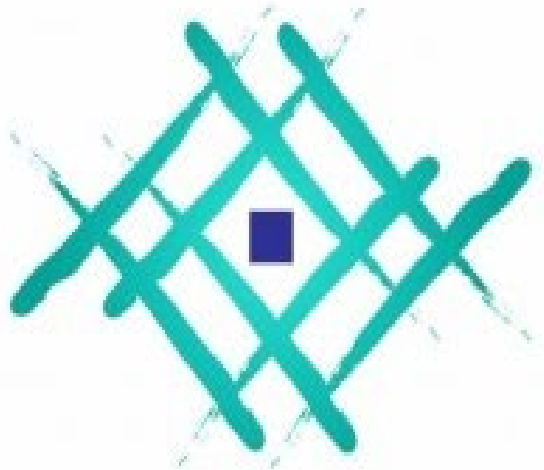


University Report on SDG 17



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Building Strategic Partnerships for Sustainable Development in Saudi Arabia: Qassim University's Role in SDG 17

Sustainable Development Goal 17 (SDG 17) underscores the importance of partnerships and collaborations in achieving the entire spectrum of sustainable development goals. This essay explores Saudi Arabia's efforts in promoting partnerships for sustainable development and highlights Qassim University's role in fostering strategic collaborations to enhance SDG implementation.

SDG 17 in Saudi Arabia:

Saudi Arabia recognizes that addressing complex global challenges requires collaborative efforts that extend beyond national borders. The country has taken significant steps towards advancing SDG 17:

- **International Development Assistance:** Saudi Arabia has contributed to international development assistance, supporting various countries in achieving their sustainable development goals. This reflects the nation's commitment to global partnerships and solidarity.
- **Bilateral and Multilateral Engagements:** The country engages actively in bilateral and multilateral platforms to exchange knowledge, resources, and best practices. These engagements foster dialogue and cooperation on diverse issues, ranging from education and healthcare to economic diversification.
- **Investment in Sustainable Projects:** Saudi Arabia encourages foreign and domestic investments in sustainable development projects. These investments not only contribute to economic growth but also align with the broader agenda of achieving sustainable development.

Qassim University's Strategic Partnerships:

Qassim University, as a leading educational institution, plays a vital role in advancing the goals of SDG 17 through the establishment of strategic partnerships:

- **Public-Private Collaborations:** Qassim University collaborates with private corporations to bridge the gap between academia and industry. These partnerships facilitate research, innovation, and technology transfer, fostering sustainable economic growth in line with SDG 17.
- **Government and NGO Engagements:** The university engages with governmental bodies and non-governmental organizations to address societal challenges collectively. By pooling expertise and resources, these partnerships amplify the impact of projects related to education, healthcare, and community development.
- **International Academic Alliances:** Qassim University forges partnerships with universities and research institutions worldwide. These international collaborations enable knowledge exchange, joint research endeavors, and cross-cultural understanding, contributing to the global spirit of SDG 17.
- **Local Community Involvement:** The university collaborates closely with the local community to address its specific needs and challenges. This bottom-up approach ensures that development initiatives are relevant and sustainable, echoing the principles of SDG 17.

- Innovation and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem: Qassim University nurtures an innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem by partnering with startups, incubators, and accelerators. This promotes the growth of sustainable businesses that align with the goals of economic prosperity and environmental responsibility.

Challenges and Future Outlook:

Despite the progress made, challenges persist in building and maintaining partnerships for sustainable development. These challenges include resource disparities, coordination complexities, and aligning diverse agendas. However, Saudi Arabia's commitment to SDG 17 and Qassim University's proactive engagement suggest a promising future:

Sustainable development requires collaborative efforts that transcend geographical boundaries and sectoral interests. Saudi Arabia's dedication to SDG 17 reflects its understanding of the significance of partnerships in achieving holistic progress. Qassim University, through its strategic collaborations, demonstrates how educational institutions can serve as catalysts for positive change by fostering partnerships that contribute to the realization of sustainable development goals. As these partnerships continue to flourish, they pave the way for a more inclusive, equitable, and prosperous future for Saudi Arabia and the global community.

17.2 Relationships with NGOs, Regional and National Government

Qassim University have a direct involvement with NGOs, regional and national government to achieve the best vision of 2030 and collect the efforts to seek the sustainable goals. Furthermore, Qassim university aligned with the 2030's KSA vision and is working on facing all the obstacles to reach the future goals.

17.2.1 Does your university as a body have direct involvement in, or input into, national government SDG policy development - including identifying problems and challenges, developing policies and strategies, modelling likely futures with and without interventions, monitoring and reporting on interventions, and enabling adaptive management?

Times Impact 2023 ranking

<https://twitter.com/QassimUniv1/status/1666424329616146437> [1]

Continuing its appearance for the third year in a row in the ranking, and among the top 10 Saudi universities.

#جامعة_القصيم Among the best local and international universities in achieving the goals of the United Nations for sustainable development, according to the Times Impact 2023 ranking.



استمراراً لظهورها للسنة الثالثة على التوالي في التصنيف..
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الاعتماد الأكاديمية.



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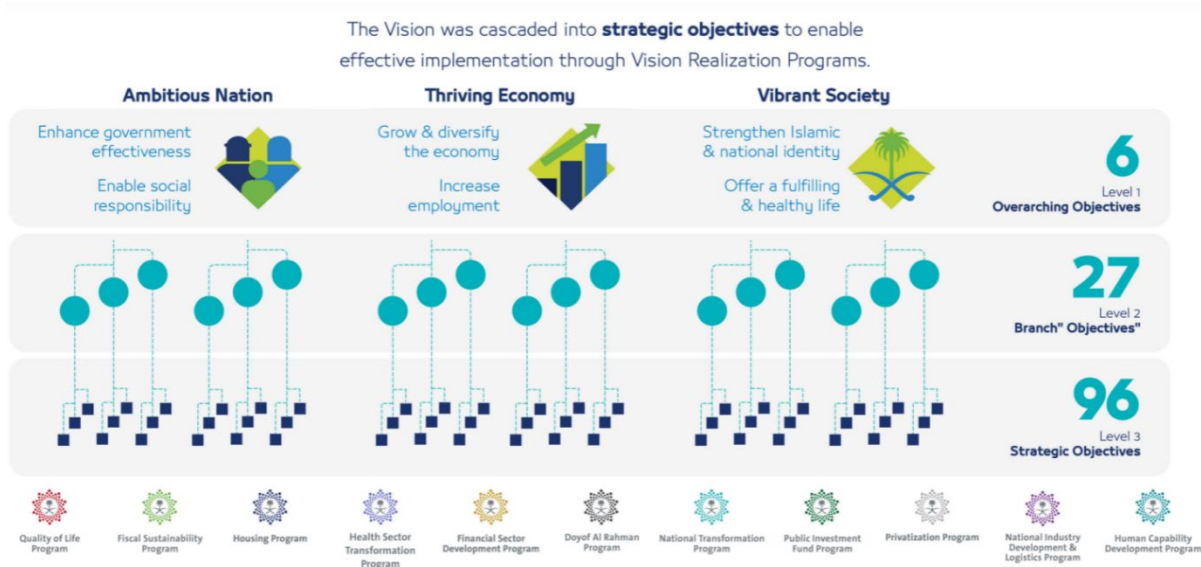
Under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Vision 2030 was launched, a roadmap drawn up by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, to harness the strengths God bestowed upon us – our strategic position, investment power and place at the center of Arab and Islamic worlds. The full attention of the Kingdom, and our Leadership, is on harnessing our potential to achieve our ambitions.

In the past five years, we built a foundation, during which unprecedented reforms were made in the public sector's operating model, the economy and society as a whole. This laid the foundations of success for the future. We faced many challenges and gained a myriad of experiences, which boosted our confidence in achieving our future goals. We worked on improving the effectiveness and response of the government, unlocked opportunities for growth and investment, opened Saudi to the world, built and launched platforms for future growth, and increased citizens' quality of life. These achievements belong to the sons and daughters of this great nation.

Vision 2030
Nation's
Strengths

1. Saudi Arabia is the land of the Two Holy Mosques which positions the Kingdom at the heart of the Arab and Islamic worlds
2. Saudi Arabia is using its investment power to create a more diverse and sustainable economy
3. The Kingdom is using its strategic location to build its role as an integral driver of international trade and to connect three continents: Africa, Asia and Europe

Draws on The
Intrinsic



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<https://qu.edu.sa/content/news/412> [3]

During the First Symposium at Qassim University

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Information and Communication Center:

The dedicated scientific seminars were launched at the conference "The Role of Saudi Universities in Activating Vision 2030" organized by Qassim University, where the first symposium was held under the title "Educational Paths in Universities and Vision 2030", chaired by His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Al-Fuhaid, Governor of the Technical and Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC), and with the participation of Dr. Abdullah Al-Moussa, Acting Rector of the Saudi Electronic University, Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al-Ohali, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education for Educational Affairs, and Dr. Abdulmohsen Al-Daoud, Professor at Imam Mohammed bin Saud Islamic University. .



The Chairman of the session, His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Al-Fuhaid, Governor of the Technical and Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC), stressed the importance of the role of universities in activating Vision 2030, as they are responsible for the future, raising new generations and providing the professional and scientific cadres required to build the country and achieve progress and prosperity.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Moosa, Acting Rector of the Saudi Electronic University, presented a scientific paper entitled "E-learning is a strategic choice to achieve the national vision", in which he reviewed the role of e-learning during recent years in the educational sector and its flow with the developments and technology we are experiencing in our time, indicating that e-learning is an opportunity in the application of public policies for communication and information technology in universities capable of supporting their organizational adaptation to digital requirements, and providing continuous education for students that would contribute to the Developing their skills better, especially those associated with meeting the needs of the production of the knowledge economy, pointing out that the role of e-learning in achieving the national vision is based on four axes that lie in ensuring equitable and inclusive quality education for all and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all, working to improve educational curricula and the quality of educational system results and achieving educational reform, helping to develop skills and prepare competencies for the world of work and the diversity of life skills, and achieve lasting environmental sustainability in all education platforms. electronic

Al-Moosa spoke about the experience of the Saudi Electronic University, which takes the student as a strategic partner, relying on the blended learning policy that blends the two systems of distance education and direct attendance. He explained the technical components, electronic educational platforms and human cadres owned by the university, and provided a number of graphs in the acceptance rates during the past years.

He also stressed that education plays an important role in maintaining economic and productive growth by relying on investment in and use of ICTs, pointing out that this is due to its direct relationship with the innovation processes of industries responsible for building knowledge, and its importance in enabling employees in all economic sectors to use digital technologies effectively, as well as developing the capabilities of individuals to manage, transfer and use knowledge productively.

Al-Moussa pointed out that recently witnessed a remarkable growth in the trend of students to e-learning, explaining that despite the novelty of the Saudi Electronic University, which has not been established for more than five years, but the percentages of students with a high school that you prefer to join prove that the future is moving towards increasing dependence on it, where the percentage of students admitted to the university in the first year was 2.18% of those who obtained a high school, but it rose this year to reach To more than 53%, the e-University has become the number one university in the options of students with a high school diploma in the Kingdom.

The Rector of the e-University also explained that e-learning is characterized by its lower costs than regular education, as it saves time and effort, so the student can receive his education anywhere and anytime without being bound by lecture dates, and the system of study schedules, and the guarantee of quality enforcement in the e-learning system is easier, faster and pays greater fruits compared to its application in other universities.

While Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al-Ohali, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education for Educational Affairs, stressed that the talk about the role of Saudi universities in achieving Vision 2030, has come at the right time, which must be done by all educational bodies in their role in achieving the ambitious future vision of the Queen in 2030, pointing out that the Ministry of Education has prepared

many ideas and visions to develop the scientific and research process in the Kingdom, and many initiatives are still in the process of study and continuous development.

Al-Ohali explained that the Ministry seeks to provide the needs and requirements of the labor market in the next stage of the required professions, and the scientifically and practically qualified cadres, by developing its educational services at all stages, in order to ensure the desired quality of the educational process, stressing that the Ministry is developing its future plans according to the expected numbers of male and female students.

Dr. Abdulmohsen Al-Daoud, Professor at Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, also presented a working paper on the relationship of universities to the activation of Vision 2030, stressing that the vision was built on expansion, quality, excellence and assimilation, and this is what universities achieve, demanding the need to support scientific research, develop the performance of faculty members and curricula, and link scientific research programs, and graduate studies with universities with the problems of the environment and society, in addition to the participation of universities in decision-making in society.

Al-Daoud also called for the international dimension of academic programs and scientific research to prepare graduates to work in a global market in which the borders between countries in terms of information have faded.

[The University continues its preparations for the conference "The Role of Universities in Activating Vision 2030"](https://qu.edu.sa/content/news/402)

<https://qu.edu.sa/content/news/402> [4]

With the participation of more than 18 government and private entities

The University continues its preparations for the conference "The Role of Universities in Activating Vision 2030"

Rector: The conference aims to address the roles and tasks that universities should play to ensure the activation of the objectives of the vision

Information and Communication Center:

The Supreme Organizing Committee of the conference "The Role of Saudi Universities in Activating Vision 2030", to be held at the university headquarters in the middle of next month, continued its preparatory meetings under the chairmanship of His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Daoud, Rector of the University and Chairman of the Supreme Committee of the Conference, in order to determine the readiness of the university and its preparations to receive this major event, which is one of the largest gatherings in the history of Saudi universities, in addition to distributing tasks to the specialized committees emanating from the Supreme Committee.

For his part, the Rector of the University, Al-Daoud, expressed his full confidence in the ability of the University to organize such an important event, stressing that the University has all the human and academic capabilities to bring out the conference in a manner that befits the status of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its ancient universities.

He added that the conference aims to address the roles and tasks that public and private universities should play to ensure the activation of the objectives of Vision 2030 and its initiative, based on the role that universities should play towards the vision project and its development programs.

For his part, Prof. Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulrahman Al-Baridi, Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Conference, stressed that the Committee received more than 70 research participations prepared by more than 100 researchers from various universities of the Kingdom, including multiple studies and research that present its vision in how to develop and develop the path of education, scientific research and community service in the Kingdom, which are the main purposes of universities, pointing out that this diversity will have a positive impact in activating the contents of Vision 2030 in the context of university activities, programs and strategic and executive plans.

As for the parties participating in the conference, Al-Baridi pointed out that the number of public and private universities whose participation has been confirmed so far has reached about 18 entities, waiting for this number to increase in the next few days, as well as participation from the Ministry of Education and other ministries, which is an indication of the interaction with this important conference.

Al-Baridi stressed that the Scientific Committee has begun to judge the research contributions submitted to it, and filter them so that the most important and valuable scientific to discuss in the scientific seminars to be held during the conference with the participation of officials in the relevant bodies of the conference topic, and experts in higher education, which will enrich the dialogue and discussion, and then the recommendations that will be prepared at the end of the conference, and are handed over to the competent authorities in order to activate them in accordance with the approved mechanisms.

[His Highness the Deputy Governor of Qassim congratulates the university for obtaining the highest category in the star rating from the "QS" organization](https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2630)

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2630> [5]

His Royal Highness Prince Fahd bin Turki bin Faisal bin Turki bin Abdulaziz, Deputy Governor of Qassim Region, congratulated His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, President of Qassim University, and all university employees, on the occasion of the university's obtaining new international recognition by the international "QS" (QS) through the star rating system for institutions and establishments by achieving the highest category (5 stars).

His Highness said that this achievement reflects the university's efforts to raise the quality of what our male and female students receive from academic axes concerned with programming and institutional quality, asking God Almighty to help you to achieve the aspirations of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, may God protect them.

[University Medical City Receives Accreditation in Continuous Professional Development for Three Years](https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2897)

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2897> [6]

The University Medical City has obtained accreditation in continuous professional development for a period of three years until 2026 from the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties, in continuation of its efforts to provide a high training environment.

The accreditation aims to provide a platform for continuing professional development activities such as training courses, conferences, seminars or lectures in the medical and health fields, where health practitioners seek to attend for continuous development and gain credit hours.

For his part, Dr. Khaled Al-Husais, Executive Director of the Medical City, said: "This accreditation is the culmination of the tireless and continuous efforts made by the Medical City at the university in upgrading the level of its various services in the field of training, and this achievement is in addition to a number of achievements that the Medical City previously obtained, including the accreditation of the Council of Health Insurance, and the accreditation of the American Heart Association for the Clinical Simulation Center in the Medical City, and we will work to bring more accreditations to create a healthy environment with high-quality training outputs worthy of the beneficiary.

On this occasion, Al-Husais thanked and appreciated His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, President of the University, for the unlimited support to all university entities and the Medical City, and to everyone who contributed to this success by providing a platform for continuous development for all fellow health practitioners.

It is noteworthy that the Medical City is the first specialized medical and academic city in the Qassim region that provides advanced health care, and contains a hospital with a capacity of 400 beds and 166 specialized clinics, whose services benefited during 2022 more than 95 thousand beneficiaries, and performed more than 500 surgeries.

[The University Achieves 153rd Position Globally in the International Sustainability Classification "Greenness"](https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2856)

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2856> [7]

The university ranked 153 globally and second locally in the international sustainability classification "Green Matrics" 2022, out of 1050 local and international universities, for its interest in the principles of institutional and environmental sustainability that are comprehensive academically, socially and economically, maintaining its advanced position globally in the ranking.

This achievement confirms the continuity of the university's progress in the various international rankings in a short period, as the university continued to rise to a number of advanced positions in the classification through 6 main criteria, including infrastructure, energy and climate change, water treatment, waste treatment, transportation and education, so that the university reached high scores, in the water treatment standard, achieving 26th rank at the university level and obtaining the full score in this criterion, and in waste treatment, it achieved 52nd place, to achieve first place in the two axes at the level of local, through concerted efforts to raise the level of the university at the local and global levels.

It is noteworthy that Qassim University had launched, within its strategic plan, a program concerned with sustainability that brings together a package of projects in development and sustainability, such as the sustainable university, the greening of courses, the greening of scientific research, and others, and the university seeks through these projects to achieve a number of results and indicators by the

end of 2025 in line with the Kingdom's goals in sustainability and greening programs and in a way that contributes to achieving the United Nations goals for sustainable development.

The Minister of Education Visits the University's Pavilion Participating in the Sustainable Partnerships Conference

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2846> [8]

His Excellency the Minister of Education, Mr. Yousef bin Abdullah Al-Benyan, visited the university's exhibition participating in the Sustainable Partnerships Conference, organized by the Ministry of Education entitled "Research and Innovation to Build a Thriving Economy", on Wednesday, November 23, 2022, and will continue for two days, with the participation of 50 universities, nearly 100 industrial and development entities, and more than 150 speakers from decision-makers, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Riyadh.



His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, President of the University, received His Excellency the Minister of Education during his visit to the university's pavilion, accompanied by His Excellency the Minister of Investment, Eng. Khalid Al-Falih, His Excellency the Minister of Economy and Planning, Mr. Faisal Al-Ibrahim, His Excellency the Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources, Mr. Bandar Al-Khorayef, and a number of Their Excellencies, during which they were briefed on the most prominent innovative products of the university included in the exhibition.

Qassim University's pavilion contains 12 of its innovative and research products in the field of environmental sustainability and basic needs, leadership in energy and industry, human health, in addition to creating industrial strategic partnerships.

The university's participation also included the presentation of a workshop entitled "The Role of Scientific Research at Qassim University towards a Prosperous Economy and National Development", presented by Dr. Mansour Al-Shraideh, Dean of the Deanship of Scientific Research, as part of the activities accompanying the conference.

The university achieves the first place in the education and training sector, unique in its creativity stage in measuring digital transformation 2022

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2842> [9]

The university achieved first place in the education and training sector, unique in its creativity stage, and ranked seventh among all devices and sectors in the Kingdom in measuring government digital transformation for the year 2022, during the Digital Government Forum that was held yesterday, Wednesday, November 16, 2022 AD in Riyadh.

His Excellency Prof. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, President of the University, received the honorary shield from His Excellency the Governor of the Digital Government Authority, Eng. Ahmed bin Muhammad Al-Suwayan, during the Digital Government Authority's announcement of the results of measuring digital transformation 2022.



The Digital Government Forum aims to contribute to the development of digital government, in line with global trends in digital transformation and the objectives of the Kingdom's Vision 2030, by enabling government entities to determine their commitment to the basic standards of digital transformation, and to identify the extent to which their performance develops annually to reach an integrated digital government.

Qassim University's achievement of the first place in the education and training sector, which includes more than 36 entities, is a new achievement for the university, which is the only university in the sector that has achieved the stage of innovation, after it jumped from 27th place to seventh place among all devices and sectors in the Kingdom in measuring government digital transformation for the year 2022.

During the Global AI Summit. Cooperation between King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology and the University to conduct research and technical development

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2804> [10]

King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) and the University, represented by Prince Dr. Faisal bin Mishaal Chair for Artificial Intelligence, signed today an agreement to



enhance partnership in the field of research and technical development, in the presence of His Excellency the President of King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, Dr. Munir bin Mahmoud Al-Desouki, and His Excellency the President of the University, Dr. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood.

The agreement, signed at the Global AI Summit, aims to enhance technical cooperation and research to support technical applications and uses in the fields of medical care, environment, agriculture, renewable energy, cybersecurity, processing computer applications of the Arabic language, Quran and Sunnah sciences, smart cities and the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence and data analysis.

The two parties will cooperate to conduct research and technical development, activate data and artificial intelligence and use them to support the research and development system, and the cooperation will also play the role of the relevant authorities, centers and units to benefit from expertise and experiences, and to combine efforts in the areas of partnership.

The agreement provides for the development and support of ideas to conduct research, applications and products using digital technology, in addition to supporting scientific publishing and research and development efforts, and supporting the participation of male and female students and members of educational staff in supporting and developing research and innovative fields.

The cooperation seeks to provide data to support the scientific research system, support attracting Qassim University students in the various disciplines concerned for summer and cooperative training in the theoretical and applied fields of artificial intelligence, and support academic programs, continuing education and vocational training for university graduates in technical and engineering disciplines.

The University's Transport Department Obtains the International ISO Certificate in Quality Management System

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2801> [11]

The university, represented by the General Administration of Transport, obtained the ISO certificate in the quality management system, as a culmination of its efforts in applying quality standards in transport services provided to beneficiaries and meeting the controls and requirements governing this international certificate.

Achieving this certificate contributes to helping the University's Transport Department improve its overall performance, organize the management of all operations, resources and assets in accordance with international standards, ensure the sustainability of service delivery, in addition to enhancing beneficiary satisfaction and raising organizational efficiency. And completing the university's development endeavors in various administrative and educational fields.



The ISO international certificate with its various branches is one of the most widespread standards in measuring and achieving the level of quality and managing processes and procedures in various institutions and organizations.

The University Wins the Blackboard International Award for Excellence in Leading Change for the Year 2022

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2771> [12]

The university, represented by the Deanship of E-Learning and Distance Education, received the Blackboard International Award in "Excellence in Leading Change for the Year 2022", from the Blackboard Global Foundation in the United States of America, which is awarded to institutions that have developed their practices related to e-learning and educational technologies in a way that contributes to improving learning outcomes, student performance or academic progress, as this award is classified as the highest international awards in the field of e-learning and educational technologies, for universities and educational institutions that have used Blackboard solutions. In educational innovation through non-traditional initiatives that help develop the university educational environment to achieve measurable results on the scope of university teaching and learning.

Qassim University was chosen to receive this award in recognition of the university's contributions to developing and modernizing the mechanisms of using and employing e-learning system tools in improving the educational process and solving the obstacles associated with it through innovative non-traditional solutions based on Blackboard system tools, which contributed to increasing the efficiency of learning and developing its delivery mechanisms.

For his part, the Dean of the Deanship of E-Learning and Distance Education, Dr. Saad bin Mubarak Al-Dosari, explained: "This award aims to support innovation and excellence in the community of e-learning practices through the Blackboard system worldwide, by studying the practices and experiences of many international universities in the United States, Europe, Asia and Africa, and selecting and honoring the best of those experiences during the year.

Al-Dosari added, "The most prominent developmental contributions of the university, through which it was nominated for this award, were the employment of the e-learning management system in graduate studies to facilitate communication methods between the professor and the researcher, and the use of learning management system tools in the implementation of academic advising programs for students, as well as the establishment of electronic platforms through the Blackboard system to provide and manage various student activities, whether cultural, scientific, social, artistic, religious, and other activities.

He pointed out that the university has been active in providing platforms dedicated to providing electronic tests for all college students on the Blackboard system, integrating electronic library services on it to provide electronic library services to university employees on the Blackboard platform, as well as providing virtual platforms for faculties of human medicine in the form of virtual educational medical clinics open to each specialty, in addition to allocating electronic platforms for educational communication for each college through the Blackboard system, and enabling colleges to communicate quickly and comprehensively with all their students through this system.

Al-Dosari said that the university has worked to provide electronic platforms through the applications and tools of the Blackboard system to hold discussions of the scientific research plan "Seminar", discuss scientific theses (PhD - Master), employ the system's tools in organizing various educational

events "scientific seminars, learning forums, scientific conferences", and use its various applications in providing programs and training courses remotely, in addition to establishing electronic platforms for holding meetings of committees, departments and college councils, and employing its tools in providing direct live technical support services to students. And professors, and the availability of the techniques of this system in the service of the community by providing all educational and training services to the local community through the tools of the system, and the university is distinguished by its pioneering experience in developing and teaching full-level courses through the Blackboard system.

The University Holds the First Coordination Meeting for Sustainable Local Development Partners in Qassim

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2663> [13]



The University, represented by the Center for Sustainable Development, held on Tuesday, 18/4/1443 AH, a workshop entitled "The First Coordination Meeting of Sustainable Local Development Partners in the Qassim Region", in the training hall of the Faculty of Arabic Language and Social Studies at the main headquarters in the university city, in the presence of His Excellency the Vice President for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Al-Turki, and a number of representatives of government and private agencies in Qassim.

This initiative comes as part of the Center's efforts to cooperate with all actors in the Qassim region in everything that would contribute to the achievement of sustainable development goals in the Kingdom, and to crystallize the idea of establishing a coordination entity at the regional level on these goals to enable all partners to contribute effectively in this field, as the coordinating entity effectively contributes to achieving the United Nations goals for sustainable development 2030, including promoting the concept of shared prosperity and inclusiveness in light of national standards for sustainability and the vision of Kingdom 2030.

It also achieves a set of sub-objectives, including: developing the institutional performance of the Qassim region in the areas of sustainable development by proposing policies, plans and programs, as well as developing institutional performance by providing technical advice to the Qassim Region Council in support of sustainable local development in the region, in addition to improving integration between partners in the region and ensuring the effectiveness of their participation in sustainable development projects, enhancing the role of Saudi women and raising their contributions to the development of the local community, as well as developing follow-up, evaluation and documentation mechanisms for the efforts and evidence made by partners in achieving sustainable development.

For his part, His Excellency the Vice President for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Al-Turki, stressed in his speech during the opening of the workshop, that today's meeting aims to establish a coordinating entity concerned with a topic of great importance, which is needed by society in all its parts, entities and details, which is the subject of sustainable development, pointing out that we urgently need to broadcast this concept, cultivate it and instill it in the members of society, its institutions and entities, as it is one of the important parts of life that we live, and from this point of view, sustainable development was one of the pillars that Vision 2030 targeted it to form a vibrant and prosperous society that continues to invest its energies and potential.

Al-Turki added that we hear about the term development a lot, but its activation on the ground has been largely absent in some parts of our lives, pointing out that this day met with different departments to integrate with the university in establishing this entity, expressing his great hope that it will conclude with a strong cohesive team with argument and strength, entering the community to launch the concept of sustainable development and actually launch its applications in society.

Within its activities, the workshop dealt with a number of axes, including introducing the Center for Sustainable Development and its vision on local development, as well as reviewing the idea of establishing a coordinating entity for local development partners, in addition to the vision of the Investment Development Committee in the region on enhancing work with local development partners, as well as opening the way for discussion and open deliberation of the topics related to the topic of the workshop.

[The University is among the Top 10 Government Agencies in Digital Transformation](#)

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In a new achievement in terms of digital transformation, the university ranked among the top 10 government entities out of 371 entities, in the general ranking announced by the Digital Government Authority in the "Government Services Observatory" system, for the best entities that contributed to improving the overall maturity index for all government digital services.

The Government Services Observatory is a tool to assess the level of digitization, inventory services and levels of maturity, and convert them from traditional services to electronic, while raising the level of their digital maturity, and then publishing government services information on the National e-Government Portal "Saudi".

The university climbed to the green category "integrated service", according to its performance in the overall maturity index of sectors, as this achievement is the best measurement that the university has occupied since the beginning of its journey towards digital transformation, according to the report issued by the Government Services Observatory "Marsad" for the year 2021.

This achievement represents a milestone in the success of the university's approach in achieving government digital services, and a remarkable development compared to previous measurements, based on the directives of His Excellency the President of the University, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Dawood, and His Excellency the Vice President for Planning, Development and Quality, to continue to make continuous progress that reflects positively on the quality of services provided by the university.

Through digital transformation, the university also aims to raise the level of satisfaction of beneficiaries on the one hand, and raise the level of competitiveness on the other hand, in order to achieve the requirements of improving performance in line with the objectives of the Kingdom's Vision 2030, as this achievement is a witness to the integration of the efforts of the various units of the university, with the aim of facilitating the access of students and all academic and administrative cadres to the required procedure in a smooth and integrated manner.

QU obtains full membership from the international organization IREG

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Within the framework of enhancing the international academic reputation of the university.

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جامعة القصيم تحصل على العضوية الكاملة من منظمة IREG الدولية

انطلاقاً من اهتمام الجامعة في رفع سمعتها الأكاديمية الدولية، ومواكبة لمستهدفات وتطلعات رؤية المملكة 2030.

وفي إنجاز دولي جديد نحو العمل مع المؤسسات الدولية الأكاديمية، انضمت الجامعة إلى عضوية (عضوية كاملة) منظمة IREG الدولية المختصة بالعمل في جوانب التصنيف العالمي للجامعات مع مختلف هيئات التصنيف الدولية، حيث تعد المنظمة أكبر مظلة للنظر في معايير تصنيف الجامعات حول العالم، وتندرج تحت عضويتها العديد من منظمات التصنيف الدولية للجامعات مثل "QS" و "WebMetrics" و "GreenMetrics" للخضرة و "Shanghai" شنغهاي العالمي وغيرها.

The Emir of Qassim witnesses the signing of the "Sustainable Development" agreement between the university and the Secretariat

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His Royal Highness Prince Dr. Faisal bin Meshaal bin Saud bin Abdulaziz, Governor of Qassim Province, witnessed the signing of the "Sustainable Development" agreement between Qassim University and the Municipality of the region, this afternoon at the office of His Highness at the Emirate's headquarters in Buraidah.

The agreement was signed by the University's Rector, Prof. Dr. Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al-Hammoudi. On the part of the Municipality of the Region, His Excellency the Secretary, Eng. Saleh bin Ahmed Al-Ahmed.

The agreement aims to support the path of sustainable development in the region, develop it on a larger scale, and enhance constructive cooperation between the Qassim Secretariat and the University in areas of interest that serve development, represented in the training, qualification, advisory and awareness aspects, studies and research, and the exchange of information and experiences between them to serve the community, and the development of the region in various fields.

The agreement comes in light of the efforts of the two parties to develop its service system to accommodate development in the region, and to keep pace with the interest of the government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud - may Allah protect him - to develop and develop everything that serves the people of this country.

His Highness the Amir of the region blessed the agreement, stressing that this reflects the size of the effective partnership that brings together the government sectors.

His Highness directed the formation of an executive team to enhance the effectiveness of the Convention and its desired role in serving the sustainable development paths in the region.

Prince Faisal bin Meshaal: The Center for Sustainable Development is a solid bridge concerned with serving the community developmentally

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HRH Prince Dr. Faisal bin Meshaal bin Saud bin Abdulaziz, Deputy Governor of Qassim Province, and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Center for Sustainable Development at Qassim University, chaired the first meeting of the Council on Monday afternoon at the University's headquarters. In a press statement, His Highness praised the approval of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to establish this center, which is the first of its kind at the level of Saudi universities as a civilizational nucleus that foresees the prospects of the future. His Highness described the center as a solid bridge that is concerned with serving the community developmentally and considered it a precedent recorded for Qassim University, which is taking concrete steps in the field of contributing to sustainable development. His Highness stressed that he is happy to participate in the launch of this center, pointing out that they agreed during their meeting on the vision, mission and objectives of the

center after adding a number of important priorities in order to expand the horizon of this center in supporting the development of the Qassim region, explaining that they will work at the beginning to spread awareness of what sustainable development is and its importance in foreseeing the future of development through studies and field scientific research concerned with important aspects of the advancement of society in the region and the Kingdom in general. His Highness praised the role of His Excellency the Rector of the University, Prof. Dr. Khalid Al-Hammoudi, the Director of the Center, Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Harbi, and the head of the strategic plan team at the University, Dr. Abdullah Al-Baridi, and their success in creating a professional formula for the Center. His Highness expressed their intention at the Center to hold a global seminar to introduce the concept of sustainable development early next academic year, in which a selection of international and national experts and specialists will participate and will have a role, God willing, in spreading the culture of awareness of the concept of sustainable development, stressing that the Center will open channels of communication with scientific research centers and distinguished research centers to create a common research atmosphere that will result, God willing, in studies to be used in various development fields. The first meeting witnessed a speech by His Excellency Dr. Khalid Al-Hammoudi in which he reviewed the idea of this center, its importance and the role hoped for, appreciating the approval of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to establish it and appreciating His Highness for agreeing to chair the advisory council, which includes members from inside and outside the university with the aim of contributing effectively to research and studies that push the wheel of sustainable development towards wider horizons, God willing. The Vice President for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Wasil, also presented the vision of the Center for the first symposium on sustainable development, pointing out that it aims to introduce the dimensions, components, requirements and challenges of sustainable development while bringing revealing light on the most prominent paths and initiatives in the field of sustainable development in national and international contexts, in a way that enables us in the Qassim region to develop a solid starting point for an integrative analytical understanding of sustainable development and draw strategic directions and lessons learned with the definition of the framework. The strategic strategy of Qassim University in the field of local sustainable development, as a pivotal pillar of any future applied work, and enabling the university - represented by the Center for Sustainable Development - and the rest of the institutions concerned with sustainable development in the region to form networks of relations, cooperation and partnership with experts and leading institutions in this field. The Director of the Center for Sustainable Development, Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Harbi, also gave an overview of sustainable development in the world, explaining that it emerged in the late twentieth century and began with the United Nations Conference held in Sweden in 1972 under the name of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Man, and then stressed at the Third United Nations Conference held in South Africa in 2002 under the name of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development that economic and social development must not destroy the environment, and that meeting the needs of the present must not prejudice the ability of the environment to meet the needs of the future, pointing out that sustainable development means meeting the needs of the present without neglecting to secure the needs of future generations, as it is interested in the economic, social and environmental dimensions as a new and important way out of the development crisis in both the developed and developing countries of the world, stressing that the role of the Center for Sustainable Development will work to study the development environment of the Qassim region to determine the requirements and priorities of development, This helps to define a clear development identity for the region, by identifying the competitive advantages of the region and thus enabling it to crystallize huge development projects that are supported by the highest government agencies. Dr. Abdullah Al-Baridi reviewed the vision, mission and objectives of the Center as a leading national house of expertise in sustainable local development, concerned with providing high-quality research, consulting, training,

information and awareness services, which contribute to activating and integrating sustainable development efforts in Qassim and achieving its goals and enhancing its competitive advantages, consolidating partnership nationally and internationally, and diversifying self-financing for development events; according to a comprehensive strategic development perspective, reviewing the values of the Center, which are represented in absolute transparency in reading reality in its various fields, in addition to innovation and quality. Initiative, collectivity, sustainability and continuity in meeting the requirements of development economically, socially and environmentally. It is worth mentioning that the meeting witnessed many rich discussions by the members of the Council through which they affirmed their interaction with the directions of the Center and their sincere desire to contribute to the creation of a research movement that supports sustainable development in the region and the Kingdom in general.

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