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A Message from AGSIW Board Chair Ambassador Frank G. Wisner

Institutions, no less than individuals, benefit from the opportunity anniversaries offer to reflect on progress made in pursuit of our goals: how far we’ve come, and how much farther we have to go.

As the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington prepares to celebrate the third anniversary of its debut, such reflection seems particularly appropriate. From my position as board chair, I have watched closely as AGSIW has developed its voice and expanded its reach, carving out a niche for itself in the very crowded confines of the Washington foreign-policy community.

It has done so by producing rigorous analysis of both key inflection points and longer-term trends in a critically important geostrategic region. It has opened its doors to a wide range of opinion and has made important strides toward achieving the objective for which it was established: to provide a forum for sustained examination of the Gulf Arab states in all their complexity, from internal reforms to external relations; from national security to civil society; from fiscal policy to gender politics; and from shifting social dynamics to culture, art, and entrepreneurship.

AGSIW’s accomplishments are the result of hard work of a superb team assembled by its president, Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba. The track record compiled by these professionals stands as testimony to their intellectual rigor and personal integrity. Supporting them is a board of directors with whom I am proud to serve. These individuals come from diverse backgrounds but share a deep commitment to ensuring AGSIW’s relevance and independence, enabling its president and staff to carry out the institute’s mission with confidence and credibility. I also want to acknowledge the generosity of the donors and corporate sponsors who support the institute’s mission, and respect the independence of its scholarship and programs.

Looking ahead, we can be certain that the historic transformation the Middle East is experiencing will ensure it remains a region of intense interest for U.S. policymakers, business leaders, journalists, and scholars. While these are AGSIW’s core constituencies, its work is meant to benefit all who believe that in turbulent times such as these, it is imperative that the United States develops a clear understanding of key strategic partners, and the influences shaping their respective societies, economies, and political systems. In this spirit, I invite each of you to become an active member of the AGSIW community and join us as we continue to build bridges of understanding between the United States and the Gulf Arab states.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Wisner
A Message from AGSIW President Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba

As we celebrate our third anniversary at the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, I am very pleased to share with you some highlights from a busy and productive 2017.

In the crowded and contested marketplace of ideas, we expanded the depth and breadth of our engagement on the most salient issues shaping the Gulf Arab countries and U.S. interests in the region. From examining the new U.S. administration’s policies toward the region to the challenges confronting a rapidly transforming Saudi Arabia, from the GCC crisis to countering terrorist finance, we continued to be the go-to source for informed and independent analysis of this critically important geostrategic region.

With the launch of the AGSIW Corporate Circle, we were able to engage with a new group of donors, with the aim of increasing our programming in the United States and overseas, strengthening our research, and expanding our outreach. In the pages of this report, you will find additional information on the benefits associated with membership, and how to join.

I’m deeply grateful to work with, and learn from, such extraordinary colleagues and to benefit from the leadership of a remarkable board of directors and an informed and enthusiastic community of friends and colleagues from around the world committed to our work.

Sincerely,

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The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington (AGSIW), launched in 2015, is an independent, nonprofit institution dedicated to increasing the understanding and appreciation of the social, economic, and political diversity of the Gulf Arab states. Through expert research, analysis, exchanges, and public discussion, the institute seeks to encourage thoughtful debate and inform decision makers shaping U.S. policy regarding this critical geostrategic region.

Goals

• To build bridges of understanding between the United States and the Gulf Arab states on issues ranging from politics and security to economics, trade, and business; from social dynamics to civil society and culture.

• To serve as Washington’s primary source of credible and expert analysis about the Gulf Arab states and the complex issues that impact the region and U.S. interests.

• To provide a Washington platform for opinion leaders from the Gulf states to promote interaction with U.S. policymakers and the broader American public.

Strategies

• Build long-term, cross-regional relationships that facilitate vigorous discussion of policies, issues, and trends by: sponsoring guest scholars from the Gulf, promoting academic exchanges between Gulf and American organizations, and mentoring American scholars to increase the pool of regional expertise.

• Provide credible expert analysis and timely policy recommendations by: hosting discussions and briefings with policymakers and experts from the United States and the Gulf region, producing policy analysis by resident and non-resident scholars, commissioning policy papers and op-eds by scholars from the region, and using traditional and social media tools to comment on current policy issues.

• Promote interaction between Gulf officials, opinion leaders, and the Washington policy community by: providing a platform from which these individuals can articulate for members of Congress, the administration, and the media a regional perspective on the issues most relevant to U.S.-Gulf relations.
Panel Discussions and Roundtables

**U.S. Foreign Policy and Regional Politics**

In February, AGSIW hosted a daylong workshop, the Gulf Geopolitics Forum with Chatham House, and produced policy recommendations for mitigating intraregional tensions while building a more sustainable security environment in the Gulf. As tensions began to mount within the Gulf Cooperation Council in June, the panel Washington’s Role and Interest in the GCC Crisis explored how the United States can maintain its relationships with key Gulf Arab allies.

**Security Dynamics**

In July, AGSIW hosted the panel Financing Terrorism: What the U.S. and its Gulf Partners Are Doing to Cut Off Funding to Violent Extremist Networks, investigating efforts by the United States and its Gulf Arab allies to curb terrorist financing, featuring former CIA Deputy Director David Cohen. During the roundtable The Future of Saudi Defense and Security Forces, AGSIW Non-Resident Fellow David B. Des Roches discussed the implications for Saudi Arabia's security doctrine and international alliances in the wake of arrests and upheaval.

**Economic Reform**

In his talk Lessons on Building an Innovation Hub: Dubai as a Nexus City, H.E. Majid Saif Al Ghurair, chairman of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, shared his thoughts on business and innovation in Dubai and the broader United Arab Emirates. The roundtable discussion The Domestic Politics of Economic Reform in Kuwait with AGSIW Board Member H.E. Yousef Al-Ebraheem, who serves as the economic advisor at the Kuwaiti Amiri Diwan, focused on challenges and opportunities for Kuwait in an age of economic reform.

**Societal Change**

Since a royal decree permitting women to drive in Saudi Arabia has focused attention on the social advances of women in the kingdom, the panel Driving Forward: Women in the Gulf Assess a Changing Landscape evaluated the shifting roles of Gulf women, taking stock of advances and the challenges ahead.

**Roundtable Discussions with Gulf Officials**

AGSIW hosted two roundtable discussions with H.E. Anwar Gargash, UAE minister of state for foreign affairs, focusing on the state of U.S.-UAE relations. AGSIW additionally hosted HRH Turki Al Faisal Al Saud, former ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the United States, who provided his perspective on Saudi domestic and regional challenges, as well as then-Saudi Ambassador HRH Abdullah Al Saud. In October, H.E. Zayed R. Alzayani, minister of industry, commerce, and tourism of Bahrain, discussed Bahrain’s efforts to sustain economic prosperity over the long term, and create a diversified private sector.
Yemen

The conflict in Yemen, as well as its humanitarian and economic implications, remained a priority for AGSIW in 2017. AGSIW kicked off its 2017 Yemen programming with the panel Is Yemen the First Battleground in the Trump Administration’s Confrontation with Iran? and continued with a series of roundtable discussions throughout the year, including: The Status of the Conflict in Yemen with H.E. Abdallah Al-Mouallimi, permanent representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations, and Major General Yehya Asiri; The Economic Costs of the War in Yemen and Yemen’s Cratered Economy: Glimmers of Hope? with AGSIW Non-Resident Fellow and Yemen specialist Peter Salisbury; and a discussion with Abdulghani al-Iryani, president of the democracy organization TAWQ, vice president of the Khobara Center, and advisor to Human Rights Watch.

Energy Roundtables

Through the Energy series, AGSIW explores the drivers of the oil price outlook, upstream oil investment strategies, economic and energy policy reforms in the GCC, and renewable energy. In March, AGSIW hosted a discussion with Ibrahim Al-Muhanna, former advisor to the minister of energy, industry, and mineral resources of Saudi Arabia, and board member of AGSIW. Al-Muhanna addressed OPEC policy, cooperation with other oil producing countries, and the outlook for the international oil market. In April, AGSIW hosted Majid Jafar, CEO of Crescent Petroleum, in conversation with Roger Diwan, vice president of Financial Services at IHS Markit.
Gulf Arts and Culture

In July, AGSIW brought Gulf culture to the forefront through the inaugural Gulf Arts and Culture Symposium, featuring an exhibit by Emirati artist Ebtisam Abdul-Aziz, a screening of the Emirati film “Nearby Sky” and a discussion with director Nujoom Al-Ghanim, and panels on the new dynamism in Gulf arts and the importance of international outreach. AGSIW continued its focus on arts and culture by hosting Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, culture and arts director at the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, as well as through sponsoring the Cultural Ambassador Prize at the 2017 Arabian Sights Film Festival. AGSIW additionally supported the world premiere of Anglo-Kuwaiti director Sulayman Al Bassam’s play, “Petrol Station,” at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.

Gulf Rising

AGSIW’s Gulf Rising series analyzes the energized role of the Gulf Arab states in the international system, looking beyond GCC relations with the United States to examine ties with other key countries and regions. Additionally, it investigates motivations behind Gulf Arab states’ foreign policy choices and evaluates the implications for U.S. foreign policy toward the GCC states and the region. In 2017, AGSIW held expert workshops on GCC-Turkey Relations; Iraq and the GCC: New Realities in GCC Security; and GCC-Maghreb Relations and published papers informed by the discussions.
UAE Security Forum

Under the patronage of H.E. Sultan Al Mansoori, the UAE minister of economy, the second annual UAE Security Forum, **UAESF 2017: Defense Industry and Economic Diversification**, brought together decision makers and business leaders to identify promising opportunities for private sector growth and innovation with special attention to the security sector, as an engine of economic growth, job opportunities, and technological advancement. Raytheon sponsored the forum, which was held at the Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi.

Speakers included keynote **Stephen J. Hadley**, former White House national security advisor; **Thomas A. Kennedy**, chairman and CEO of Raytheon; **Mohamed Baharoon**, director general of b’huth; **Sharief Fahmy**, chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce, Abu Dhabi; **Hoda Al Khzaimi**, director of the Center for Cybersecurity at New York University Abu Dhabi; **Dalya Al Muthanna**, president and CEO of General Electric Gulf; and **Fahad Saif Harhara Al Yafei**, chief programs officer of Tawazun Economic Council.
**Petro Diplomacy**

With the third annual Petro Diplomacy conference, AGSIW brought together experts from the oil industry, finance, government, and academia to discuss critical issues facing the oil industry against the background of the shifting economic and political landscape in the region. Petro Diplomacy: Navigating the New Oil Era began with remarks by H.E. Fareed Yasseen, ambassador of Iraq to the United States, and included several panels, as well as a keynote from author, journalist, and historian Anna Rubino. Panelists included Ibrahim Al-Muhanna, former advisor to the Saudi minister of energy, industry, and mineral resources; Jason Bordoff, founding director of the Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia University; Elena Ianchovichina, acting chief economist, MENA at the World Bank; and Jean-François Seznec, adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies.

**Saudi Arabia Transforming**

Saudi Arabia has embarked on an ambitious program of national transformation aiming to diversify the economy away from oil dependence, expand the private sector, and transform government practice. Yet difficult challenges remain. AGSIW’s conference, Saudi Arabia Transforming focused on the key drivers reshaping Saudi Arabia, a year after the release of Saudi Vision 2030. Speakers covered economic and social implications of the kingdom’s reform agenda as well as Saudi Arabia’s foreign policy and national security strategy. HRH Faisal Bin Farhan Al Saud, advisor to the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, delivered the keynote and speakers included Abdulaziz Al Sager, chairman of the Gulf Research Center; Khlood Aldukheil, executive vice president of Aldukheil Financial Group; journalist Ahmed Al Omran; Mohammad Alsulami, Rasanh International Institute for Iranian Studies; and Tim Lenderking, deputy assistant secretary for Arabian Gulf Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.
Papers

With the ongoing conflict in Yemen, the GCC crisis, and a new administration in Washington, 2017 was a pivotal year for the Gulf states and U.S.-GCC relations. AGSIW contextualized these developments through several in-depth policy briefs and issue papers. Senior Resident Scholar Hussein Ibish provided a deep look into The UAE’s Evolving National Security Strategy and, in the first months of the Trump administration, Ibish evaluated whether a new U.S. policy on the region was beginning to take shape in In Search of a Trump Administration Middle East Policy. Senior Resident Scholar Karen E. Young’s War at Any Price: Domestic and Regional Economic Consequences of Yemen’s Civil War and AGSIW Non-Resident Fellow Peter Salisbury’s Bickering While Yemen Burns: Poverty, War, and Political Indifference assessed Yemen’s economic crisis and regional implications of the war. Senior Resident Scholar Kristin Smith Diwan examined royal competition in New Generation Royals and Succession Dynamics in the Gulf States, and Nora Doaiji highlighted a new energy in women’s activism in the kingdom in Saudi Women’s Online Activism: One Year of the “I Am My Own Guardian” Campaign. Ahead of the Gulf Arts and Culture Symposium, Non-Resident Fellow Hanan Sayed Worrell examined the growing Emirati art scene in The UAE’s Emergence as a Hub for Contemporary Art.
Conference and Workshop Reports

Following conferences and workshops, AGSIW publishes reports to capture key insights and analysis from the discussions. After the February Gulf Geopolitics Forum, co-hosted with Chatham House, AGSIW published a report on U.S.-Gulf Arab relations, as well as the foreign policies and geostrategic concerns of the Gulf states, particularly with respect to Iran. Following the May Saudi Arabia Transforming conference, held a year after Saudi Arabia announced its Vision 2030 reform agenda, AGSIW evaluated the status of the reform initiatives, and assessed the political and social dynamics within the kingdom. The report following the third annual Petro Diplomacy conference, Navigating the New Oil Era, examined the strategies of oil producing countries to meet the challenges of a technology-driven, lower oil price environment. As part of the Gulf Rising series, AGSIW published the papers Turkey and the GCC: Cooperation Amid Diverging Interests and Both Ends of the Spectrum: GCC-Maghreb Relations following their respective workshops.
A blog that seeks to encourage thoughtful debate about the politics, economy, and culture of the Gulf Arab states and U.S. policy toward them, written by expert and emerging voices from the region and beyond.

Millennial Gulf Highlights
- “Meet The Al Ameri’s: The Everyday Life of a Young Emirati Family” by Mai Al-Farhan
- “Animation in Saudi Arabia: Shifting the Entertainment Agenda” by Mai Al-Farhan
- “Street Art in Yemen: Artists Fight War through Graffiti” by Joshua Levkowitz
- “Ghaliah Tech: Running the Influencer Economy in the Gulf” by Mai Al-Farhan
- “The Virtual Gulf Empowers Young Voices” by Reham Jambi

A series reporting on youth-led initiatives in the realms of culture, politics, technology, and entrepreneurship in the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council. The goal of Millennial Gulf is to elevate the voices of youth in the GCC and to deepen understanding of their concerns and aspirations.

Highlights from the Bridge
- “Shaping the South: The UAE in Yemen” by Stephen A. Seche
- “Mohammed bin Salman is the Future of Saudi Arabia” by Kristin Smith Diwan
- “Unfulfilled 2018 Riyadh Agreement Defines Current GCC Rift” by Hussein Ibish
- “Oil Producers Stay the Course but Keep a Wary Eye on Shale Revival” by Walid Khadduri and Diane Munro
- “Why the Trump Administration Should Reconsider Oman” by Sigurd Neubauer and Yoel Guzansky
A blog conceived by AGSIW Senior Resident Scholar Karen E. Young seeking to provide insights from the crossroads of Gulf politics and finance.

Market Watch Highlights

• “UAE Fiscal Policy: Shining Light on Federal Resource Sharing”
• “Saudi Arabia’s Neom: State-led Growth Meets New Global Capitalism”
• “The Future of Technology in the Gulf”
• “The Coming Economic Disorder: The Political Perils of Economic Liberalization in the Gulf”
• “Bahrain’s Road to Economic Reform: One Size Does Not Fit All”

AGSIW continued monitoring initiatives taken by Gulf states as they seek fiscal, monetary, and labor policy changes to meet the challenge of reduced state revenue from natural resources through the Gulf Economic Barometer.
AGSIW has become a go-to source for major U.S. and international media outlets for expert commentary on the Gulf. AGSIW staff, scholars, and fellows have frequently appeared on major broadcast outlets such as BBC World News, CNBC, Sky News, France 24, and Al Arabiya, in addition to being interviewed by prominent print and online media such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Reuters, Financial Times, The National, and Bloomberg.

**Key Media Appearances**

- In an interview with NPR, AGSIW Board Member F. Gregory Gause, III discussed political changes in Saudi Arabia.

- Speaking with Arab News, Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba commented on U.S. President Donald J. Trump’s decision to decline certifying Iran’s compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

- Executive Vice President Stephen A. Seche spoke with BBC Newshour regarding humanitarian aid and reconstruction in Yemen.

- Appearing on France 24, Senior Resident Scholar Hussein Ibish discussed U.S. involvement in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

- Speaking with The Wall Street Journal, Senior Resident Scholar Karen E. Young commented on Saudi Arabia’s $12.5 billion bond sale.
Throughout 2017, prominent institutions and organizations invited AGSIW to provide expertise to a variety of audiences. AGSIW staff, scholars, and fellows gave lectures and spoke on panels at many institutions, including: the Brookings Institution, Council on Foreign Relations, Emirates Policy Center, Middle East Institute, Gulf Research Center, UAE National Defense College, the U.S. State Department’s Foreign Service Institute, the George Washington University’s Institute for Middle East Studies, and the Middle East Studies Association.

Key Outreach Appearances

- Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba and Senior Resident Scholar Hussein Ibish spoke at the conference “State vs. Non-State: The New Polarity in the GCC” hosted by b’huth, the Dubai Policy Research Centre.
- Executive Vice President Stephen A. Seche spoke at the Council on Foreign Relations panel “Yemen: A Country in Crisis” discussing the aftermath of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh’s death.
- AGSIW Board Member Bernard Haykel and Non-Resident Fellows Hisham Melhem and Peter Salisbury spoke at “The Widening Gulf: Saudi-Iran Confrontation in the Trump Era” at Foreign Affairs Live.
- Senior Resident Scholar Kristin Smith Diwan spoke at the Center for American Progress, discussing the U.S.-Kuwaiti bilateral partnership.
- Senior Resident Scholar Karen E. Young spoke on the panel “The Security Imperative of Economic Reform” at the International Institute for Strategic Studies Manama Dialogue.
In 2017, AGSIW continued to expand its online presence, increasing the number of AGSIW.org visitors by over 60 percent compared to 2016. With key audiences in both Washington and the Gulf, our listserv consists of high-level officials and individuals, including representatives from the GCC government ministries, Capitol Hill, the U.S. Department of State, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, among many others. Our social media presence also remains at an equally high level, with followers from prominent media such as Bloomberg, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The National, and more, as well as GCC ambassadors and U.S. government analysts.

As AGSIW enters its fourth year, we will be undertaking a refresh and redesign of AGSIW.org, which we expect to launch in spring 2018. Along with our website redesign, we will continue to explore new ways of expanding our global online outreach through an expanded social media strategy, diversified video content, and more.
## Programs and Publications

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To achieve the institute’s goal of building bridges of understanding between the United States and the Gulf Arab states, AGSIW’s staff bring together a wide variety of expertise, including diplomatic experience in the region, think tank leadership, academic scholarship, consulting, journalism, and digital media.

Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba, President
Ambassador Stephen A. Seche, Executive Vice President
Michael W. Wanyama, Chief Financial Officer
Kristin Smith Diwan, PhD, Senior Resident Scholar
Hussein Ibish, PhD, Senior Resident Scholar
Karen E. Young, PhD, Senior Resident Scholar
Kevin Fagan, Senior Office Administrator
Tyler Rousselle, Administrative/Financial Assistant
Raymond E. Karam, Senior Director, Programs and Outreach
Bouchra Lawrence, Program and Outreach Coordinator
Mary Casey-Baker, Director, Publications and Digital Media
Tamara Kamel Majlaton, Digital Media Coordinator
The institute’s board of directors is made up of highly distinguished individuals from the United States and the Gulf Arab states. The board provides overall direction and supervision of the institute through its president, who reports to the board. The board plans to continue to expand and diversify its membership.

Abdel Monem Said Aly, PhD, Founding Director and Honorary Chair; Chairman/CEO, Regional Center for Strategic Studies in Cairo
Ambassador Frank G. Wisner, Chair of the Board; Foreign Affairs Advisor, Squire Patton Boggs
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Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba, President, Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington
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F. Gregory Gause, III, PhD, Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M University
Ambassador Edward W. Gnehm, Jr., Kuwait Professor of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Affairs, George Washington University
Nabil Habayeb, CEO, GE in the Middle East, North Africa, and Turkey
Bernard Haykel, PhD, Professor of Near Eastern Affairs, Princeton University
H.E. Fatima Al Jaber, Chief Operating Officer, Al Jaber Group, Abu Dhabi
General (Ret.) John P. Jumper, Former Chief of Staff, United States Air Force
Ebtesam Al-Ketbi, PhD, Founder and President, Emirates Policy Center
Ibrahim Al-Muhanna, PhD, Founder, Saudi Energy Consultants
Ambassador Thomas Pickering, Vice Chairman, Hills & Company
George R. Salem, Strategic Advisor, DLA Piper
AUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following financial information was derived from AGSIW's 2017 audited financial statement.

Revenue

Grants and Contributions ....................... $6,372,160
Interest Income .................................................... 6,956
In-Kind Contributions .......................................13,588
Total Revenue ......................................6,392,704

Expenses

Program Services .........................................2,891,991
General and Administrative ........................ 524,938
Total Operating Expenses .................. 3,416,929

Net Assets

Change in Net Assets ..................................2,975,775
Net Assets at Beginning of Year ...............3,622,610
Net Assets at Year End  ....................$6,598,385
Corporate Circle Sponsorship
Corporate members are invited to AGSIW for private conversations with policymakers and thought leaders from the Gulf and the United States and are able to schedule private briefings with AGSIW scholars to dive deeper into areas of interest.

Event Sponsorship
Event sponsorship at AGSIW encompasses everything from full day events held annually to small group roundtable series.

Visiting Scholar Sponsorship
Visiting scholars spend an academic semester, or longer, at AGSIW, where they publish on current policy issues and organize programs to discuss their research and present their findings to important stakeholders, subject matter experts, and policymakers.

For more information: Raymond E. Karam, Senior Director, Programs and Outreach | raymond.karam@agsiw.org
(Top Left, Clockwise) Senior Resident Scholar Kristin Smith Diwan speaks at the Oxford-GCC Business Conference, co-sponsored by AGSIW; Senior Resident Scholar Hussein ibish and Florence Gaub, senior analyst at the European Union Institute for Security Studies, during a panel on Arab militaries; Senior Resident Scholar Karen E. Young and H.E. Zayed R. Alzayani, Bahrain’s minister of industry, commerce, and tourism, discuss the state of Bahrain’s economy; Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba, AGSIW president, with H.E. Majid Saif Al Ghurair (center), chairman of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Alexis Serfaty of the U.S.-U.A.E. Business Council; (From left) Terry Harvey, vice president of Meridian Center for Cultural Diplomacy, Stephen Stapleton, CEO and founder of Edge of Arabia, Mohammed Rashid Al-Thani, founding director and chief curator of the Institute of Arab and Islamic Art, and Manwah AlMugait, artist and photographer, during a panel at the “Gulf Arts and Culture Symposium”
(Top, Left to Right) From left, Maya Allison, chief curator at NYU Abu Dhabi, Dana Al Marashi, head of Heritage and Social Affairs at the UAE embassy in Washington, and artist Ebtisam Abdul-Aziz during the “Gulf Arts and Culture Symposium”; Kristin Smith Diwan, Alanoud Al-Sharekh, research associate at the London Middle East Institute at SOAS University of London, and Saudi activist Loujain al-Hathloul discuss the changing role of women in the Gulf; (Center, Left to Right) Executive Vice President Stephen A. Seche on PBS Newshour; Bessma Momani, senior fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation, Hussein Ibish, Marie Mendras, professor at Sciences Po, and AGSIW Non-Resident Fellow Mark N. Katz examine Russia’s strategy in the Middle East; H.E. Anwar Gargash, UAE minister of state for foreign affairs, and Marcelle M. Wahba; (Bottom, Left to Right) Karen E. Young, Khloood Aldukheil, managing director of the Aldukheil Financial Group, Alia Moubayed, director of Geo-economics and Strategy at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, and Elena Ianchovichina, lead economist for the Middle East and North Africa at the World Bank, during the “Saudi Arabia Transforming” conference; A roundtable with representatives from the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center
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