**Country:** Kuwait

**Promoting Gender Equality and Empowering Women in Developing Economies**

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Promoting gender equality and empowering women in developing ecenomies is an issue that requires sufficent priority. Approaches to this issue has distinguishable effects on social conditions and economic developments. Kuwait has made important progress in women empowerment, and promoting gender equality.

After the discovery of oil resources in the country, Kuwait's economy improved and opportunities increased. As a result, Kuwaiti women had opportunities in areas of education and employment. They joined schools, worked side by side with men, and proved themselves at all levels. Kuwaiti women held numerous leadership positions including undersecretary to president of Kuwait University, national ambassadors, and editors in chief of major newspapers. Official data reveal that women are advancing quickly in Kuwait. Data showed that women occupied 8.55% of leadership positions in the public sector in 2009 and 6.57% in 2010. This figure increased to 10.3% in 2011, which indeed is a positive sign. In 2011, woman's employment comprised 54.24% of the overall workforce in the public sector. In addition, 69.8% of college undergraduate students were female, which indicates a pronounced positive change in women's role in society.

Kuwait has made significant progress in advancing gender equality, with the government actively supporting women's rights and opportunities in various sectors. Gulf University For Science and Technology (GUST) bcomplements these efforts by providing equal access to quality education and fostering a campus environment that promotes women's empowerment. Together, Kuwait and institutions like GUST work towards the realization of SDG 5, ensuring that gender equality remains a fundamental principle and that women and girls have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive in all aspects of society.

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5, "Gender Equality," emphasizes the importance of achieving gender parity and empowering all women and girls. In Kuwait, significant strides have been made to promote gender equality, and the government plays a crucial role in supporting women's rights and empowerment.