

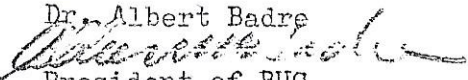
Women, a Human Resource of Development  
in the Arab World .

Arab woman today shares actively in the building and rejuvenating of Arab society as well as in the modernization of its development process .

In spite of the constructive role played by women and its increasing intensity, it is a role which is still limited compared with the unexploited potential of women and the needs and challenges which Arab society faces. This limitation necessarily relates to the remnants of ignorance, social bonds, and the rigidity of outdated existing institutions and laws which have not been adapted to meet the pressing demands of a society to achieve the requirements needed to pass into modernization in the full sense of the term. The failure to exploit the full potential of women has been more of a setback to the development of the Arab World , than the failure to fully exploit Arab oil . We are today in pressing need to benefit from this source of human capacity; to make use of an asset which has been neglected .

It is therefore our duty to create faith in woman, and more important to instill in her, self confidence and assurance, to enable her to bring forth the full flow of her capacities for the betterment of the Arab Nation and its development and renewal .

In the service of this aim, BUC was half a century ago the first institution to promote higher education for women in this area, and has remained the forerunner of progress in providing women with increased opportunities for self realisation. The IWSAW, directed by Dr. Julinda Abu Nasr, professor of Child Development at BUC, is another achievement in this field. The role of the Institute is to enhance the opportunities for understanding the situation of Arab women, their problems and aspirations, and their main role in society through the collectional use of relevant documents and statistics, as well as through promoting creative scientific research and analytical studies .

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