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Ranking and Quality The Saudi Arabian Experience

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Outline

- Saudi HE System
- Quality
 - Investment in Accreditation (ABET, AACSB, etc)
 - The NCAAA
- Rankings
 - Lessons to improve Quality



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Saudi HE System

- University System (MoHE)
 - Single Constitution
 - Different Missions (of course with Mission creep)
 - Funded by the MoF



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Quality

- Great Emphasis on Undergraduate Teaching
- Accreditation of programs encouraged (So most universities go for it)
- And Accreditation is more important than Rankings
- Strategic Plans: Most schools have one.

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Research Quality

- ISI Publications Only
 - In Promotions
 - In appraisals
 - In Funding Research
- Recruiting
 - Look at ISI publications only
 - New hiring instruments (Non-Traditional: Junior faculty, Adjunct, Joint, Pos-docs)
- Quantity Tracked (Helped improve numbers)
- Quality: Now that we have quantity we can look into quality (Impact factor, h-index, g-index, etc.)

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Outcomes

- ▶ Publication counts have gone up
- ▶ Patent profiles of universities is on the rise
- ▶ Centers of Excellences are on the rise (are all funded by the government)
- ▶ Research spending has gone up (and so is the overall budget for Higher Education)
- ▶ Interaction with Industry is on the rise (and many universities are establishing techno-valleys and science parks)

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