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The 6th Arab Civil Society Forum for Children

Under the Slogan

The Empowerment of Arab Children for the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution & Beyond

14 – 13 February 2024
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What is the Forum?

The Arab Civil Society Forum for Children (the Forum) is a periodic forum to institutionalize the efforts of Arab civil society organizations in the field of childhood. It adopts the approach of rights and development and it is based on the International Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), as well as other relevant Arab and international charters and conventions, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Forum plays a pivotal role in building the capabilities of Arab civil society organizations working in the field of childhood by identifying a main topic in each of its periodic events.

This Forum was adopted in 2001 as part of the tireless efforts undertaken by the Arab Council for Childhood and Development (ACCD), in partnership with the League of Arab States (LAS) and the Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND), to coordinate among Arab civil society organizations to prepare for the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children that was held in New York in May 2002, which resulted in the “A World Fit for Children” document.

The Events of the Arab Civil Society Forum for Children

1 **The 1st Forum** **Rabat – Morocco** **2001**
Unifying Arab visions to prepare for the United Nations
General Assembly Special Session on Children

2 **The 2nd Forum** **Cairo – Egypt** **2005**
Priorities for future action
for child care and protection

3 **The 3rd Forum** **Cairo – Egypt** **2010**
Knowledge for Right

4 **The 4th Forum** **Beirut – Lebanon** **2012**
The Right to Participation...
Participation Means Protection

5 **The 5th Forum** **Cairo – Egypt** **2018**
Upbringing in a Changing World ... New Mind
for a New Human in a New Society

6 **The 6th Forum** **Alexandria – Egypt** **2024**
The Empowerment of Arab Children in the Era of
the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Beyond

Arab Civil Society Forum for Children **in Numbers**

6

Holding six Forums since its launch in 2001

17

The number of Partners of the Forum's events

1500

The number of participants in the Forum's events from 20 Arab countries

150

The number of research papers, studies, and pioneer Arab and international experiences that were tackled during the Forum's Sessions



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Forum Objectives:

- Dissemination and raising awareness of the importance of working on the empowerment of Arab children in the era of the fourth industrial revolution (4IR) and beyond with its opportunities and risks, in light of an integrated and interconnected conceptual structure, according to a new intellectual pattern that establishes an effective relationship between the child and the 4IR, within the framework of global awareness.
- Shedding light on the status of Arab civil society for childhood, and the extent of its ability to confront current challenges and changes, at the level of roles, responsibilities and values.

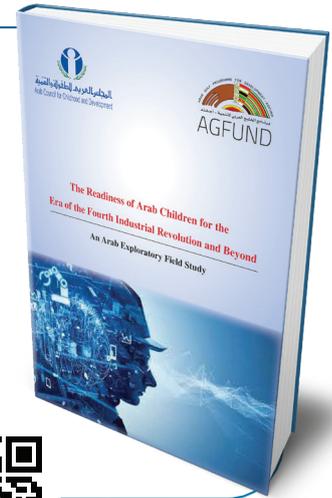
The choice of the 6th Forum's slogan stems from ACCD's vision; that the future of the Arab nation in the era of the 4IR depends on children and youth who are being prepared to assume the burdens of this task. The success in providing today's children with effective preparation and qualification to assume the burdens of their future responsibilities in this new era foretells the future of Arab societies. Accordingly, ACCD developed the slogan “The Empowerment of Arab Children in Light of the Requirements of the 4IR” as a strategic direction for its upcoming plans and programs, in order to raise our children with the values and skills that qualify and enable them to enter a new society and a new world.

The First Day - 13 February 2024

The Readiness of Arab Children for the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Beyond

An Arab Exploratory Study

The activities of the first day of the 6th Forum will witness the launch of this Study, initiated by ACCD in partnership with AGFUND. It is an exploratory field Study on a sample of Arab children aged 12 - 15 years, to measure the extent to which they can acquire the necessary skills to interact efficiently with a new world that has not yet revealed all its features. In addition, the Study aimed to measure the extent to which various upbringing institutions have succeeded in preparing Arab children for the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).



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The results of the Study indicate the limited readiness of children for the 4IR, as well as the wide gap between the current level of the students cognitive skills and the requirements of readiness for the era of the 4IR and beyond.

The sessions include discussions on the strategies for moving forward towards empowering children in the era of the 4IR and beyond, through drafting visions and goals of achieving this empowerment and the role of various upbringing institutions.

The Second Day - 14 February 2024

The Status of Arab Civil Society for Childhood in the Context of the Current Changes

The sessions of the second day of the Forum aim to present the status of Arab civil society for childhood in light of the changes and challenges witnessed by the Arab region during the last decade, and its impact of on the roles, responsibilities and values of civil society. In addition to highlighting ACCD's role in civil work in the field of childhood and development, the role of civil society in the circumstances of wars and emergencies, and the role of youth and volunteering to work for civil society, as well as reviewing the pioneering Arab experiences and initiatives in the field of empowering Arab children in the era of the 4IR and beyond.

A Special Session on the models of civil society organizations sponsored by HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, as a model for Arab civil action in the areas of development that form a developmental alliance for human building and well-being.

A Dialogue Session will be held for children to listen to their opinions and viewpoints regarding the 4IR, aiming to realize children's right to participation, in addition to a Dialogue Session on youth, volunteerism and civil society.

The full version of the Forum's research papers, presentations, experiences and initiatives will be available on ACCD's portal: www.arabccd.org