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RIYADH, UNITED KINGDOM, January 12, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Saudi Media Forum 2026 represents a comprehensive intellectual and professional platform that outlines the future of the media industry through a precise balance between building human capacities and strengthening intellectual depth. This anticipated event focuses in its themes on the fundamental integration between professional qualification led by media academies and the research support provided by think tanks. These directions aim to produce content characterized by accuracy and professionalism, while ensuring the continuity of professional development to keep pace with rapid transformations. The common thread across the discussion sessions is the pursuit of building sustainable media grounded in mutual trust with audiences, while transforming media institutions into entities that simultaneously produce knowledge and highly competent field professionals.

The first discussion session, titled "Media Academies: An Investment Awaiting Growth," gains major strategic importance in light of the technological transformations the world is witnessing. This session emphasizes that continuous training represents the backbone of media institutions' growth and the guarantee of their excellence in a volatile and competitive market. The proposed themes address the diversity of modern training formats that have moved beyond traditional methods to encompass all workspaces, from direct field practice to production skills via smartphone screens. Training here is presented as the primary engine of professional and



economic growth, contributing to raising individual efficiency and increasing the market value of media institutions alike.

This session seeks to instill a culture of continuous development within institutional structures, so that learning becomes a daily practice and an integral part of administrative strategy. This requires building a work environment that stimulates innovation and keeps pace with rapid software and technological developments. The session reviews real-life models that have proven successful along this path, most notably the experience of the SPA Academy, which has provided a model to be emulated in knowledge transfer and the qualification of media professionals according to the highest professional standards, thereby enhancing prospects for investment growth in media human capital.

In a parallel context of skills enhancement, the second session, “Think Tanks and Their Role in Enhancing Media Content,” highlights the analytical and strategic dimension of journalistic work. This session presents precise strategies for media institutions aimed at protecting their credibility in a space crowded with misinformation, and underscores the importance of think tanks as strategic partners that supply journalists with studies and accurate data, enabling them to build a lasting and trustworthy relationship with audiences. The discussion addresses vital themes related to how this trust can be reinforced, especially during sudden crises that require a high level of mental readiness and informational accuracy to avoid rumors and maintain the balance of the media message.

The themes also focus on methods of building an effective and influential media message that resonates with audience needs and responds to their questions with depth and clarity. This requires continuous engagement with audiences to understand their evolving interests and concerns, ensuring sustained impact. The session also reviews successful experiences in managing media crises, analyzing how major challenges can be overcome through advance planning and reliance on solid, well-founded content. The integration becomes clearly evident here: distinguished content requires a thinking mind (think tanks) and professionally skilled hands (academy graduates), creating a cohesive media ecosystem capable of leadership regionally and globally.

Through these discussions, the Saudi Media Forum – held from 2 to 4 February – reaffirms that the future of media rests on innovation in training and depth in discourse, and that integrating modern field skills with sound intellectual strategies is the only path to ensuring media institutions’ leadership and their ability to keep pace with global political and social changes. These dialogues represent an ambitious roadmap that places efficiency and credibility at the top of the Saudi and international media agenda for 2026.

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