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Submission Deadline: January 31, 2026 (early submission is encouraged)

The inaugural Regional International Accounting Research Forum invites high-quality country- or region-specific accounting research for presentation and potential publication in the *Journal of International Accounting Research* (JIAR). The forum is part of a JIAR initiative aimed at accelerating research that provides deep, contextual insights into individual countries or regions, especially those underrepresented in international accounting literature. The first forum focuses on Kuwait and the broader Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, but we also welcome comparative studies involving Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries or emerging/developing markets more broadly.

Submission Topics

We encourage research addressing, but not limited to:

- Financial and managerial accounting practices in Kuwait
- Auditing, assurance, and corporate governance in Kuwait
- Taxation, regulation, and institutional factors affecting accounting outcomes
- ESG reporting, sustainability, and Islamic accounting and finance in the region
- The impact of global standards (e.g., IFRS, IAASB) on local practices
- Comparative cross-country analyses highlighting Kuwait or the region

We welcome submissions employing a wide range of research methodologies, including theoretical, empirical, case-based, survey, and interview approaches. Replication studies pertaining to Kuwait and the broader MENA region will also be considered, provided they demonstrate methodological rigor and contribute novel insights to the field of international accounting research.

Submission Guidelines

- Deadline: January 31, 2026
- Submission Format: Well-developed full working papers in WORD or PDF formats
- Review Process: All submissions will undergo a peer review
- Language: Submissions must be in English
- Initial Submission: Submit your paper to: <https://form.jotform.com/252953955305262>
- Journal Submission: All, or a selected subset, of the papers presented at the conference will be invited for formal submission to JIAR through [Editorial Manager®](#) after addressing the feedback from the conference. Please note that American Accounting Association (AAA) and its International Accounting Section (IAS) members will receive a discount on journal submission fees. We highly encourage you to join the AAA membership and IAS sectional membership through [Membership](#) before submitting to JIAR.
- The final acceptance of papers to JIAR depends on the regular journal review process. However, papers selected for the conferences will have the opportunity to receive firsthand comments from Editors during the conference, which increases their chances of publication.

Why Submit?

- Engage with leading international scholars and regional experts
- Receive high-quality feedback in a focused academic setting
- Opportunity for consideration in JIAR
- Help advance accounting scholarship in and about underrepresented regions

Travelling to Kuwait:

The easiest way to reach Kuwait City is by flying into Kuwait International Airport (KWI), the country's main international gateway. From there, you can take a taxi, airport shuttle, or ride-hailing service directly to the city center, which is about 20 minutes away.

If you have any questions, please email RIARF@jiar-conference.org