, discussing U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's visit to Saudi Arabia and Egypt to discuss de-escalation, efforts in Gaza. Watch the full episode [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in the Alekhbariya news program and discussed the situation in Palestine. Watch the full episode [here](#).



Dr. Abderrezzaq Gharraf, Senior Researcher at the GRC, participated in the Elwatania TV news program and discussed US Vice President Kamala Harris' most recent speech about the war in Gaza. Watch the full episode [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in the MBC program with TV presenter Tariq Al-Homayed and discussed the most important political developments and events in the region. Watch the full episode [here](#).



Dr. Abderrezzaq Gharraf, Senior Researcher at the GRC, participated on Channel 3 News and discussed the Algerian Summit. Access the full episode [here](#).



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