

# تفاهم وتبادل

TAFAHUM WA TABADUL

## Enhancing Multi-Track Dialogue and Cooperation in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula

### I. Project Overview and Objectives

CARPO – Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient and the Gulf Research Center Foundation (GRCF) have partnered up to implement the project “Tafahum wa Tabadul - Enhancing Multi-Track Dialogue and Cooperation in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula”. The aim is to generate further understanding (*tafahum*) among regional stakeholders and to foster cooperation (*tabadul*) on common interests in the region. The project started in December 2021 and is designed as a 3-year initiative. It is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and builds on the results of the Tafahum project, which was implemented between 2018-2021.

### II. Project Activities

Officials on the political level (track 1/1.5) will be engaged with the aim of generating a political climate that is more conducive to regional cooperation and to develop a regional ‘Tafahum for Peaceful Coexistence’. Stakeholders on the experts level (track 2) will include economists, environmental scientists and health specialists who will be brought together to collectively examine the energy-climate-health nexus – a concept that entails economic and ecologic sustainability, as well as regional health resilience. On the societal level (track 3), CARPO and GRCF aim to foster people-to-people mobility in the region through exchange activities in the fields of academia and civic education. With its multi-track approach, this project engages policymakers, economic and scientific circles, as well as civil society in all target countries. While each track will be engaged separately, links and fora for interaction and engagement between them will be established, as both their interdependence and need for interconnectivity is viewed relevant and essential.

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