TRAVEL GRANT: EXPLORATORY INTERVIEWS ON LABOR MARKET PERCEPTIONS

Abstract

How do perceptions of the macro-economic environment affect Saudi individuals' choices and time horizons? This travel grant aims to lay the groundwork for a pilot study on the effectiveness of government messaging around the fiscal implications of falling oil prices on the hiring and job-seeking choices of Saudi employers and Saudi citizens, respectively. We are interested in understanding how receiving credible information on national economic challenges and goals can motivate and coordinate both the wide-scale and individual choices necessary to manage a successful transition to a more knowledge-based economy.

Expected Impact

Understand the expected impact of government messaging and subsequent perceptions of macro-economic change on labor market decisions of Saudi employers and jobseekers.

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