





6-7 DECEMBER, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

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Think Tanks to Participate in the MENA & Global Think Tank Summits 2021 The Bahrain Center for Strategic, International, and Energy Studies (Derasat) is taking a further step to develop its network of strategic relations by simultaneously hosting and co-organizing the 2021 editions of the MENA Think Tank Summit – under the theme, "Think Tanks Under Regional Transformations: Opportunities and Challenges", and the Global Think Tank Summit – under the theme, "The Role of Think Tanks Towards Crises Adaptation and Recovery". The Summits are being organised in partnership and cooperation with the Think Tank and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of The Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania, on 6-7 December 2021. Both Summits will see representation from more than 40 think tanks regionally and globally.

The outcomes will contribute towards fulfilling the visions of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, on multiple levels in attainment of Bahrain's Vision 2030, that include institutionalizing scientific research; fortifying the Kingdom's present and future endorsement of global dialog and debate; providing an intellectual exchange of concepts and proven expertise that set local and regional think tanks on the right course for self-sufficient and effective research that maintains national interests.

Bahrain-based research reflects the Kingdom's pursuit of a high-quality life for its population, promoting peace, and empowering future human potential. Such research and related efforts have taken Derasat Center – the Summit's local host – from being excluded from the ranks of 500 competing global research organizations in the Global Go-To Think Tank Index Report in 2017 to standing 42nd in 2018, 31st in 2019, and 23rd in 2020 – rising by 19 ranks in 2 years. In the Arabian Gulf rankings, Derasat Center rose from the 11th place in 2018 to 7th in 2020, with the potential for further annual progress. The Summits will mark Derasat's opportunity to further enhance its visibility to a wider global audience and positively represent the Kingdom of Bahrain.

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Global Think Tank Summit in the MENA Region