

## **Annual Conference of the Arab Thought Foundation, FIKR Partnering for Prosperity: Joining Arab Forces**

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### **YOUTH JOB CREATION**

Interactive session

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Youth unemployment is becoming an increasingly pressing issue drastically affecting not only the youth but the Arab economies overall. Youth unemployment in the region ranges from 33% to 77% and is estimated to cost as much as 7.7% of GDP in some Arab countries. Since Youth represents one of the most effective windows of opportunity for the revitalization of our economies, solving the problem of unemployment must be an integral part of our plans for economic integration

- What kind of opportunities does the current 'youth bulge' provide for our economies?
- It is projected that 50 million jobs by the year 2020 must be created in order to absorb the youth population. How can we incorporate this projection into business and governmental policies?
- What kind of programs must be created by the business community in order to tackle the problem of youth unemployment?

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