The Gulf's New Vision

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• President of AlModon Engineering Consultancy.

• Immediate Past President of the Global Alliance on Accessible Technology and Environments.

• GATES Member of Board of Directors and Member of Council of trustees.

• Experts on Universal Design and Universal Accessibility and Member of the ISO TC59/SC16.
Purpose of the Presentation

1. A brief interdictory about the Speaker's organizational Background.
2. Review some of the major Universal Accessibility Projects in the region.
3. Present the some of the resulted impacts of the projects.
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• AlModon Engineering Consultancy it is the first office specializing in universal accessibility in the Arabian Gulf and The Arab world.

• Almodon leaded by Arch. Mukhtar Alshibani is a Founding member of a world leading Global alliance in Universal Accessibility which is The Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments (GAATES).

• GAATES is a leading international organization dedicated to the promotion of accessible environments.
Dubai Universal Accessibility Strategy and Action Plan (DUASAP) Project “Successfully closed”

- Gap Analysis Study
- Developing Strategy
- Developing Universal Accessibility Code
- Conducting Training Programs
- Conducting Consultation Studies for Pilot Projects

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Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia Universal Accessibility Project Case-Study for 2030 Vision Project “Successfully closed”

Why UA matters

UA impact areas and opportunities

Governing body of the UA strategy

Initial strategy draft and implementation plan

Quick wins

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Health Environment Universal Accessibility Project for Saudi Ministry of Health “final stage of approval”

- Conducting Training Programs
- Developing UA Health Code
- Gap Analysis Study
- Developing Strategy
- Conducting Consultation Studies for Pilot Projects

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- Develop A Saudi Specific toolkit
- Conducting Training Programs
- Develop UA strategy For MICT

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The Positive Shift Impact of The Mentioned Projects

1. Government Complete Commitment to The Cause
2. Decision-Makers Positive Response
3. More Public Awareness

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