

Saudi Arabia in Focus



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From the Ambassador

The participation of Saudi Arabia and its strong presence at the G20 summit with a delegation headed by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is a clear indication of the success and effectiveness of the Kingdom's great contribution in supporting the global economy and shaping its global policies, especially with regard to oil markets and its global stability.

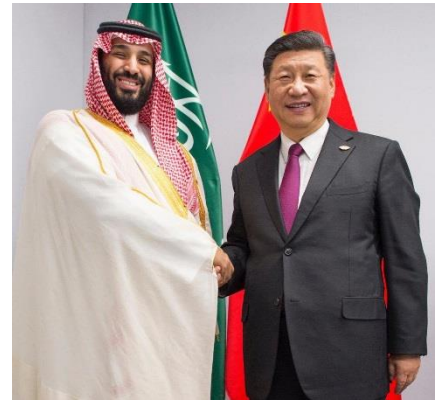
The choice of the Kingdom to host and manage the world's largest forum for economic and financial cooperation (G20) in 2020 is a reaffirmation of its global role as a superpower in politics, economy and global trade, and its active partnership in the development and improvement of life in this world.

Ambassador

Abdulrahman S. Alahmed



The Kingdom's Delegation to the G20 Leaders' Summit Headed by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman



Saudi Arabia's delegation was headed by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who was greeted by world leaders. The Crown Prince held 18 meeting and 25 participations during 2 days.



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HOW DOES THE KINGDOM'S VISION 2030 ALIGN WITH THE G20?

G20 SUMMIT IN ARGENTINA AGENDA:



THE FUTURE
OF WORK



INFRASTRUCTURE
FOR
DEVELOPMENT



A SUSTAINABLE
FOOD FUTURE

THE G20 2018 AGENDA INTERSECT WITH KINGDOM'S VISION 2030 IN:

REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT
BY %7 BY 2030

COMBINING THE EFFORTS OF THE
COUNTRY'S SECTORS TO ENHANCE
INFRASTRUCTURE

INCREASING PRIVATE SECTOR
PARTICIPATION AND WOMEN'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE LABOR
MARKET

DEVELOPING THE HEALTH
SYSTEM AND BENEFIT FROM
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Crown Prince Inaugurates King Salman Energy Park project (SPARK)



Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Monday inaugurated the King Salman Energy Park (SPARK), located in the Kingdom's Eastern Province.

SPARK is a 50 km² energy city mega-project and will unite approximately 300 industrial and service facilities, which will position Saudi Arabia as a global energy, industrial and technology hub.

Saudi Aramco will develop, operate, manage and maintain the project's infrastructure in partnership with the Saudi Authority for Industrial Cities and Technology Zones (MODON).

SPARK's role in enabling localization within the Kingdom's energy supply chain aligns with the strategic goals of Saudi Aramco's In-Kingdom Total Value Add (IKTVA) program.

IKTVA was launched by Saudi Aramco in December 2015 with the aim of benefiting from relationships with manufacturers, suppliers, and service providers, to enhance the company's goals and raise the level of local content to about 70% by the end of 2021.

The energy park, located between Dammam and Al-Ahsa, will be developed in three phases. The project will cover an area of 50 km². The first phase of the development will cover 12 km² and will be completed by 2021.

During the groundbreaking ceremony, Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources and Saudi Aramco chairman, Khalid A. Al-Falih, announced that SPARK will be a Special Economic Zone, where tenants will benefit from regulatory, fiscal and non-fiscal support.

SPARK has already attracted investments from foreign and local companies to produce and manufacture goods and services in the Kingdom's energy sector.

The investment in the first phase of the project is expected to be around \$1.6 billion.

When operational, SPARK is estimated to contribute more than \$6 billion to the Kingdom's GDP annually and create up to 100,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Twelve agreements and memorandums of understanding were signed on Monday for land leasing and the construction of investment partnerships in the city, worth SR 1.2 billion, between Saudi Aramco and the city's board of directors and some international and local companies, including Schlumberger, Halliburton and Baker Hughes GE, Halliburton, Oilfields Supply Center, Saudi Information Technology Company, Al-Rushaid Group, and many more.

The first phase will target more than 120 investments.

SPARK will target five areas; the first one focuses on industrial manufacturing and will include electrical equipment, liquids and chemicals, metal formation, and other industrial services. The other areas include a dry port area with an annual capacity of 8 million metric tons, a Saudi Aramco drilling and well-maintenance area, a specialized training area that can accommodate 10 training centers aimed at developing skills and building the capacity of Saudi national cadres, and finally, a residential, commercial and recreational area.



IN OUR PURSUIT TO COUNTER
TERRORISM IN THE G5 SAHEL
COUNTRIES



KSA DONATES 100 MILLION EUROS

WHAT DID THE KINGDOM
OFFER TO THE G5 SAHEL
COUNTRIES



▶ 2017

100 MILLION
EUROS

▶ 2018

100 MILLION
EUROS

THE GROUP IS WORKING TO IMPROVE
TACTICS OF COMBATING:

- ▶ EXTREMISTS
- ▶ TERRORIST MILITIAS
- ▶ ORGANIZED GANGS

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Saudi Arabia pledges \$113m to support Sahel countries

Saudi Arabia's Minister of State for African Affairs Ahmed bin Abdul Aziz Kattan announced a donation of \$113.7 million to support Sahel countries. Kattan revealed the donation during the opening ceremony of the Coordination Conference of G5 Sahel Partners and Funders for Financing of Priority Investment Programme (PIP) for (2019-2021) in the Mauritanian capital Nouakchott.

The G5 Sahel comprises Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Burkina Faso and Chad. He said King Salman had ordered the money to support these five countries, adding that half this amount would be allocated to support priority investments in the Sahel.

Two Saudi-designed satellites launch into space

Saudi Arabia launched two Saudi-designed satellites into space for aerial surveying on 7 December from China.

The two earth-observation satellites that were developed by the King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) were launched from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. The satellites will be used to provide high-resolution images of the planet's surface from low earth orbits.

Ambassadors' Meeting

H.E. Abdulrahman Alahmed the Saudi ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Duchy of Luxembourg, headed on December 11, 2018, the regular meeting of ambassadors and heads of missions accredited to Belgium, Luxembourg, European Union and NATO. The latest Belgian and European developments related to Arab affairs were discussed. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohammed Al Enezi from the embassy.



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