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**Attempts at
Regional Economic Co-operation
and Integration
in the
Arab World and Within the
Gulf Co-operation Council Countries**

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Abstract

Regional economic integration should be regarded as one of the policy options available to developing countries, including the Arab Countries, in Pursuing their strategy for development . In this light, the prime goal of regional economic integration is simply a more rational and efficient use of resources.

The purpose of this study is to see how integration has worked in the Arab world in general, and in the Arab Gulf States (Gulf Co-operation Council Countries) in particular, in order to give a true picture of integration efforts.

This study comprises two main sections, the first section provides an overall view of integration attempts in the Arab World ,and a review of the Arab Common Market (its nature, objectives , achievements and an assessment of whether the Arab common Market was a success), the second examines integration and co – operation attempts among the Arab Gulf states (Gulf Co-operation council Countries).A conclusion follows.