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The Arab Council for Childhood and Development (ACCD) is an Arab regional non-governmental organization working in the field of childhood under the presidency of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin

Abdulaziz Al Saud. ACCD was founded in 1987 upon the initiative of HRH the late Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and a resolution issued by the Arab League's Conference on "Childhood and Development" that was held in Tunisia in 1986. The headquarters of ACCD is Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, and its relationship with the host country is governed by a special agreement with the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that defines its identity and legal status (Diplomatic Corps).



ACCD Vision:

A leading Arab organization and a reference for institutions and individuals, in thought and practice, in the upbringing and development of the Arab children, guaranteeing their rights, enriching their awareness, using their reason and intellect, and enabling them to interact positively with the requirements of the future.

ACCD Mission:

Developing an enlightened educational stream of thought, creating enabling environments supportive of the upbringing of the Arab children and building their capacities for rational critical thinking, creativity and acquiring modern skills, as well as ensuring the enforcement of their rights and the opportunities for their continuous development and their participation in building their homeland along the path of human civilization.



“We affirm that ACCD and all our developmental institutions are continuing to work with the partners, in order to prepare for a better future for all, a future that safeguards the rights of children and achieves their well-being. This is due to the fact that our children are our future, and it is our duty to support everything that helps them live their innocent childhood without abuse or harm”.

HRH Prince

Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

The President of ACCD

Introduction

The year 2022 was a different and even distinguished year, as it represented a breakthrough for the whole world after a two-year closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its repercussions. But unfortunately, it also witnessed global crises due to wars and conflicts that caused a global economic crisis on the one hand, and climate deterioration issues on the other hand. These crises will have repercussions on everyone, especially the children, as children and women are always the most affected by crises and emergencies.



ACCD has realized and followed up this global and regional scene, and held a series of workshops and meetings with experts from various disciplines during the year 2022, in order to prepare for its Strategic Plan. ACCD's new Strategic Plan (2023-2025), which follows two annual Contingency Plans, focuses on the empowerment of the Arab children in the era of the fourth industrial revolution and beyond, to be able to deal with the future and its tools, as well as to respond to the rapid global developments. Therefore, the new Strategic Plan contains new work axes, such as addressing and adaptation to the effects of climate change that poses a crisis for children's rights, as well as protecting children in cases of asylum and displacement, especially after their recent increase in numbers.

At the level of programs and projects, ACCD has made a number of achievements during the year 2022. First, launching the *Guidebook for Correcting Negative Expressions and Images Circulating around Children in the Arab Media*, within the framework of the Project of "Media Observatory for Arab Child Rights". Second, continuing to work on the third cycle of King Abdulaziz Prize for Scientific Researches on Childhood and Development, which is devoted to the theme of "Education in the Post-COVID-19 World". Third, continuing to implement the components of the Project of "Early Detection and Intervention among Stakeholders Concerned with Children with Disabilities within the Context of Scientific Advancement and Technological Progress". Fourth, knowledge enrichment through the production of

periodicals, specialized publications and media materials, as well as organizing awareness raising campaigns in the areas of children's rights and holding training and capacity building workshops.

In recognition of the importance of expanding and consolidating partnerships, which is a strategic direction of ACCD, the year 2022 witnessed organizing numerous events in partnership with many partners. For example, ACCD participated in the Arab Climate Forum that was held in cooperation with the Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND), the League of Arab States (LAS), the Arab Network for NGOs (ANNGO) and the Egyptian Ministry of Environment. This is in addition to building and framing new partnerships through signing a series of Memorandums of Understanding and Protocols, along with cooperating in the implementation of many activities, all of which contribute to achieving common goals in the areas of childhood and development.

Before the end of the year 2022, and under the auspices of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, ACCD has continued in the preparations to celebrate the 35th anniversary of its establishment and hosting the Fourth Edition of the Exhibition of HRH the late Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz, ACCD's Founder, entitled "Talal ... A History Read by Generations" that will be held during the year 2023.

We always renew our thankfulness and gratitude to HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the President of ACCD. We also extend our thankfulness to AGFUND, our supporting strategic partner, and to the esteemed members of the Board of Trustees, and all our partners from institutions, experts and media professionals. Moreover, we pledge to commit to work for developing and protecting the rights of Arab children.

Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi

Secretary General

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Meetings of His Royal Highness the President of ACCD

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud meets with the Secretary General of the League of Arab States



The meeting was held at the headquarters of LAS on January 12, 2022.

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, President of ACCD and AGFUND, met with H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, the Secretary General of LAS, in the presence of H.E. Professor Hassan Al-Bilawi, Secretary General of ACCD, and H.E. Dr. Nasser Alkahtani, Executive Director of AGFUND, on January 12, 2022, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of LAS. The meeting was held within the framework of the Launching Ceremony of the Arab Code for Sustainable Development prepared by ANNGO with the support of AGFUND.

The Secretary General of LAS thanked HRH Prince Abdulaziz and his late father, HRH Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, for their continuing support to serve numerous humanitarian issues.

The meeting stressed the importance of developing new visions of cooperation in light of the current developments and moving forward in the implementation of the 2030 SDGs and in accordance with specific programs and plans to serve common humanitarian goals.

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The resolutions of the Eighteenth Session of ACCD's Board of Trustees have praised the continuing efforts of ACCD to support and develop the Arab children and their upbringing. In addition, this Session has approved ACCD's Action Plan of Programs and Projects for the year 2022.



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In partnership with AGFUND, ACCD contributes to the realization of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the 2030 SDGs through implementing its Model for Arab Child Upbringing “Education for Hope”, with its components.

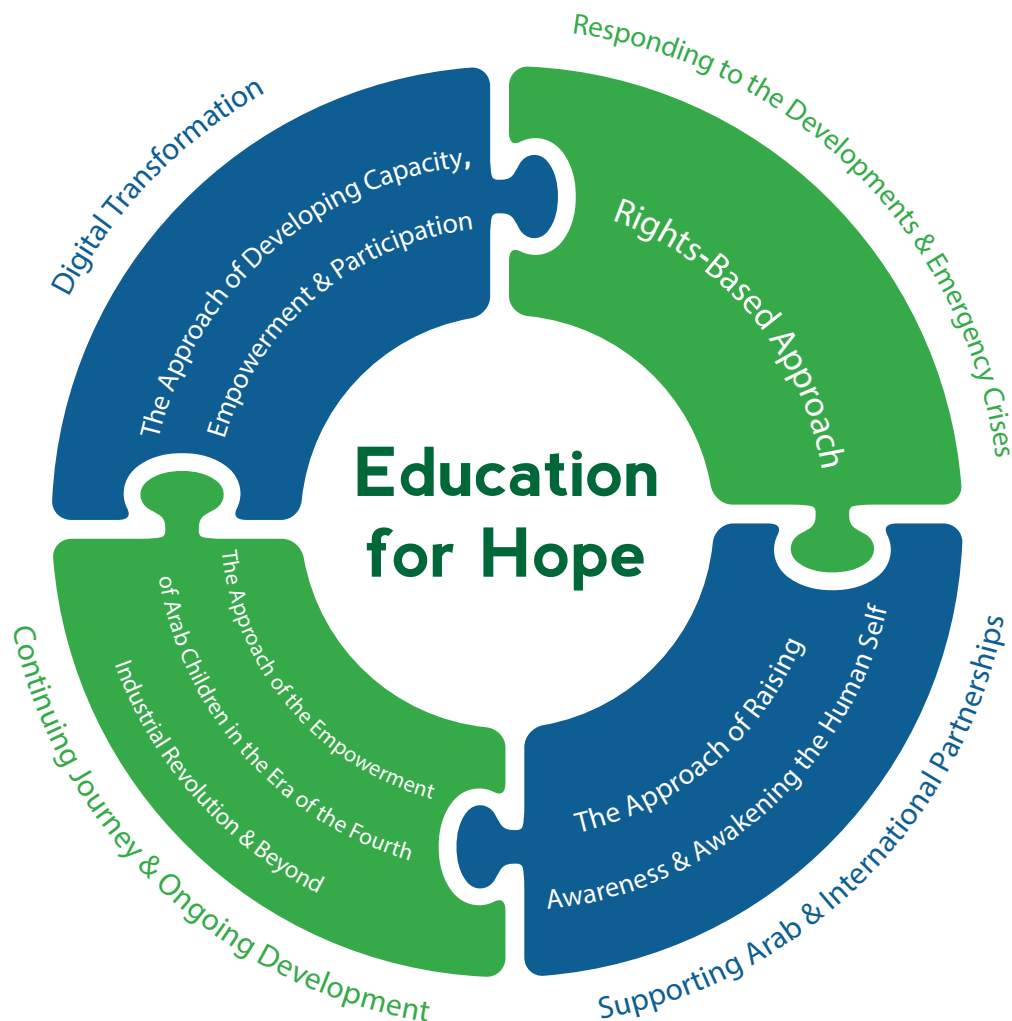




The Model of “Education for Hope”

**ACCD’s Model for Arab Child Upbringing “Education for Hope”
reflects the vision of ACCD in logical contexts
for the development of the Arab children**

Using One’s Reason and Intellect ... Enriching Awareness ... Promising Future



The Intellectual Framework of “Education for Hope” Model

The Model stems from an open and flexible approach based on thought and practice, as well as being capable of adapting with all developments and updates using one’s reason and intellect and ensure the rights, protection and development of the child.



Mechanisms and Programs to Apply the Model of “Education for Hope” and Developing ACCD’s Work

First: The Mechanisms



أكاديمية "طفولة" العربية
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Arab Childhood Training Academy



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The Arab Childhood Training Academy (ACTA) is one of the ACCD's new mechanisms in the development to implement the Model of “Education for Hope”. ACTA aims to provide training and capacity development for many target groups that include teachers, parents, civil society, media institutions, media professionals and children.



The signing of the ACTA's Establishment Agreement between HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, President of AGFUND, and H.E. Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, Secretary General of ACCD on July 26, 2022.

Under the Auspices of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

ACTA is the latest initiative of ACCD in partnership with AGFUND

ACCD is implementing this initiative in partnership with AGFUND, stemming from its strategic objectives that aim at developing knowledge and developing the capabilities of those concerned with Arab childhood in governmental institutions and civil society organizations. In addition, the implementation of this initiative is based on ACCD's accumulated experiences and initiatives during its extended journey for more than 35 years.

During the year 2022, ACCD took several steps and ACTA started its soft opening in preparation for its official launch during the year 2023. These steps included the following:



Equipping the infrastructure and technology of ACTA at the headquarters of ACCD.

Designing the logo and visual identity of ACTA.

Obtaining international accreditation for ACTA from the American Institute of Professional Studies, and developing a plan for training programs.



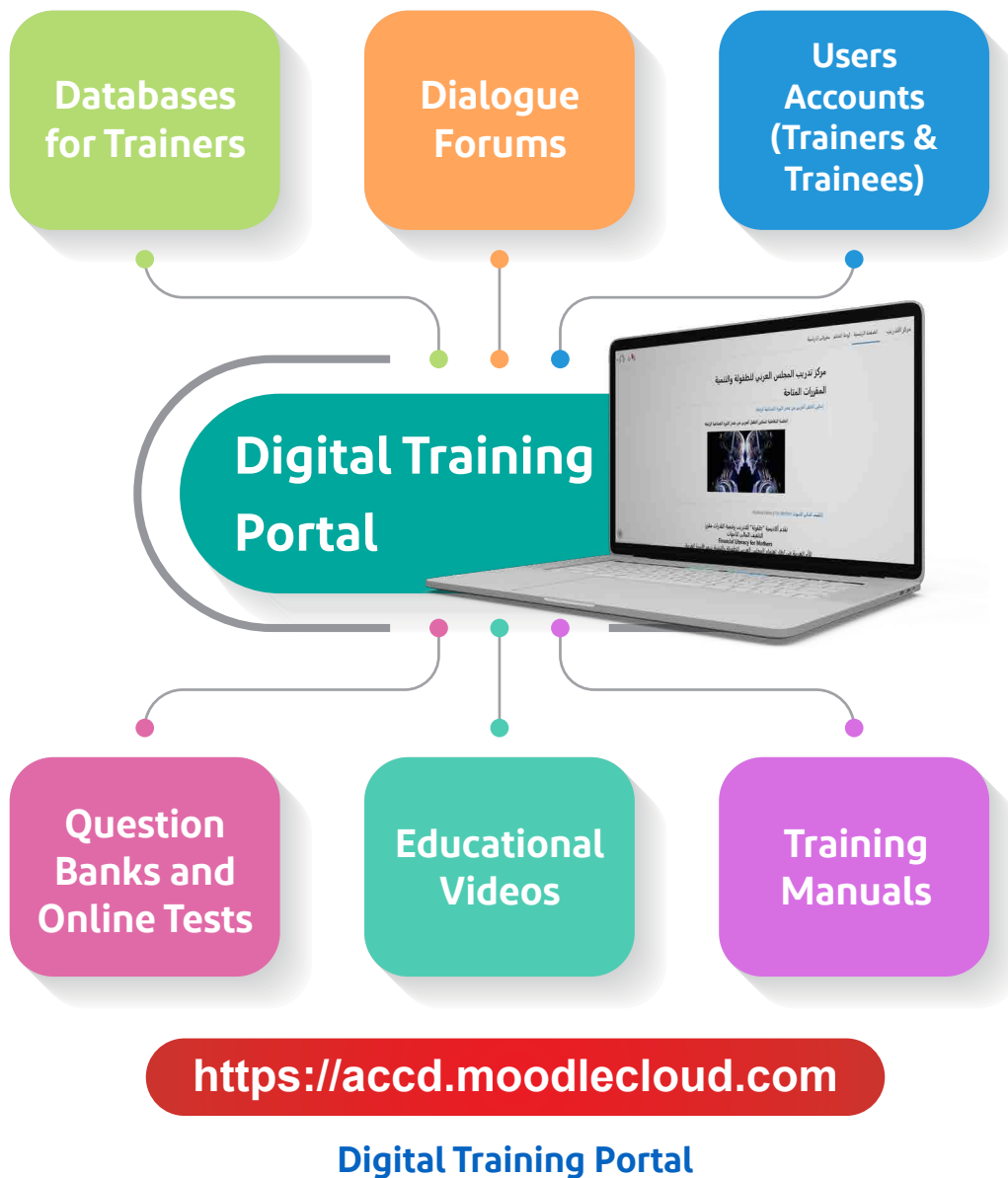
Preparing databases for trainers (more than 30 trainers) in various related disciplines.

Launching the volunteer initiative for the students of the Arab Open University (Egypt branch) to develop ACTA's digital media bank and various training programs.

Developing ACTA's digital training portal using the MOODLE learning management system.



Distribution of certificates to student volunteers at the headquarters of ACCD – November 2022.





**Mechanisms and Programs to Apply the Model of
“Education for Hope” and Developing ACCD’s Work**

Second: The Programs



1- The Program of Early Childhood Development

Launching the first Training Program for the preparation of trainers (TOT) in Jordan on the dissemination and implementation of ACCD's Model for Arab Child Upbringing "Education for Hope"

ACCD, in partnership with the National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA) in Jordan and AGFUND, held the first Training Workshop (TOT) on the dissemination and implementation of ACCD's Model for Arab Child Upbringing "Education for Hope", on November 20, 2022. The Workshop was attended by a number of 25 trainees who represented various Jordanian Ministries (Education, Health, Culture, Social Development, and Endowments) as well as a number of representatives of the concerned institutions and members of the National Team for Early Childhood Development in Jordan.



This Training Workshop is the first activity implemented by ACTA within its soft opening



This Pilot Program seeks to develop early childhood, which needs new intellectual development according to new mechanisms and methods of upbringing, thus contributing to preparing a generation capable of facing the future, given that investing in childhood is investing in the future.

This Training Program is carried out within the framework of ACCD's implementation of the "Supporting Capacity Building of Early Childhood Institutions in the Arab Countries to implement the Model of Education for Hope" Project, which is applied in 4 Arab countries (Jordan - Saudi Arabia - Sudan - Oman) in partnership with AGFUND.

In preparation for implementing this Training Program, ACCD held 5 virtual coordination meetings with NCFA during the year 2022, in addition to the following:

1

Producing 9 guiding and educational videos on the strategies of training of trainers, as well as introducing the Model of "Education for Hope"

2

Preparing the pre & post-tests and assessment tests during training

3

Creating a forum for reflection and innovation



2- The Program of Child Friendly Media

“Child friendly media” is media that respects children’s rights and works to enforce them, media that supports a value system based on professionalism, empowerment, citizenship, social justice, freedom and transparency.



Media Observatory for the Arab Child Rights Child Friendly Media

ACCD continues to implement the components of the Project of Media Observatory for the Arab Child Rights (MOACR) in partnership with AGFUND and LAS.

Under the Auspices of

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

Launching the Guidebook for Correcting Negative Expressions and Images Circulating around Children in the Arab Media



ACCD organized a Launching Ceremony of the *Guidebook for Correcting Negative Expressions and Images Circulating around Children in the Arab Media*, in partnership with AGFUND and LAS, on July 26, 2022, in Cairo, with the participation of more than 100 representatives of regional and international organizations, civil society organizations, media professionals and experts.



Statements and Testimonies at the Launching Ceremony

“The importance of MOACR is confirmed by the emerging, present and expected risks that result from the changes, which are made by the modern media. Therefore, we call on our Arab media, with all its spectrums, types and levels, to contribute to safeguarding the rights and dignity of our children, as well as to be keen on applying the appropriate professional standards and media conventions”.



HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

“The idea of drafting this Guidebook stemmed from the danger of negative expressions and images that will lead to promoting negative mental images, meanings and concepts about children, whose negative social and psychological effects are reflected in impeding children’s integration into their social environment”.



H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazala,
Assistant Secretary General and Head of the Social Affairs Sector of LAS

“The Guidebook is issued at an appropriate and crucial time to reinforce the importance of protecting children and their rights, as millions of children are facing poverty, displacement, discrimination and food insecurity. In addition, I would like to emphasize that the increasing use of the media and the Internet may negatively affect children, as one in three children is online”.



H.E. Dr. Najat M'jid Maalla,
the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children

“The Media adoption of the correct alternatives of the negative expressions and images circulating around children in the Arab media, through this Guidebook that is based on respecting the general principles of child rights and the ethics of media profession, will create a pioneering platform for navigating in a broader space of child rights protection”.



H.E. Rym bint Abdullah Al Falasy,
Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood in the UAE

“In order to perform its role, it is necessary for media institutions to avoid the negative stereotypes circulated about children in the media, also it is necessary that the Arab children have an active role in producing the visual and audio content that is prepared around them”.



H.E. Mr. Insaf Mayo,
Chairman of the Economic Committee of the Arab Parliament

Panel Discussion on Media and Child Rights



The Panel Discussion was moderated by two media professionals: Mr. Emil Amin and Ms. Amina Khairi

Honoring partner organizations in implementing the Guidebook's Methodology in the Arab countries, as well as a number of Arab figures who contribute in ACCD's work journey.



Partner organizations in implementing the Guidebook's Methodology in the Arab countries



Statements and Testimonies at the Launching Ceremony

"If we do not have a vision to create the future, we will not create a future situation to confront an existing situation. The problem is not in the media or education, but rather in the cultural context that embraces both of them".



H.E. Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, Secretary General of ACCD

"AGFUND has been keen to support MOACR since its inception more than ten years ago, seeking to create a mechanism based on scientific tools and references aimed at reaching a media based on a set of standards and principles that must be available to achieve media professional quality and to support sustainable development plans".



H.E. Dr. Nasser Alkahtani, Executive Director of AGFUND

"The Arab region is full of conflicts, but it is also full of hope, and it is not possible to generalize that all children in our Arab world are suffering, however, what must be emphasized is that our duty in the first place remains to protect these children from any dangers or attacks".



H.E. Prof. Adele Khodr, Regional Director of UNICEF Office in the Middle East and North Africa

"Children are the weakest group of the Arab society, therefore they are exploited in conflict areas and used as a tool to attract advertisements. If media has the right to shed light on the negative issues related to children, then children also have the right that their issues are addressed in a responsible and professional manner".



H.E. Prof. Adel Abdulghaffar, Professor of Mass Communication, the Main Expert of the Guidebook

"Media is not separate from society, but rather a product of it and in line with it. There are many reasons for the decline of Arab media at the present time".



H.E. Mr. Abdel Latif El-Manawy, Editor-in-Chief and Managing Director of Al-Masry Al-Youm Newspaper

"We must realize that our children are exposed to misconceptions and misleading by some people, and in return they find no one to guide them to positive concepts, and that is the role we count on this Guidebook to play".



H.E. Dr. Mohamed Meqdady, Secretary General of NCFA, Jordan

The Stages to implement the MOACR

1

An Arab Study on Media and Addressing the Issues of Children's Rights in 6 Arab Countries

2

The Professional Guidelines for Arab Media Addressing the Issues of Child Rights adopted by: The Council of Arab Ministers of Information and the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs

3

Guidebook for Correcting Negative Expressions and Images Circulating around Children in the Arab Media: monitoring more than 800 Negative expressions and images with providing guiding alternatives

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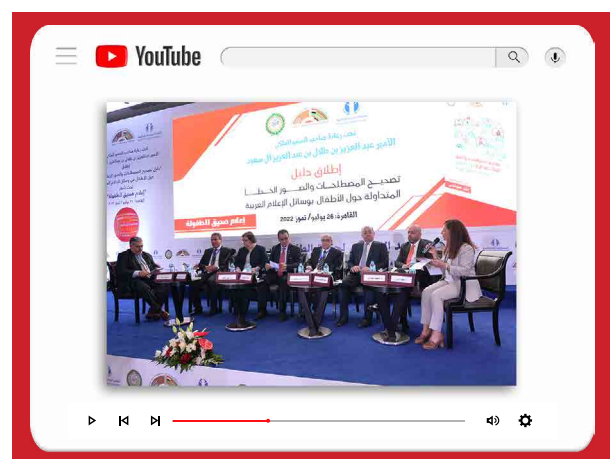
Training and Developing Capacity of Arab Media Professionals (On-going Stage) More than 15 regional and national workshops in 14 Arab countries

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Operating the MOACR (Future Stage)
Periodical Reports and Networking with Media Institutions



Watch the Launching Ceremony
on ACCD's YouTube Channel



Watch the Panel Discussion
on ACCD's YouTube Channel

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3- The Program of the Empowerment of Arab Children

“The Empowerment of Arab Children in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution” is a strategic approach of ACCD

In partnership with AGFUND, ACCD continues to implement the components of this Project, which aims at empowering the Arab children in the era of the fourth industrial revolution with its opportunities and risks, in the light of an integrated and interconnected conceptual structure. This is in accordance with a new intellectual pattern “Education for Hope” that establishes an effective relationship between the child and the fourth industrial revolution, within the framework of global awareness.



Launching the Third Cycle of King Abdulaziz Prize for Scientific Researches on Childhood and Development

Education in the Post-COVID-19 World



Under the patronage of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, ACCD announced, in October 2022, the submission instructions of the Third Cycle of this Prize which began in 2017. The Prize seeks to stimulate scientific research and knowledge production, as well as maximizing societal dialogue on issues of importance to children and their upbringing through the submitted researches.

Topics of the Third Cycle of the Prize

- 1
The Repercussions of the COVID-19 Pandemic
- 2
The Repercussions of the Ukrainian Crisis
- 3
The Climate Crisis and its Repercussions

More about the submission instructions: www.arabccd.org

Choosing the theme of the Third Cycle, “Education in the Post-COVID-19 World,” stems from the importance of rebuilding the education system and focusing on teaching digital skills to children; so that they can participate, interact and integrate in the post-COVID-19 world, the knowledge society and the fourth industrial revolution.

**The winning researches of the Prize's Third Cycle
will be announced at the end of 2023.**

During 2022, ACCD has done the following:

- 1** **Forming the Scientific Committee of the Prize**
- 2** **Circulating the submission instructions and topics of the Prize's Third Cycle to more than 1,500 Arab relevant bodies**
- 3** **Issuing the Book of the Winning Researches in the Second Cycle of the Prize**
- 4** **Holding meetings and workshops to draft the statute and topics of the Third Cycle**

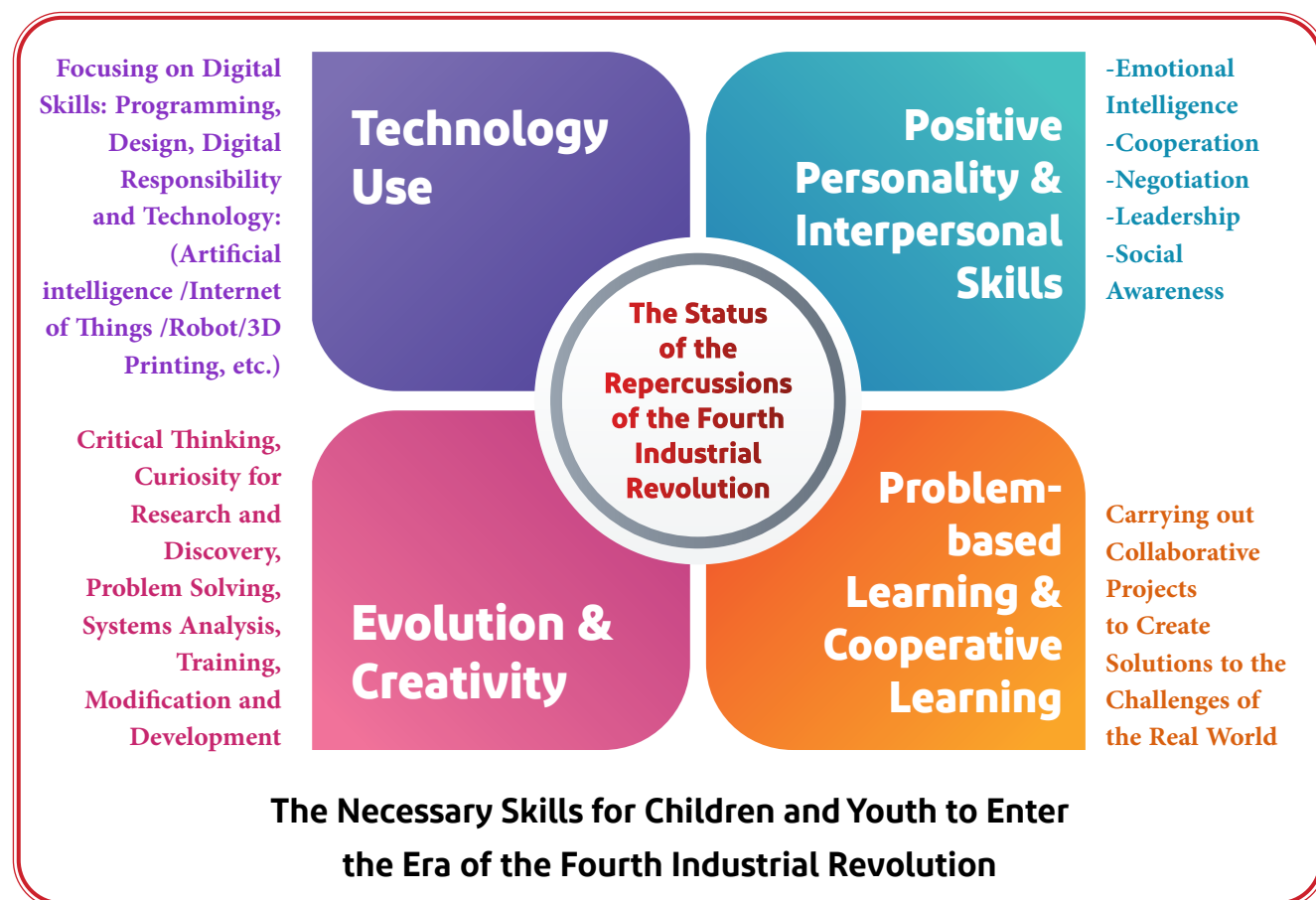


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ACCD Initiates the Preparation of the First Arab Exploratory Field Study to Measure the Readiness of Arab Children for the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

ACCD, in partnership with AGFUND, took the initiative to prepare an exploratory field Study on measuring the readiness of Arab children for the era of the fourth industrial revolution. The Study includes the concepts and visions of the fourth industrial revolution and its requirements in terms of skills, knowledge and values, as well as the package of skills (cognitive, technological, personal and social skills) necessary for the readiness of children. During the year 2022, a series of workshops were held for the Study's Scientific Committee, along with completing the first draft of the study, which will be launched during the year 2023.

The Study has developed the first Arab measurement tool to test the skills of the students in accordance with the requirements of the fourth industrial revolution and its accelerating changes



The Study has called for a review of the current educational systems and directing its purposes, practices and work tools towards the future, as well as suggesting strategies to move forward towards the future.

Completion of the first draft of the Study in preparation for its launch during the year 2023

Launching the Study on the Readiness of Arab Children for the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution During the Activities of the Sixth Arab Civil Society Forum for Children in 2023 with the Participation of the ACCD Network

ACCD is coordinating with the partners to organize the activities of the Sixth Arab Civil Society Forum for Children in 2023 under the slogan of “The Empowerment of Arab Children in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution”.

The Arab Civil Society Forum for Children is a periodic forum to institutionalize the efforts of Arab civil society organizations. It aims to raising the developmental awareness of children’s issues in the Arab world. It adopts the approach of rights and development and stems from the CRC, in a way that guarantees non-discrimination and respect for difference within the framework of an effective partnership.

It is noteworthy that the **ACCD Network (one of the mechanisms of the Forum)** seeks to create a stream to spread the concepts of ACCD that would enlighten society in the field of childhood and development.

Under the Auspices of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

ACCD Launches its First Seminar on “The World of Metaverse and its Implications for the Arab Child Upbringing”

This Seminar was held on January 18, 2022, and was attended by more than 50 participants interested in the fields of child upbringing, technology and media. The Seminar aimed to introduce the concept of metaverse and its impact on the future, as well as its repercussions on children in the world of technology.

The importance of this Seminar stems from ACCD's keenness to introduce the new digital world and its repercussions and impacts on the future, in light of the massive technological revolution that the world is witnessing in all aspects of life, which requires taking the necessary measures to prepare children to deal with this new virtual world.



The Seminar emphasized that despite the concerns regarding this technological advancement in the field of metaverse and the artificial intelligence, it is imperative to take advantage of this advancement and deal with it in order to change and develop the educational systems. The aim is to enable these educational systems to work on raising awareness, creativity, imagination and developing human capabilities, in order to teach students to be ready to deal with the unique challenges that they will face in the changes of society and the economy.

**Watch the Seminar
on ACCD's YouTube Channel**

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ACCD Presents its Model for “Empowering the Arab Child” at the International Conference on “The Future of Teacher Education in the Light of the Variables of the Fourth and Fifth Industrial Revolutions” and Receives the Educational Excellence Award of the Faculty of Education, Helwan University

ACCD participated in the 3rd International and 20th Scientific Conference of the Faculty of Education, Helwan University entitled: “The Future of Teacher Education in the Light of the Variables of the Fourth and Fifth Industrial Revolutions”, which was held on October 12 and 13, 2022 under the auspices of H.E. Prof. Mohamed Ayman Ashour,



the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, H.E. Dr. Reda Hegazy, the Minister of Education and H.E. Prof. Ibrahim Mohamed Qandil, the President of Helwan University.

During his speech at the Conference, Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, the Secretary General of ACCD, stressed that we need a different pattern of education reform, a pattern that establishes integration between education and development, in addition this reform should be comprehensive and depends on four dimensions: political, economic, social and cultural dimensions. He also called for the need to pay attention to the cultural dimension because it is the way to confront backwardness and fundamentalist and terrorist thought, as well as it is the way to enter the era of knowledge and the industrial revolution, along with achieving enlightenment based on reason, science, humanity and progress.

ACCD has received the Educational Excellence Award in the field of early childhood and community development from the Faculty of Education, Helwan University, in appreciation of ACCD's efforts in supporting and developing Arab childhood issues over more than 35 years.





4-The Program of Climate Crisis and Children's Rights

The Initiatives of ACCD to Address the Climate Crisis and Children's Rights

Based on the fact that it is important to address the climate crisis in a serious manner, ACCD has undertaken a number of initiatives in this regard, in order to ensure that today's children will inherit a livable planet.



The climate crisis poses a crisis for child rights, as climate change is the greatest threat facing the world's children, who bear the greatest burden of its repercussions.

In Conjunction with the International and Regional Movements Accompanying the UN Climate Change Conference (COP27)

A Regional Workshop on Child labor in the Arab Region and Climate Change

ACCD held a Regional Workshop on “Child Labor in the Arab Region and Climate Change” in partnership with the LAS, AGFUND, the Arab Labor Organization (ALO), the International



Labor Organization (ILO) and the Arab Parliament for the Child, on October 23, 2022. The Workshop was attended by more than 100 participants from 24 Arab and foreign countries, representing national mechanisms concerned with childhood, representatives of production parties and institutions related to childhood internationally, regionally and nationally, as well as experts and media professionals.

The Workshop was opened by speeches of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, President of AGFUND and ACCD, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazala, Assistant Secretary General and Head of the Social Affairs Sector of LAS, and H.E. Fayez Al Mutairi, Director General of ALO, Dr. Ruba Jaradat, Regional Director for Arab States at ILO and H.E. Mr. Ayman Othman Al-Barout, Secretary General of the Arab Parliament for the Child.



Watch the Workshop on
ACCD's YouTube Channel



The Workshop emphasized that climate change has become an unprecedented threat to children's rights and marginalized groups of children, especially those involved, directly and indirectly, in the labor market.

On the occasion of the World Day Against Child Labor

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud calls for cooperation and solidarity in order to assume responsibility and fulfill the commitment to reduce child labor



HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, President of ACCD, issued a statement on the occasion of the World Day Against Child Labor, which was adopted by the United Nations to be on the 12th of June each year.

His Highness pointed out the increase in the number of children engaged in child labor that reached to 160 million children worldwide in the age group of 5 – 17 years, including 7.2 million children in the region of the Middle East and North Africa, as well as it is estimated that child labor could increase by 8.9 million children worldwide by the end of 2022. This increase of child labor is the result of what the world is witnessing today in general, and our region in particular due to the political, economic and social conditions, as well as the conditions of wars and conflicts.

His Highness called on all actors, governments, labor institutions, workers and civil society organizations to cooperate and join efforts in order to assume responsibility and fulfill the commitment to reduce child labor and stop its worst forms.

His Highness warned that the problem of climate change has caused a new crisis for children's rights, including the issue of child labor, and the estimates of the United Nations indicate that there are about a billion children at risk due to climate changes, in addition this danger may reach all children unless the world acts now. This is a very serious matter; as despite the fact that children are the least responsible for climate change, unfortunately they bear the greatest burden of its effects.

In Accordance with the Integrated Vision and the Strategic Partnership among the Developmental Organizations Headed by HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

ACCD Participates in the Initiative of the Arab Network for NGOs to Launch the First Edition of the Arab Climate Forum in Partnership with AGFUND, LAS and the Egyptian Ministry of Environment



This Forum is Held under the Auspices of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud under the Slogan “Together to Enhance the Contribution of Civil Society to Climate Action and Sustainability” within the Framework of Egypt’s Hosting of COP27

ACCD participated in the activities of the Arab Climate Forum, which was organized by the Arab Network for NGOs (ANNGO), in partnership with a number of partners, on October 2 and 3, 2022. The Opening Session was inaugurated in the presence of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal Al Saud, H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad, the Egyptian Minister of Environment, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazala, Assistant Secretary General and Head of the Social Affairs Sector of LAS, H.E. Dr. Nasser Alkahtani, Executive Director of AGFUND and H.E. Prof. Dr. Hassan Al-Bilawi, Secretary General of ACCD and Chairman of the Board of Directors of ANNGO, and H.E. Ms. Hoda Al-Bakr, Executive Director of ANNGO, with the participation of a number of representatives of governmental bodies, Arab, regional and international organizations, experts, researchers, private sector institutions and media professionals from 12 Arab countries.



“Effective climate action has become a common moral commitment for all, and all development parties must assume their responsibilities, if we want, with all seriousness and responsibility, to keep our planet fit for sustainable living for us and for future generations.”

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

Partners



The Forum has sought to mobilize the Arab public sphere around the issue of climate and the equitable demands of the countries of the Arab world, or rather the developing world regarding the just transition and empowering stakeholders to contribute to climate action, through providing information, training, awareness, public participation and strengthening regional cooperation.



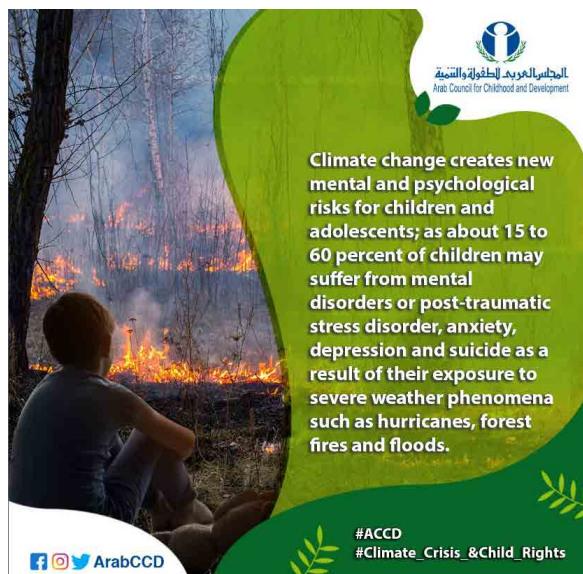
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Using the Social Media Platforms

ACCD Launches an Online Campaign under the Hashtag #Climate_Crisis_&Child_Rights



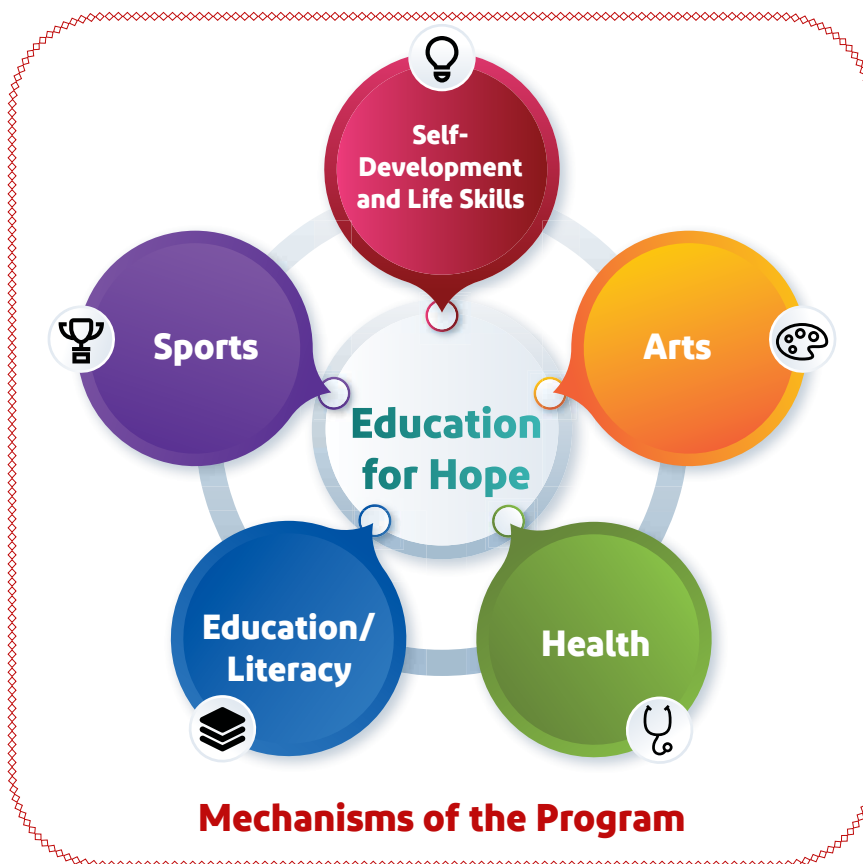
ACCD launched this Campaign within its efforts to raise awareness on the effects of climate change on children's rights, as well as to achieve its role in developing and protecting the rights of Arab children.

The Campaign aims to disseminate and circulate scientific facts and references on the impact of climate change on children to media professionals and those concerned with the children, in order to achieve effective cooperation and acting towards eliminating it and save our children.



5- The Program of Children in Street Situations

The Rehabilitation and Inclusion of Children in Street Situations through Education for Hope “I have Chosen Hope”

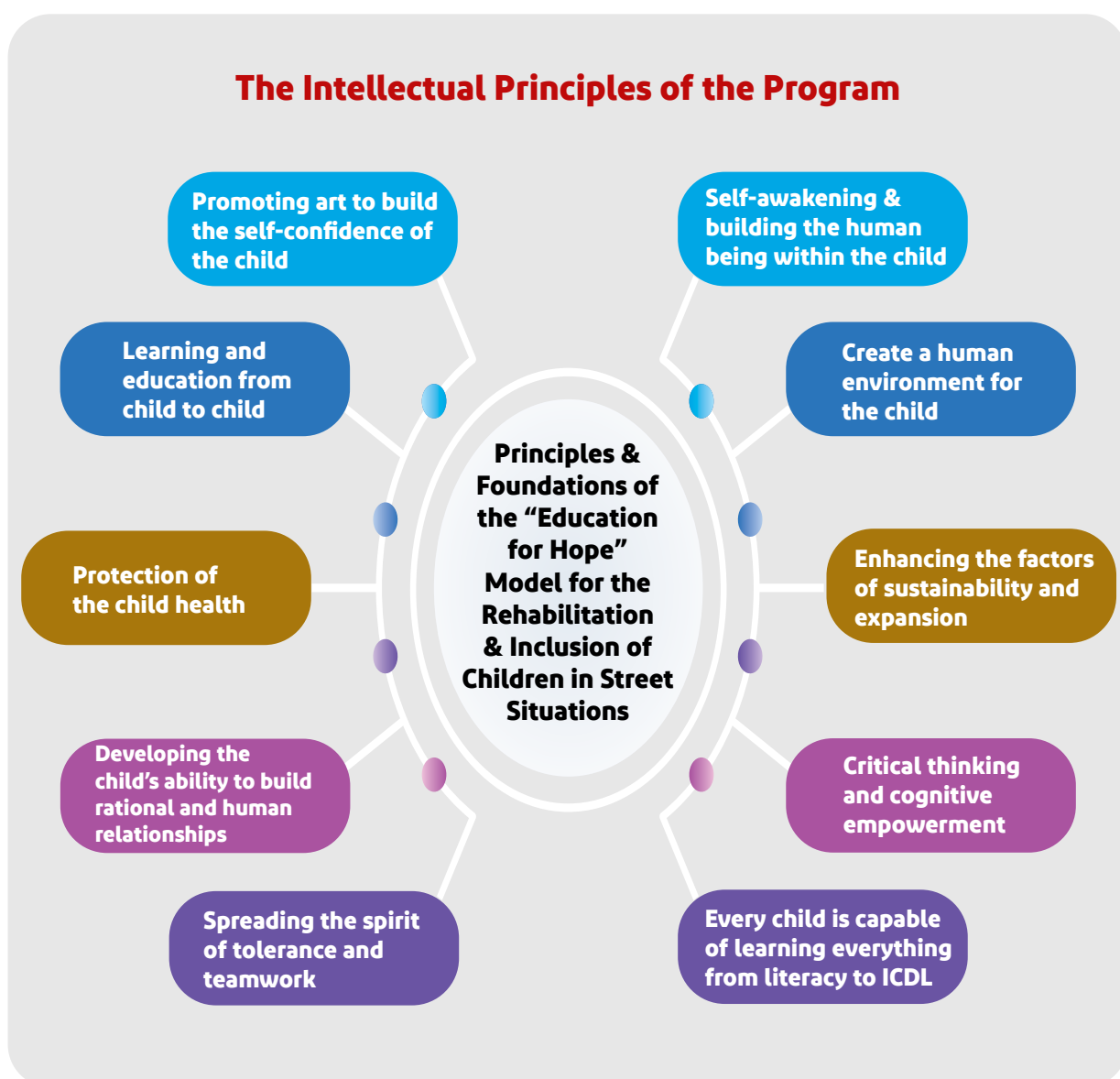


ACCD has developed an integrated Model for the rehabilitation and inclusion of children in street situations through Education for hope “I have chosen hope”, based on the accumulated experience of the pioneering initiatives undertaken by ACCD since its establishment to implement many programs and projects in this field.

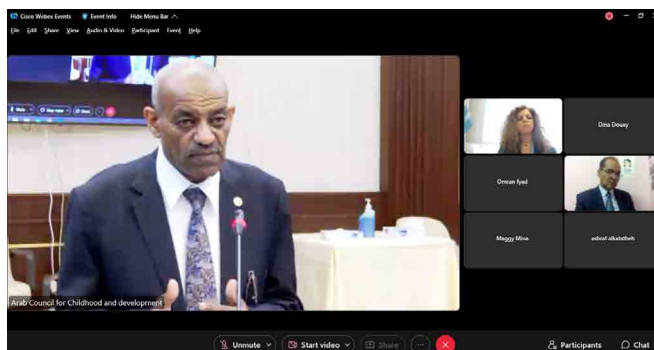
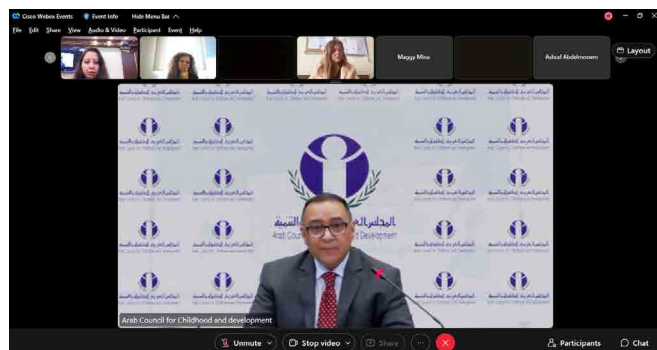
During the year 2022, ACCD’s efforts focused on circulating the Model of “I Have Chosen Hope” Project in the Arab countries, in accordance with the recommendation issued by LAS, after implementing this Model in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Solidarity in Egypt for a period of 4 years.

Coordinating with the Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon to Implement the Second Phase of ACCD's Model "I Have Chosen Hope" in Partnership with AGFUND

ACCD is coordinating with the Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon to implement the second phase of the Project of the Rehabilitation and Inclusion of Children in Street Situations through Education for Hope. The Project is based on providing psychological support to children and building the capacities of those who are working with children in street situations according to the Model of "Education for Hope". During the year 2022, the proposal document of the Project was drafted in preparation for the signing of a joint cooperation protocol between ACCD and the Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon, seeking to start the implementation during the year 2023.



ACCD Presents Approaches and Interventions for the Rehabilitation and Inclusion of Children in Street Situations in a Regional Workshop in Partnership with AGFUND, LAS and UNICEF



The Regional virtual Workshop entitled: “Approaches and Interventions for the Rehabilitation and Inclusion of Children in Street Situations” was held on May 16, 2022, in partnership among ACCD, AGFUND, LAS and UNICEF’s Regional Office. The Workshop was attended by more than 50 participants representing national mechanisms for childhood, related organizations, experts and the media professionals.

The workshop aimed to identify the role of national institutions and regional and international organizations to address the challenges facing children in street situations, especially in light of the Corona pandemic and the state of conflicts, asylum and displacement that a number of Arab countries are witnessing.

ACCD discussed its Model for the rehabilitation and inclusion of this group of children through “Education for Hope” under the slogan “I Have Chosen Hope”



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The Workshop recommended the importance of dealing with street children as rights-holders and victims of numerous violations, therefore it is necessary to protect them along with providing them with psychological and social support, especially with the increase of discrimination against these children due to the repercussions of the Corona pandemic.

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The Project of Early Detection and Intervention among Stakeholders Concerned with Children with Disabilities within the Context of Scientific Advancement and Technological Progress

In collaboration with partners, ACCD continues to implement this project, which aims at developing the knowledge, skills, awareness and positive beliefs of stakeholders concerned with children with disabilities in Arab countries, in order to enable them to use strategies, programs, advanced technology and its applications in early detection of disability, and early intervention to prevent it or limit its effects.

Project Partners



Project Components

Guiding Manual for Capacity Development for Early Detection and Intervention among Stakeholders Concerned with Children with Disabilities

Training Manual for Parents and Teachers to Develop their Skills of Early Detection of Disability and Participation in Early Intervention

An Analytical Study on the Culture of Early Intervention in its Comprehensive Concept, Practices and Challenges in the Arab Countries

E-Training Program

A Package of Awareness-raising Materials: Videos, Children's Stories and Pamphlets

The early detection and intervention of disability improve the health and developmental status of children, reduce the cost of medical, psychological and educational treatment that children with disabilities may need and provide the opportunity to build relationships that contribute to determining the nature of disability and the methods to deal with it.

Partnerships

Signing a Memorandum of Understanding between ACCD and the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation to Promote Partnership in the Fields of Knowledge and Development



The signing of a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ACCD and the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Knowledge, on September 28, 2022, at the headquarters of ACCD in Cairo. The MOU was signed by H.E. Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, Secretary General of ACCD, and H.E. Mr. Jamal bin Huwaireb, Executive Director of the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation.

Joint Events with the National Center for Child Culture in Egypt

In line with the Joint Cooperation Protocol with the Egyptian Supreme Council of Culture, ACCD held, during the year 2022, a series of seminars and workshops with the Egyptian National Center for Child Culture (ENCCC) in the Cultural Park at Cairo, under the auspices of H.E. the Egyptian Minister of Culture, and in the presence of children, public audience, and those concerned with children's culture.

1- A Seminar on the Protection of Children in Social Media Platforms under the Slogan "Safe Internet for Children"



This Seminar was held on April 19, 2022, within the framework of the "Welcome Ramadan" Festival and the celebration of Cairo as the "Capital of Islamic Culture".

The Seminar tackled the opportunities and risks of social media platforms for children, and stressed the need to enable children to deal rationally and safely with these platforms, in order to allow children to benefit from information and knowledge through these platforms, exchange experiences and expertise, as well as enhancing the social skills of children and develop their creativity.



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During the Seminar, a series of videos for children entitled: "One Thousand and One Giga" was played. This series was prepared by ACCD in partnership with LAS, in order to broadcast educational messages for children on confronting cyberbullying, verifying rumors and avoiding being misled by them and preserving privacy and personal data on the Internet, as well as avoiding addicting the Internet, especially harmful websites and games, along with the need to browse websites according to the protection and security settings and secure accounts.

2- Seminar on “Child Friendly Media”

This Seminar was held on September 8, 2022, within the framework of the Summer Activity entitled “The Sweetest Vacation”. It aimed to discuss the patterns of children’s use of media and social media, the most prominent problems they face and the positive and negative aspects of media from their points of view.



The children recommended the need to work on providing media content that is appropriate for them. They also concluded the importance of having family guidance to use social media safely, while giving them opportunities to practice alternative activities and make use of their time, for example, practicing sports and arts.

3- Seminar on “Communication between Parents and Children”



This Seminar was held on September 15, 2022, within the framework of the Summer Activity entitled “The Sweetest Vacation”. It aimed to discuss methods of caring and raising children, in addition to raising awareness of technology and the requirements of the current age. Within the framework of the Seminar, an exhibition of caricature drawings for children

was opened, the winners of the drawing competition were honored and a number of artistic shows were presented.

The Seminar stressed the importance of parents communicating with their children through dialogue, ensuring that children acquire the skills of self-expression and communication with the others and respecting them, and instilling feelings of peace, love and empathy, in order to build a healthy personality that will be the basis for a conscious society capable of dealing with the changes of the times and empowered to make the best use of it in preparation for the future.



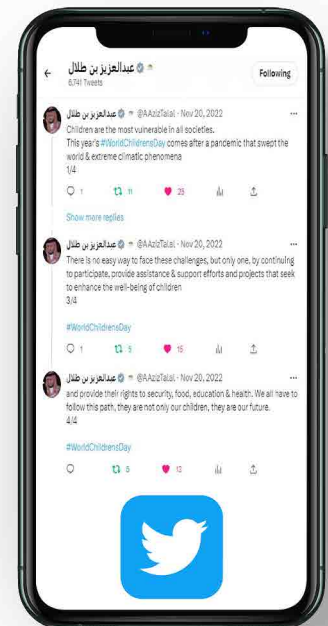
World Children's Day: 20 November

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Calls for the Promotion of the Well-being of our Children and the Realization of their Rights on the Occasion of the World Children's Day



HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud posted a tweet saying: “Children are the most vulnerable in all societies. This year’s #WorldChildrensDay comes after a pandemic that swept the world & extreme climatic phenomena causing severe economic impacts on families, specifically the poor, while wars & crises are escalating due to manifestations of racism & discrimination”.

His Highness added: “There is no easy way to face these challenges, but only one, by continuing to participate, provide assistance & support efforts and projects that seek to enhance the well-being of children and provide their rights to security, food, education & health. We all have to follow this path, they are not only our children, but they are also our future”.



ACCD lights up its headquarters in blue on the occasion of the World Children's Day to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide and improving children's welfare.

2022 Theme: Inclusion for Every Child



ACCD Lights up its Headquarters in Pink on the Occasion of the Breast Cancer Awareness Month to Support the Women Affected by Breast Cancer



Within the international celebration of the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, ACCD lit its headquarters in pink for the second year, in support and solidarity with the women affected by breast cancer.

Paying attention to the issues of women and mothers is an inseparable part of childhood issues, as well as providing care for women's health is the way to family health and achieve development.

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Offers Condolences to the Egyptian People over the Abu Sefein Church Fire

A Delegation of ACCD Headed by the Secretary General Offers Condolences over the Victims

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, President of ACCD, has offered condolences to the Egyptian people over the Abu Sefein Church fire that occurred on August 14, 2022. His Highness posted a tweet saying: “Sincere condolences to the Egyptian people over the victims of the painful fire accident of Abu Sefein church at Giza Governorate. Our sincere condolences to the families of the victims, and wishing a quick recovery for the injured”.



On August 15, 2022, a delegation from ACCD headed by Prof. Hassan Al-Bilawi, the Secretary General, offered condolences to His Grace Bishop Youhanna, Bishop of the Diocese of North Giza. Moreover, ACCD has provided financial donations to support the victims of this painful accident through the official account of the Diocese of North Giza.

ACCD Mourns the Death of the Moroccan Child, Rayan, whose Tragedy Confirmed the Unity of Humanity

ACCD offered its sincere condolences to the family of the child Rayan, who died due to a fall in a well in the Chefchaouen region during the month of February 2022. ACCD also offered condolences to the Moroccan people and to the government of the Kingdom of Morocco that spared no effort to save the child. Despite the sad end, the rescue teams dealt with this tragedy in a civilized level, which is considered a model in preserving children's rights and human value in general.

ACCD noted the unity of humanity and noble principles revealed by the tragedy of the Moroccan child, through global sympathy towards the suffering of the innocent child, the continuous follow-up of rescue operations and the solidarity of Arab children and their eagerness to follow up on rescue operations in the media and social media. ACCD called on Arab families to take care of the safety of children and protecting them from everything that threatens their lives.



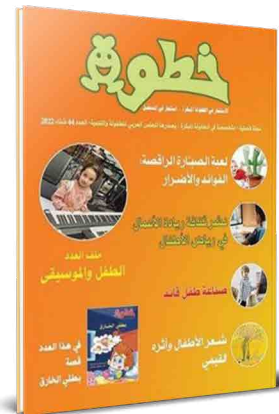
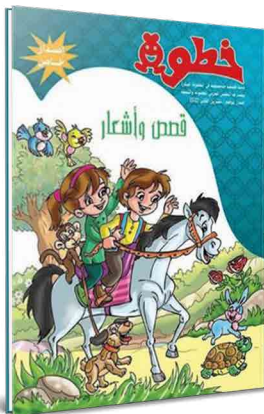
ACCD Periodicals

Three Issues of Childhood and Development Periodical



The Periodical has obtained the accreditation of the Arab Citation and Impact Factor (ARCIF) in the second category in the field of social sciences, within 500 periodicals from 20 Arab countries.

Two Issues of Khatwa Magazine Specialized in Early Childhood & Special Edition of a Collection of Stories & Poems for Children



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ACCD is working on developing Khatwa Magazine into interactive Issues, in addition to launching a new portal for the Magazine.



Media Activities

The media activities aim at promoting ACCD's role in spreading and developing the culture of child rights and upbringing children in Arab countries, with a view to raise awareness and advocating to child rights, in cooperation and coordination with media channels and other developmental institutions.



ACCD's Annual Performance Report of 2022



ACCD's Portal and Accounts on Social Media



Annual Calendar of 2023 entitled "Together to Address Climate Change".



Press Files: Releasing 12 Monthly Press Files.

Media coverage for events and issuing 40 newsletters on ACCD activities.



Participation in Seminars and Conferences

- The Virtual Meeting to discuss the Report entitled: “Culture, Development and Societal Transformation Toward Democracy”, organized by the Arab Women’s Center for Training and Research “CAWTAR”, on January 7, 2022.
- The Launching Ceremony of the Arab Code for Sustainable Development at the League of Arab States, organized by the Arab Network for NGOs, on January 12, 2022.
- The Round Table “Aspirations to Support the Right to Participation of Children in Egypt”, organized by the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, on February 28, 2022.
- The Regional Meeting of Civil Society Organizations on Sustainable Development in the Arab region, entitled “Transcending the Resilience and Recovery Approach in the Arab Region”, organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), on March 13-14, 2022.
- The Arab Forum for Sustainable Development “Recovery and Resilience” (AFSD), organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), on March 15-17, 2022.
- The Consultative Meeting entitled “Egypt and the Future of Adolescents”, organized by the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, in cooperation with Plan International, on March 28, 2022.
- The Virtual Meeting on “Sustainable Development and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights” organized by the Regional Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Middle East and North Africa, on May 19, 2022.
- A Workshop on “The Role of International Bodies and Organizations Working in the Field of Child Rights in Egypt”, organized by the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, on June 12, 2022.
- Celebration of World Refugee Day, organized by Terre des hommes, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Save the Children, on June 24, 2022.
- Celebration of the International Day Against Child Labor, organized by the International Labor Organization, Egypt Office in Cairo, on June 27, 2022.
- A Meeting to review the Child Labor Survey Form, organized by the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics, in cooperation with the International Labor Organization, on July 4, 2022.
- A Consultative Forum on “Enhancing the Social and Cultural Outputs of Education: Towards an Effective and Sustainable Partnership”, organized by (Coptic Orphans - The Egyptian Coalition for Education - Egyptians Without Borders), on August 9, 2022.
- The First Conference of Egypt’s Children for Climate Action, entitled “Artificial Intelligence

and Confronting Climate Change”, organized by the Faculty of Computing and Artificial Intelligence, Cairo University, on September 11, 2022.

- A Meeting on the Sawiris Foundation’s Strategy for the next five years in the program for children without parental care, organized by the Sawiris Foundation, on September 12, 2022.
- The Arab Girls’ Summit, organized by the League of Arab States, Plan International, and the National Council for Family Affairs in Jordan, on October 12-13, 2022.
- An Interactive Session on the Right of Children to Participate in Climate Change Issues (COP 27 - Climate Summit), organized by the League of Arab States in Sharm El-Sheikh, on November 11, 2022.
- The Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Founding of the Arab Open University and the inauguration of the Exhibition of “Talal ... A History Read by Generations”, organized by the Arab Open University in Kuwait, on November 13, 2022.
- A Symposium on “The Psychology of Digital Empowerment of the Teacher and Assessment in Light of the Requirements of the New Republic”, organized by the Faculty of Education, Helwan University, on November 14, 2022.
- A Conference on Climate Issues and their Impact on Raising Children in a Healthy Environment, entitled “Ensuring the Rights of the Child in a Healthy Environment”, which was held by the Embassy of Uzbekistan with the participation of United Nations organizations, on November 17, 2022.
- A Symposium on “Childhood Development Prospects in the Arab World”, organized by the Girls’ College of Arts, Sciences and Education at Ain Shams University, on November 20, 2022.
- Meeting to Activate the Cooperation Protocol with Terre des hommes, on November 24, 2022.
- The First Scientific Conference in the Arab Republic of Egypt for People with Multiple Disabilities/ Hearing-Visual Disabilities in the light of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, organized by the Nedaa Foundation for the Rehabilitation and Education of Hearing-Impaired Children, Multiple Disabilities and Hearing-Visual Impairment in Cairo, on November 27, 2022.
- The Virtual Symposium on the sixth issue of the Swiss “NORRAG” Magazine, on December 10, 2022.
- The 30th Arab Scout Conference, organized by the Arab Scout Organization in Lebanon, on December 13, 2022.
- The National Conference on Early Childhood - Reality and Opportunities, organized by the National Council for Family Affairs in Jordan, in cooperation with Plan International, the Royal Society for Health Awareness, the Bernard van Leer Foundation and the National Team for Early Childhood Development, on December 13-14, 2022.



ACCD's Partners in Children's Support and Development



