



# Empowering Muslim Women in Scientific Research

## Webinar Series

### Fifth Webinar

## Gender Attitudes and Trends over the Last Decade

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### Abstract

Female labour force participation in MENA has been and continues to be quite low when compared cross-nationally. There are many structural factors that shape this outcome, including the state of the economies across MENA and other factors like the cost of adequate daycare alongside patriarchal norms that also disadvantage women in the labour force. Using data from the Arab Barometer, this presentation will examine approximately 20 years of data capturing societal attitudes from across MENA on female employment and empowerment. What progress has and has not been made over the last two decades?



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