New opportunities in Saudi Arabia

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Saudi Arabia

- An absolute monarchy, rigorously Islamic and a force for moderation
- Oil rich but working to build a diversified economy
- An exploding young population with no tradition of factory work
- A weak education system with ambitions to build world-class VET

Saudi Arabia

- Existing VET colleges open to PMI 2 relationships
- TVTC intending to build over 100 new colleges and technical training centres
- A variety of national systems
- Specialist academies
- An absolute focus on jobs, not learning for learning's sake: employer-led consortia?

Saudi Arabia

- Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding, 2007
- Priority to launch new colleges, 2009-2010
- AoC/ALP/SQA agreement that the UK should be a one-stop shop using TVET UK
- TVET UK will represent British providers with the British Council as the link to the KSA government and local support

Saudi Arabia

- An opportunity to give help where it could contribute to peace and security
- It carries risk.....
- It is challenging.....
- It will need creative solutions.....
- Decision time is coming up

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