



Monthly Sectoral Review of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

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Launch of “Athar” Environmental Services Platform

The Ministry of Human Resources and the National Center for Environmental Compliance launched Athar to regulate freelance environmental services.

Impact:

Formalizes the environmental services market, creates green job opportunities, and improves compliance and service quality.

IFAT Saudi Arabia 2026 Exhibition (Riyadh)

Held from 26–28 January 2026, IFAT Saudi Arabia became the Kingdom's largest environmental technology exhibition.

Impact:

Attracts environmental investments and accelerates the adoption of sustainable technologies.

Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulation (Draft)

The Ministry of Environment, Water, and Agriculture opened a public consultation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulation.

Impact:

Strengthens environmental governance and raises sustainability standards for major projects.

The Saudi Gazette reported in January 2026 that the Ministry of Industrial and Mineral Resources had launched eight new environmental industrial operations, representing a significant step toward boosting Saudi Arabia's environmental sector. These actions were implemented under the direction of Minister Bandar Al-Khorayef as part of a larger effort to create a sustainable industrial economy that protects natural resources and promotes environmental preservation.

Overall Sector Direction

Saudi Arabia's environmental sector is moving toward stronger regulation, market formalization, green investment attraction, and international leadership in sustainability.

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