

## Gulf Forum For Educational Researchers



# Concept Note

**14 - 15 December 2025**  
**Kuwait**







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## Context

The *Gulf Forum for Educational Researchers* serves as a pioneering platform aimed at enhancing scholarly communication and fostering constructive collaboration among educational researchers across the Gulf region. This initiative stems from a deep understanding of the vital role that scientific research plays in developing education and addressing emerging challenges facing educational systems in the region.

Organized by the Gulf Arab States Educational Research Center (GASERC), the forum comes at a critical juncture in the region's educational journey, marked by a growing need for innovative and effective solutions to improve the quality of education and strengthen learning outcomes. It aligns with the future visions of Gulf countries in achieving sustainable development and building thriving, knowledge-based societies.

Recognizing the central role played by educational researchers, this forum provides a unique space for scholarly engagement and professional exchange. It offers an opportunity to discuss key educational issues and challenges from a rigorous research perspective, explore the latest global research trends and methodologies, and benefit from successful regional and international experiences in education and educational research. This scientific gathering contributes to enriching the Gulf educational dialogue and promoting knowledge exchange, thereby helping shape clear visions for research priorities and educational needs across the region.

By organizing this significant two-day event, the forum aspires to become a platform for coordinating Gulf efforts in educational research and enhancing the capacities of Gulf researchers to support decision-makers in formulating sound, evidence-

based educational policies that respond to the aspirations and development needs of Gulf societies. It also aims to serve as a genuine nucleus for a sustainable regional professional network that empowers researchers and strengthens their role in advancing education and development in the Gulf Arab States.

## Objectives

- Provide a specialized regional platform for the exchange of expertise among educational researchers in the Gulf States.
- Discuss and identify priorities for educational research that align with the needs of the Gulf countries in developing education and supporting sustainable development.
- Develop the knowledge and skills of educational researchers in conducting research using the latest methodologies and scientific approaches.
- Promote regional cooperation and communication among researchers and educational and research institutions in the Gulf region.

## Forum Themes

The forum will focus on the following key themes and topics:

- Priorities in educational research to support education quality and sustainable development goals in the Gulf States.
- The role of regional communities of practice in education and educational research.
- Contemporary trends in educational research and methodological approaches.
- Employing digital technology and artificial intelligence tools in educational research.

- Promoting evidence-based educational policies grounded in applied research.

## Forum Activities

The forum will be organized over two days and will include the following activities:

- **Two plenary sessions** featuring Keynote speakers in the fields of educational research, addressing the forum's key themes.
- **Six training workshops** delivered by educational experts, focusing on recent developments, methodologies, and modern approaches in educational research.
- **Two roundtable discussions** on the following topics:
  - *Ethics of Educational Research in Light of Technological Advances*
  - *Challenges in Implementing Action Research in School Environments*

## Participants

- Education policymakers and leaders from the member states of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States.
- Educational researchers from all Gulf countries.
- Regional and international experts and academics in the fields of education and educational research.

## Expected Outcomes

- Identification of the most pressing educational research priorities at the Gulf regional level.
- Strengthening mechanisms and channels for cooperation and professional exchange among educational researchers in the Gulf States.
- Facilitate the establishment of a community of practice for educational researchers in the Gulf region.

- A comprehensive final report summarizing the forum's outcomes and recommendations.

## Date and Venue

The forum will be held over two days, **14–15 December 2025**, at the headquarters of GASERC in **Kuwait**.



## Forum Program

### Day One

Sunday, 14 December 2025

#### Opening of the Forum

09:00 – 09:45

- Opening Address by His Excellency **Eng. Sayed Al-Tabtabaei**, Minister of Education in Kuwait.
- Remarks by His Excellency **Dr. Mohammed Al-Muqbil**, Director General of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS)
- Remarks by **Dr. Mohammed Al-Sharija**, Director of the Gulf Arab States Educational Research Center (GASERC)

09:45 – 10:00

Break

#### Plenary Session for Day One

**Topic: Educational Research Priorities in the Gulf States: Regional Challenges and Global Concerns**

10:00 – 11:00

*This session will focus on identifying educational research priorities in the Gulf region in light of current educational challenges and global issues in education and research.*

**Open Discussion**

11:00 – 11:15

Break

## Concurrent Workshops for Day One

## Workshop 1: Analytical and Critical Thinking Skills in Educational Research

**11:15 – 14:30** *This workshop aims to strengthen researchers' analytical and critical thinking skills, enabling them to move beyond data reporting toward deeper evaluation and interpretation. Participants will learn to develop an independent scholarly voice and produce original, evidence-based contributions.*

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## Workshop 2: Using Artificial Intelligence Tools and Open Data in Educational Research: Practical Applications

**11:15 – 14:30** *This workshop focuses on training participants to utilize artificial intelligence technologies and digital tools in conducting educational research, and on how to leverage them to improve the quality of research.*

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### Workshop 3: Qualitative Research and Its Applications in Educational Studies

**11:15 – 14:30**

*Participants will explore qualitative research methodologies—such as case studies, ethnography, and grounded theory—and learn to use interviews and observation to analyze complex educational phenomena and derive meaningful conclusions.*

**14:30 – 14:45**

**Break**

#### **Roundtable Discussion for Day One**

**Topic: Ethics of Educational Research in Light of Technological Advances**

**14:45 – 15:45**

*This Roundtable discussion examines ethical issues arising from technological advancements—such as AI and open data—addressing challenges of privacy, integrity, and participant protection while promoting responsible research practices in the digital age.*

**Day Two**  
*Monday, 15 December 2025*

**Plenary Session for Day Two**

**Topic: Communities of Practice: Successful Regional and International Experiences**

**09:00 – 10:30** *This session discusses the importance of Communities of Practice in improving education and highlights the need to establish such communities in the field of educational research in the Gulf, with examples of successful models regionally and internationally.*

**Open Discussion**

**10:30 – 10:45**

**Break**

**Concurrent Workshops for Day Two**

**Workshop 1: Impact Measurement and Statistical Methods**

**10:45 – 14:00** *The workshop equips participants with key statistical tools to measure the impact of educational interventions accurately. It strengthens their understanding of frameworks like the Theory of Change and the Five Dimensions of Impact. It also trains them to apply experimental designs and advanced methods such as multiple regression and structural equation modeling.*

## Workshop 2: International Scientific Publishing Skills for Gulf Educational Research

**10:45 – 14:00**

*This workshop aims to equip participants with professional academic writing skills in line with the standards of international scientific journals and to help them overcome the challenges they face in publishing their work in peer-reviewed international journals.*

## Workshop 3: Using Empirical Data to Inform Educational Policy: Bridging Research and Practice

**10:45 – 14:00**

*Highlights the pivotal role of empirical research in shaping educational policy in the Gulf, training participants to translate evidence-based findings into actionable recommendations that foster sustainable policy and decision-making.*

**14:00 – 14:30**

**Break**

## Roundtable Discussion for Day Two

### Topic: Challenges in Implementing Action Research in School Environments

**14:30 – 15:30**

*This roundtable discussion explores the practical and institutional challenges teachers face in implementing action research as a sustainable school culture that supports evidence-based decision-making and continuous professional growth.*





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