



GCC-ASEAN Workshop Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia October 18, 2023



Before the GCC-ASEAN Summit, the Gulf Research Center (GRC) organized a workshop entitled 'Relations between the Gulf Cooperation Council countries and ASEAN countries' in Riyadh on October 18, 2023. This workshop was part of the GCC-ASEAN research program of the GRC. Participants included the Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council, the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Saudi Ministry of Economy and Planning, the Federation of Gulf Chambers, the Federation of Saudi Chambers, and several ambassadors of the GCC countries and member states of ASEAN, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This workshop's objective was to exchange views on issues of common interest and ways to enhance cooperation between the GCC and ASEAN countries.

In his remarks, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, stressed the development of relations between the GCC and ASEAN in the economic, commercial, and political fields, which have culminated in the first-ever summit held between the two sides. For its part, the GRC is building partnerships with research centers in ASEAN countries to strengthen relations between both sides.

H.E. Ambassador Dr. Abdulrahman Al Rassi, Undersecretary for Multilateral International

Affairs at the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, highlighted that the GCC-ASEAN Summit comes at a critical time, given the changes occurring at the international level. It is imperative to benefit from the capabilities that both sides enjoy to enhance security and stability and confront challenges and risks. Dr. Al Rassi underlined that the GCC-ASEAN summit represents an opportunity to conduct further consultations, explore new opportunities for cooperation, develop a framework agreement for economic and investment cooperation, enhance political and security dialogue, and advance the partnership between the two groups to new areas.

Dr. Abdulaziz Aluwaisheg, GCC Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs & Negotiation, stated that the overall objective was to elevate relations to a strategic partnership to enhance security and stability in the two regions. Dr. Aluwaisheg also emphasized that there are international and regional issues on which consensus can be reached through dialogue and continuous consultations in a way that serves the interests of both groups and makes them effective partners in international affairs, away from polarization and alignment.

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GCC-ASEAN Workshop

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Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) at the GCC-ASEAN Workshop organized by the Gulf Research Center in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

H.E. Al-Baraa Al-Iskandarani, Undersecretary of the Saudi Ministry of Economy and Planning for Economic and International Affairs, pointed out that there are numerous areas in which ASEAN countries can contribute to GCC development, including fields such as tourism, entertainment, culture, and sports, in addition to more traditional fields such as manufacturing, transportation, and mining. Both the economies of the GCC and ASEAN countries are strong and achieving high growth rates, according to the Undersecretary.



Mr. Mohd Shuhada Othman, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Malaysia, speaking at the GCC-ASEAN Workshop

Mohd Shuhada Othman, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Malaysia to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, mentioned how the inclusion of the GCC countries in the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) is crucial to strengthening relations between the two groups and taking them to broader fields.



Walid Al-Arinan, Acting Secretary General of the Federation of Saudi Chambers, stressed that there is a need to enhance the role of the private sector in developing relations between the countries of the two groups, and this requires more capabilities, including bilateral and collective framework agreements that facilitate investments and joint projects.

In addition to a series of webinars starting in November 2023, the Gulf Research Center also prepared a GCC-ASEAN Cooperation report ahead of the GCC-ASEAN summit. The full report can be accessed [here](#).



Young Perspectives on Joint Cooperation:

Enhancing the Saudi-German Academic Exchange

Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

October 5-7, 2023



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The Gulf Research Center (GRC), in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, organized the program on 'Young Perspectives on Joint Cooperation: Enhancing the Saudi-German Academic Exchange' at the GRC's office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from October 5 to 7, 2023.

The program is aimed to increase academic exchange between researchers from Germany, on the one hand, and Saudi Arabia, on the other, by building and sustaining networks between individuals and institutions in both regions. Ten young

researchers participated in the program, divided into separate two-person teams to work on specific issues and write a comprehensive policy brief on issues impacting Saudi-German ties. The workshop allowed for an initial exchange of views on such topics as Saudi Arabia and Germany in an era of energy transition, the strategic outlook of Saudi Arabia and Germany in a multipolar world, and Germany and Saudi Arabia in a period of social transition. Following the initial program, researchers will continue to work on their policy papers that are due by the end of the year.

K n o w l e d g e f o r A



The Gulf Research Center organized a webinar on GCC-Baltic relations on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. This webinar was an extension of the GCC-NB8 research project launched by the GRC, which aims to increase the cooperation and understanding of the Gulf's relations with the Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8).

An overview of the GCC-NB8 can be found [here](#).

Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center; Sheikha Najla Al Qassimi, Director of Global Affairs of B'huth (Dubai Public Policy Research Centre); Dr. Konstantinas Andrijauskas, Associate Professor of the Institute of International Relations and Political Science at Vilnius University, Lithuania; Peeter Raudsik, Arab-Baltic Relations Observer in Estonia; and Sintija Broka, Head of the Middle East Research Program at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs each provided their input. Amnah Mosly, researcher at the Gulf Research Center, moderated the session.

From the Gulf perspective, de-escalation, both in the region and abroad, is vital to all six GCC countries. The Gulf sees an opportunity to collaborate with the Baltic states regarding cybersecurity, maritime security, de-escalation, investment and trade. One potential collaboration could be the expansion of NATO into NATO+ to include the GCC region.

From a Lithuanian perspective, food security was listed as another potential area of collaboration, especially following the Ukraine crisis. In Latvia, relations with the Gulf and wider Middle East region continue to increase yearly. Energy security is also seen as a crucial aspect of GCC-Baltic relations. From an Estonian perspective, maritime, energy, and cyber security are three aspects of potential cooperation between the GCC and the Baltic states.



Repercussions of the Crisis in Palestine-Israel:

An Initial Assessment

GRC Webinar

October 11, 2023



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Panel Session:
Repercussions of the Crisis in Palestine-Israel: An Initial Assessment

Dr. Abdulaziz Sager
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Dr. Mustafa Alani
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Gulf Research Center

Dr. Christian Koch
Director of Research
Gulf Research Center

Dr. John Sfakianakis
Director of Economic Research
& Chief Economist
Gulf Research Center

Professor Saleh Alkhatlan
Senior Advisor
Gulf Research Center

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 02:00 – 03:30 PM KSA 01:00 – 02:30 PM CET www.grc.net zoom

The Gulf Research Center organized a webinar on 'Repercussions of the Crisis in Palestine-Israel: An Initial Assessment' on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, to analyze the political, security, and economic implications of the crisis between Israel and Palestine following the devastating attacks of October 7, 2023. Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC; Dr. Mustafa Alani, Director of the Security and Defense Research Program; Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research; Dr. John Sfakianakis, Director of Economic Research and Chief Economist, and Professor Saleh Alkhatlan, Senior Advisor of the GRC each provided their input.

The webinar addressed how the conflict affects the region and abroad and analyzed its main political, security and economic impacts. It also focused on the role the international community can play in ending the conflict. It was mentioned that as far as Saudi Arabia and the GCC are concerned, the Kingdom and the region would like to see more concrete actions from the international community to push forward a ceasefire and move the Palestinian issue towards a political solution. Dr. Sager outlined how the Gulf states, Saudi Arabia in particular, remain firm in their stance in condemning the killing of innocent civilians and how the Gulf countries are trying to pave the way forward to a two-state solution in the long term. This includes pushing for the Arab Peace Initiative in order to provide the Palestinian people with their own functional, viable state that has its own sovereign territory and border.

In terms of the security and military intelligence assessment, Dr. Alani argued that the attack on October 7th demonstrated the capability of Hamas to undermine the Israeli security infrastructure

and intelligence. Overall, he stated that the attack has created a new reality of the ability of the Palestinian resistance, as well as highlighting the weaknesses and defects in the Israeli intelligence system. He also focused on the potential involvement of Iran in the crisis and the possibility of this increasing and escalating the tension in the broader Middle East region, posing a direct security threat for countries like the Kingdom.

In terms of the European and U.S. perspectives on the crisis, Dr. Koch mentioned that their immediate reaction towards the attack was one of announcing unequivocal support and solidarity with Israel and a strong condemnation of the action by Hamas. Yet, this response is also shortsighted. Instead, the U.S., together with Europe, must engage with all allies to defuse the situation and prevent any further escalation. This must be done in coordination with the Arab region, including the GCC states, and includes the focus on a medium- to long-term political solution to the Palestinian issue.

In terms of economic implications, Dr. Sfakianakis looked at the development in oil prices including the fact that oil prices increased by about 4% after seeing the most significant drop in oil prices (13%) over the last several months. If the intensity of the war continues and considering the likelihood of it even spreading in hostilities, Saudi Arabia could benefit as they are the only oil supplier with sizeable spare capacity. At the same time, the Kingdom will continue to look to maintain stability in the oil markets over the longer term, he suggested.



REGIONAL CLIMATE WEEKS

MENA CLIMATE WEEK

IsDB
Islamic Development Bank

IGES
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Gulf Research Center

RCREEE

Session 2

Moderator
Dr. Abdesslem Rabhi
Senior Programme Coordinator, RCREEE

SPECIAL FOCUS: HOW TO FOSTER JAPAN-MENA COLLABORATION FOR LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT?

12 October 2023
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
(Saudi Arabia Time)

Neom Room, The Boulevard Riyadh

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Executive Director, Regional Program, RCREEE

Join us Virtually

During the MENA climate week in Riyadh, the Gulf Research Center co-organized with the Islamic Development Bank, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, and the Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency a side event entitled ‘Special Focus: How to Foster Japan-MENA Collaboration for Low Carbon Development?’

To support the goal of the Paris Agreement, partnerships are one of the critical pathways countries, development agencies, businesses, research institutions, think tanks and other critical stakeholders require to halt the unprecedented rise in global temperatures. This essentially means building climate resilient systems as well as enshrining climate-friendly practices. International partnerships

are further essential for combating climate change, with some of the most impactful solutions delivered through south-south and triangular cooperation.

The session discussed the role of public and private sector actors in bridging the solutions and resources gap in GCC countries and the wider MENA region towards building economies that are climate-smart, robust, and resilient. The session also shared experiences of how to scale up efforts and coordination between countries in the MENA region to facilitate the exchange of proven climate solutions and resources. The Japan-GCC platform can therefore be seen as an example of cooperation to promote clean carbon technologies in the region.



Publications

Activities October 2023

The Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population (GLMM) programme is an international independent, non-partisan, non-profit programme promoted and hosted by the GRC. Access the GLMM website [here](#).

The following publications have been published recently:

- GLMM Policy Brief No. 5 - September 2023: "The UAE as a Center of Innovation: Towards Attracting Global Talent," by Magdalena Karolak, GLMM non-resident fellow
- GLMM Factsheet No. 8 - September 2023: "International Mobility of Tertiary-Level Students in Qatar," by Sharique Umar, Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University
- GLMM Policy Brief No. 6 - October 2023: "The Power of Micro-Level Data: Improving Precision in GCC Policy Design," by Georges Naufal, GLMM Non-resident Fellow

The following publications will be published shortly:

- GLMM Explanatory Note No. 1 - October 2023: "Numbers Increasing, Dependency Decreasing: The GCC Changing Labor Immigration Emphasis Following the Arab Spring," by Onn Winckler, Professor in the Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at the University of Haifa.
- GLMM Explanatory Note No. 2 - November 2023: "Aspirations and Strategies to Remain in Saudi Arabia: The Case of Middle-Class South Asians," by Areej Jamal, doctoral researcher at the University College London, Social Research Institute.
- GLMM Policy Brief No. 7 - November 2023: "Interregional Consultative Migration Dialogues in the Asia-Middle East Corridor: The Abu Dhabi Dialogue and its Relevance, Challenges, and Prospects for Migration-Development Nexus," by Froilan Malit, GLMM Associated Researcher.

The following papers are scheduled to be published in December:

- GLMM Explanatory Note No. 3 - December 2023: "Is Youth Unemployment the Real Labor Challenge to the GCC Countries?" by Wasseem Mina, Professor in the Department of Economics and Finance, College of Business and Economics, United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain.
- GLMM Explanatory Note No. 4 - December 2023: "Reforms without Rights: The GCC states' Blinkered View of Labour Reforms," by Rima Kalush and Vani Saraswathi, Migrant-Rights.Org.

Data

GLMM gathers, analyses, and republishes weekly national official statistical data concerning population, labour markets, and migration from dozens of websites of the GCC countries. All these data can be viewed, printed, and downloaded in MS Excel. Having done this for over a decade, GLMM's database contains data that are no longer publicly available online except from the [GLMM website](#).

Recently, data were added to the database:

Kuwait - Access the data [here](#)

Qatar - Access the data [here](#)

GLMM produces unique GCC regional tables. Access the tables [here](#).

GLMM Non-Resident Intern

Aashish Karn joined the Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population (GLMM) program as a non-resident intern. He is a postgraduate student in the sociology department of Lancaster University, currently pursuing a Master of Arts (MA) in Social Research degree on an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) grant. Aashish holds an undergraduate degree in International Politics from Georgetown University with a minor in Indian Ocean Studies and a certificate in Asian Studies. His academic interests are inclined towards exploring sociality among South Asian migrant populations living in the Arabian Gulf, where he is currently researching the transport of social hierarchies and the formation of social networks within the Nepali migrant diaspora of Qatar.

GLMM Webinar

GLMM will organize its second webinar on Monday, 27 November, at 2 pm CET entitled: "The Future of Labour Demand in the Gulf States: What Skills?" With five distinguished experts. Details and registration will be available starting November 2nd at the GLMM home page.

Further information on GLMM

Contact: info.glmm@grc.net

All GLMM's recent and past publications can be accessed [here](#).



Gulf Research Center Podcast

The GRC hosted one episode under the Cultural & Media program in October—access all the podcasts on the GRC Podcast YouTube channel [here](#).



Dr. Saud Kateb, the former Undersecretary of the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Public Diplomacy, was interviewed for the Araa program by the Director of the Cultural and Media Program at the Gulf Research Center, Dr. Zaid Al-Fadil on the issue of 'Public Diplomacy and Soft Power.' Click [here](#) to watch the full interview.

Gulf Dialogue Lab



October 31, 2023

The Gulf Dialogue Lab hosted a symposium entitled 'Cultural Development' by Dr. Sharaf Al-Mazal and with the participation of several professors. Dr. Al-Mazal is an Assistant Professor of History at the College of Arts, University of Bahrain. The topic of the symposium is entitled 'From Theses to Theories: The Position and Role of Gulf Thinkers Amidst Arab Thinkers.'



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 & Analysis



Saudi Green Initiatives and their Role in Achieving Environmental Goals in the Middle East
 Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf,
 Asuka Nagasawa
 October 2023



The US and Europe Must be More Balanced to Diffuse Middle Eastern Tensions
 Dr. Christian Koch and
 Amnah Mosly
 October 2023



Takeaways from the 2023 G20 Summit
 Amnah Mosly
 October 2023

Selected Arabic Articles & Research Papers



The Kingdom's Efforts to Calm the Situation and Restore Stability to Yemen
 Yousef Kamil Khattab
 October 2023



GCC-Denmark Relations
 Amnah Mosly
 October 2023



Flood: Analysis of the Attack by Palestinian Resistance Elements on Israeli Bases and Settlements
Yousef Kamil Khattab
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ASEAN +3
Prof. Saleh Al Khathlan
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Landing a Western Diplomat in Tel Aviv (Dimensions and Limits of Influence)
Dr. Abderrezzaq Gherraf
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A Week of War in the Gaza Strip, "Total Destruction without Clear Gains": Is this the Maximum Deterrent Power Israel Has?
Dr. Abderrezzaq Gherraf
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A Security Earthquake in Israel? "The Al-Aqsa Flood is an Unfathomable Shock." How did Israel's Defense System Crack, Along with the Myth of the Invincible Army?
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Araa Magazine
#190 (October 2023):
The Future of Industries in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries: Ambitions and Challenges



In October 2023, 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.

October 30, 2023



Prof. Dr. Saleh Al-Khathlan, Senior Advisor at the Gulf Research Center, participated in the tenth session of the Xiangshan Forum in Beijing, China, which is organized by the Chinese Association for Military Sciences (CAMS) and the China Center for International and Strategic Studies, with broad participation from ninety countries and in the presence of 22 defense ministers, academics and researchers.

October 26, 2023



The Vice President of the Gulf Research Center, Dr. Ahmed Sager, and the GRC team received the delegation from the People’s Republic of China headed by the Deputy Director General of the Research and Studies Office of the Department of Foreign Relations, Mr. Su Zuhe; the Vice President of the Theoretical Research Department of the Research Office, Mr. Wu Hang; the Attaché of the Theoretical Research Department of the Office of Research and Studies, Mr. Chen Ziu; and the Attaché of the Gulf Countries Department for the Administration of West Asia and North Africa, Ms. Su Zengrong. During the meeting, current regional developments were discussed.

October 20-21, 2023



Dr. Oskar Ziemelis, Director of the Gulf Research Center Foundation, and Amnah Mosly, researcher at the Gulf Research Center, participated in the Riga Conference 2023 held on October 20 in Riga, Latvia. The conference discussed security and foreign policy issues mainly from a transatlantic and European point of view.



October 19, 2023



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), received at the GRC's office in Riyadh, Mr. Mursal Saney, Executive Director of the Heritage Institute for Policy Studies in Somalia, and Dr. Afyare Elmi, Research Professor at the City University of Mogadishu and Senior Fellow at the Heritage Institute for Policy Studies. Both sides discussed Gulf-Sub-Saharan relations and opportunities for collaboration between both institutes.

October 17, 2023



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), received H.E. Mr. Premjith Sadasivan, Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore, to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the GRC's office in Riyadh. During the meeting, both sides discussed Saudi-Singapore relations and ways to develop them.

October 18, 2023



As part of the GRC project Tafahum wa Tabadul, a meeting was held with the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs to review progress and to plan the next activities. The meeting took place in Bern, Switzerland. The Gulf Research Center Foundation (GRCF) and CARPO (Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient) have cooperated in the Tafahum wa Tabadul project – Enhancing Multi-Track Dialogue and Cooperation in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula since 2018. The aim is to generate understanding (tafahum) among regional stakeholders and to foster cooperation (tabadul) on common interests in the region.

October 16-17, 2023

Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research, spoke at the Meeting of the Heads of Political Components Affairs of UN Peace Operations in the MENA Region on the issues of "Prospects for a regional security architecture in the Middle East/Gulf." The meeting took place in Vienna, Austria, under the title of "Navigating Turbulence: The Middle East and North Africa in a Complex Global Landscape."

October 15, 2023



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, received H.E. Amb. Mark Donovan, Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and H.E. Amb. Barney Reilly, Ambassador of New Zealand to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at the GRC's office in Riyadh. During this meeting, issues of common interest were discussed.



October 11, 2023

Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, visited the Abdulkarim Bakr Medical Center for dialysis, where he met the Board of Directors, Mr. Mohammad Abu Malha, and the CEO, Eng Mohieddin Hakami, and several association officials. During the meeting, the association’s most prominent activities and projects were reviewed, and aspects of cooperation and ways to benefit from the center were discussed.

October 10-11, 2023



Annah Mosly, researcher at the Gulf Research Center, participated in The Imagine Forum: Nordic Solidarity for Peace, held by The Icelandic Presidency for the Nordic Council of Ministers and the Höfði Reykjavík Peace Centre in Reykjavík, Iceland.

October 11, 2023

Dr. Christian Koch, the Director of Research, and Annah Mosly, a researcher at the GRC, held an online meeting with representatives from the Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI). They had a general discussion on Nordic-GCC relations and potential future collaboration between the Gulf Research Center and NUPI. One area of collaboration talked about was a GCC-Nordic webinar to discuss the status of relationships, areas of collaboration and cooperation, and the next steps in GCC-Nordic relations.

October 10-11, 2023

Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research, took part in the 2023 European Ideas Forum organized by the Wilfred Martens Center for European Studies held in Brussels, Belgium. The event featured discussions on the shifting geopolitical balances, Europe’s Place in a World of Disorder, Climate Security, Europe’s Economic Competitiveness, and the outlook on the war in Ukraine and relations with Russia.

October 6, 2023



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated as a speaker at the ‘NATO 2023 Balancing Priorities After the Vilnius Summit’ conference organized by the NATO Defence College Foundation. Dr. Abdulaziz Sager highlighted prospects for GCC-NATO relations and provided perspectives on the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative.

October 5, 2023



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in the 9th Board of Trustees meeting of the University of Business and Technology (UBT) held at the university.

October 4, 2023



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, gave a lecture entitled ‘New Regional Transformations and their Repercussions on the Gulf Region’ at the Center for Strategic and Defense Studies at the Ministry of Defense in the Sultanate of Oman in Muscat. The lecture addressed the existing, expected, and potential challenges of a strategic nature.

October 2-3, 2023

Dr. Christian Koch and Annah Mosly participated in the second conference on “Promoting Regional Security in the Gulf region” hosted by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs held in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting featured discussions on regional affairs about climate change and security, maritime security, economic diplomacy, and regional security architecture. The meeting brought together representatives from think tanks and research institutions engaged in project work related to the subject and donor countries.



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

Recent Media Participation



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in the Al-Sharq News program (Bloomberg) in an interview entitled 'Saudi Condemns Israel's Ground Operations in Gaza and Warns of Dangerous Repercussions.' Watch the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in the 'On the Borders' program on Al-Sharq TV (Bloomberg) in an interview entitled 'Israel and Neighboring Countries... the Costs of War and the Future of the Middle East.' Watch the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in an interview on the 'Economic Forum' on the Sultanate of Oman Radio in a session entitled 'International Alliances and their Economic Impact on the Region.' Access the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research, gave an interview to Swiss Public Radio on the position of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as a regional mediator. The interview can be found [here](#) (in German language).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in an interview on Al Arabiya news entitled 'Message of the Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council addressed to the President of the Security Council regarding the current crisis in Gaza.' Watch the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, contributed to the Council of Council's special issue on Global Perspectives on the Hamas Attacks on Israel. Click [here](#) to read the entire issue.



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in the Al-Arabiya news channel and discussed the Kingdom's push for a just solution to the Palestinian issue and how Israel must accept peace.



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated on the Al-Arabiya news channel and spoke about the "Saudi Ministerial Council continuing to stand by the Palestinian people to obtain their legitimate rights and that the Kingdom will make further efforts to stop the escalation in Gaza." Watch the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in the Al-Akbariyah news channel entitled 'Violence in Gaza... the Kingdom has warned and is keeping pace! Watch the full interview [here](#).



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