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About the research center

King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC) conducts independent research and develops insights in collaboration with leading international research centers, public policy organizations, and industrial and government institutions. The center is focused on finding solutions for the most effective and productive use of energy to enable economic and social progress in the region and across the globe.

Our mission

To advance the understanding of energy economics and to act as a catalyst for dialogue, charting a path to better welfare for societies, locally and globally.

Our research

Our research projects are organized according to nine overarching research initiatives, investigating a range of critical areas from the future of global oil markets to climate change policies. These projects and initiatives aim to create practicable insights that will benefit our stakeholders.

KAPSARC's research is communicated through in-depth discussion papers that provide detailed investigations of key energy issues. Our methodology papers are more technical in nature and give extra context to our discussion papers.

The collaborative nature of our work is evident in the regular workshops we hold in many global capital centers, including Riyadh. These workshops comprise invited participants and KAPSARC researchers and explore solutions to current concerns in energy economics. The findings from the workshops appear in our published 'workshop briefs.'

Our values

Three key values guide our work:

- Combining creativity and rigor in our research and operations.
- Achieving results through effective teamwork and collaboration.
- Maximizing a positive societal impact.

Governance

KAPSARC is an independent, non-profit institution located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The Center was established by a decision of the Saudi Council of Ministers.

KAPSARC's activities are funded in perpetuity by an endowment provided by the Government of Saudi Arabia. The endowment enables researchers to conduct independent, objective research without the need to raise capital and without pressure from external funders or donors.

The Board of Trustees has controlling authority over the Center's affairs, policies, and governance. Chaired by the Minister of Energy, Industrial and Mineral Resources, the BOT comprises three international members and three Saudi members in addition to the president.

The Center is supported by globally recognized energy thought leaders who form the International Advisory Council, a body that advises the Center on its ongoing programs and research projects.

Collaborators

KAPSARC is proud of the strength of its international ties with research institutes, public policy organizations and government institutions worldwide. Our collaborations allow us to further enrich our research output. They include:

- Arabian Gulf University (Bahrain)
- Atlanta Council (United States)
- Center for Strategic and International Studies (United States)
- China National Petroleum Corporation - Institute of Economics and Technology
- China Sustainable Transport Center
- Derasat (Bahrain)
- Development Research Center (China)
- Electricity and Cogeneration Regulatory Authority (KSA)
- Energy Research Institute of the NDRC (China)
- Gulf Cooperation Council Interconnection Authority (KSA)
- Imperial College (United Kingdom)
- Khalifa University of Science and Technology (UAE)
- King Abdullah City for Atomic and Renewable Energy (KSA)
- King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KSA)
- Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research
- Ministry of Economy and Planning (KSA)
- Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (KSA)
- Saudi Aramco (KSA)
- Saudi Electricity Company (KSA)
- Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (KSA)
- TERI University (India)
- The Energy and Resources Institute (India)
- World Bank

(KSA = Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

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