Kuwait Fund

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (Kuwait Fund) was established in December 1961. The Fund's initial mandate was to provide financial and technical aid to Arab countries, which was later extended to include any developing country (see developing countries).

See also:

Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD)

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Kuznets U-hypothesis

The Kuznets U-hypothesis states that in the course of economic development, as measured by growth of real per capita gross national product (GNP), a nation's distribution of personal income will become at first more unequal, then stabilize and then become more equal, as a secular trend. Kuznets recognized differences between developing countries today and the early experience of already industrialized countries, and warned against applying lessons learned from the study of the latter to the former. Unfortunately, a number of economists have failed to heed this warning and have conducted cross-national studies in an attempt to establish empirical support for the generalization of the hypothesis to present-day developing nations. Those studying international political economy would do well to recall that a nation's development is not determined solely by internal factors in isolation, and that careful examination of the global context is crucial to considerations of both growth and income distribution.

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