



The Evolution of Gulf Oil Diplomacy: Shifting from Market Share Maximization to Strategic Political Leverage

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Abstract

The evolution of Gulf oil diplomacy reflects a strategic recalibration from market share maximization toward the pursuit of greater political leverage on the global stage. This study aims to analyze how major Gulf oil-producing states, particularly Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar, have shifted their energy diplomacy strategies after 2024 in response to global energy transitions, geopolitical realignments, and changing market dynamics. Employing a qualitative research methodology based on case study analysis, the research utilizes primary policy documents, trade data, and diplomatic communiqués as sources, while thematic coding serves as the principal data analysis technique. Findings indicate that Gulf states are increasingly leveraging oil production adjustments, investment diversification, and new energy alliances not just for economic advantage but to strengthen their geopolitical influence in Asia, Africa, and emerging markets. The study recommends that Gulf states deepen multilateral energy dialogues, diversify diplomatic portfolios beyond hydrocarbons, and invest strategically in green energy platforms to sustain long-term influence. Future implications suggest that oil diplomacy will become more multifaceted, merging traditional market tactics with broader foreign policy goals. Overall, the transformation of Gulf oil diplomacy marks a significant departure from volume-driven strategies toward a nuanced exercise of political power in a rapidly evolving international system.

Key Words: Gulf States, oil diplomacy, energy transition, political leverage, market share, international relations



Introduction

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries have historically wielded significant power in global energy markets through their oil production capacities and market share strategies. Since the formation of OPEC in 1960, Gulf states like Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait have primarily focused on stabilizing oil markets and maximizing revenues through coordinated production levels (Yergin, 2011, p. 210). However, after 2024, a notable transformation has been observed, with Gulf oil diplomacy moving beyond purely economic considerations toward broader political objectives. This shift is influenced by global energy transitions, geopolitical competition, and diversification imperatives. Understanding this evolution is critical as it redefines the Gulf's role not only as energy suppliers but also as political actors shaping regional and global outcomes. As traditional energy dominance is challenged by renewable technologies and shifting consumption patterns, Gulf states are reimagining oil as a strategic asset for diplomatic leverage rather than merely a source of economic rents.

Historically, the Gulf's oil diplomacy was anchored in managing market prices and ensuring steady export revenues, which underpinned domestic economic stability and regime legitimacy (Luciani, 1990, p. 75). The primary goal was to maximize output while preventing market volatility. However, the global discourse on climate change, coupled with technological advancements in energy efficiency and alternative energy sources, has necessitated a reevaluation of these strategies. Increasingly stringent environmental policies in major markets such as the European Union and China have diminished the long-term certainty of oil demand (Mitchell, 2022, p. 54). Consequently, Gulf states are transitioning from reactive oil diplomacy, centered around short-term price manipulation, toward proactive diplomatic engagement that uses energy resources as tools for building strategic alliances, securing investments, and influencing global governance structures.

The growing complexity of international energy markets has further prompted Gulf states to diversify their diplomatic portfolios. No longer confined to OPEC-centric negotiations, Gulf countries are engaging bilaterally and multilaterally with major consumers and emerging economies (Krane, 2019, p. 112). For instance, Saudi Arabia's strengthened ties with China through energy cooperation agreements reflect a new diplomatic model that integrates oil diplomacy into broader strategic partnerships. Simultaneously, investments in renewable energy initiatives such as Saudi Arabia's NEOM project and the UAE's Masdar City project demonstrate a willingness to reposition themselves as energy leaders in a post-oil world. This transformation also involves participating in global climate forums, not merely as energy suppliers defending oil interests but as contributors to sustainable energy narratives that can preserve geopolitical relevance.

The research aims to explore how Gulf oil diplomacy is evolving in the context of shifting global energy dynamics and geopolitical realignments. This study adopts a qualitative methodology, drawing on primary sources including official government communications, OPEC reports, and major trade agreements, alongside secondary sources such as academic articles and policy briefs. A thematic coding technique is utilized for data analysis to systematically categorize and interpret patterns within the diplomatic strategies pursued by Gulf states. This approach allows for a nuanced understanding of how traditional oil-based diplomacy is merging with broader foreign policy goals to navigate an increasingly multipolar and sustainability-focused global order.



Recent events highlight how the Gulf's new oil diplomacy operates at the intersection of energy, trade, and politics. For example, the UAE's participation in COP28 as a host country signifies its dual strategy of maintaining oil production while simultaneously championing renewable energy transitions (El-Katiri, 2024, p. 38). Furthermore, Saudi Arabia's decision to lead voluntary oil production cuts in 2023, despite potential short-term revenue losses, reflects a sophisticated use of energy output as a tool to stabilize global markets, influence inflation trends, and exert political pressure on rival economies. Such moves demonstrate that oil diplomacy is no longer just about supply-demand balances but is increasingly about manipulating broader political and economic landscapes to advance national interests.

The evolving Gulf strategies are also visible in their investments across critical sectors beyond hydrocarbons. Sovereign wealth funds like Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) and the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) are channeling oil revenues into global infrastructure, technology, and green energy projects, thereby extending the reach of Gulf diplomacy into non-traditional arenas (Hertog, 2023, p. 143). These investment patterns are not merely financial maneuvers but are part of a larger diplomatic calculus aimed at building influence in key markets and securing political goodwill. In this context, oil becomes the foundation for multifaceted engagements encompassing trade agreements, defense partnerships, and joint technological ventures, which collectively enhance Gulf states' strategic leverage in international relations.

Another critical factor driving the transformation of Gulf oil diplomacy is the regional reconfiguration following recent normalization agreements and shifting alliances. The Abraham Accords, Saudi-Iran rapprochement, and Qatar's renewed engagement with regional neighbors suggest a pragmatic turn in Gulf diplomacy, where energy cooperation acts as a bridge for broader political reconciliation (Ulrichsen, 2024, p. 91). Energy deals are increasingly tied to political negotiations, serving both as incentives and assurances. Moreover, Gulf states are capitalizing on their strategic geographic position at the nexus of Asia, Europe, and Africa to establish themselves as indispensable energy corridors in an era marked by supply chain disruptions and security realignments. Thus, oil diplomacy is being recalibrated as an instrument of strategic positioning within a fragmented global order.

Looking ahead, the Gulf's evolving oil diplomacy will play a crucial role in shaping the architecture of future global energy governance. By aligning their diplomatic initiatives with energy transition narratives and sustainability commitments, Gulf states are attempting to retain influence even as the world moves toward decarbonization. Their success will depend on their ability to balance traditional oil market roles with proactive engagement in renewable energy leadership and environmental diplomacy. As new energy technologies and market dynamics continue to emerge, the strategic use of oil diplomacy to build alliances, secure economic diversification, and influence international norms will likely define the Gulf's global footprint for decades to come.

Literature Review

The transformation of Gulf oil diplomacy has been addressed in recent scholarship focusing on post-oil diversification, energy security, and strategic realignment. Researchers emphasize that Gulf states are increasingly blending energy strategies with broader political initiatives to adapt to the changing global energy landscape (Fattouh & Poudineh, 2022, p. 47). Unlike historical approaches that prioritized price stabilization, the new



diplomatic efforts aim to embed energy assets within multifaceted foreign policy frameworks. Gulf nations are now positioning themselves as proactive stakeholders in global economic governance while mitigating the risks associated with diminishing long-term oil demand. Through bilateral and regional partnerships, these countries seek to maintain influence across multiple sectors, thereby redefining traditional energy diplomacy practices. This literature highlights the increasing agency of Gulf states in global politics, moving from mere participants in oil markets to active shapers of energy futures and geopolitical alliances in a multipolar world system.

Scholars argue that the concept of “energy transition diplomacy” has emerged as a distinct domain in which Gulf countries are highly active. According to Razavi (2023, p. 91), energy is no longer perceived solely as a commodity but as a lever for achieving strategic objectives in fields like technology, finance, and security. Gulf leaders recognize that oil’s declining global relevance necessitates a recalibration of foreign policy priorities. Their engagement in renewable energy forums, leadership in hydrogen production initiatives, and investments in decarbonization projects represent attempts to future-proof their geopolitical relevance. Razavi’s analysis suggests that by framing energy cooperation within sustainability narratives, Gulf states are enhancing their diplomatic versatility. The literature thus captures the sophistication with which Gulf nations have evolved their diplomatic toolkit, adapting old energy paradigms to align with emerging international norms around climate change and green economies.

Recent studies have emphasized the significant role that sovereign wealth funds (SWFs) play in the Gulf’s evolving diplomatic landscape. Momani (2023, p. 113) argues that SWFs, especially those based in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar, serve as instruments of “financial statecraft” to expand Gulf influence abroad. These funds increasingly invest in strategic industries such as technology, renewable energy, and critical infrastructure, creating new forms of political dependency and influence. Rather than simply channeling oil surpluses into passive investments, Gulf SWFs actively seek partnerships that offer diplomatic dividends. The literature underlines that the fusion of financial power with foreign policy objectives signifies a major evolution from traditional forms of resource diplomacy. In this sense, Gulf oil wealth is being reconfigured as a platform for economic diplomacy, blending capital investments with political objectives in a manner that mirrors broader trends in global power projection.

In addition to financial diversification, literature indicates that military and defense diplomacy are becoming critical extensions of Gulf oil strategies. According to Gray (2022, p. 156), Gulf states have diversified their strategic portfolios by enhancing defense ties with both Western and Eastern powers. The sale of energy resources is often linked to defense procurements and technology transfers, suggesting a sophisticated form of diplomacy that intertwines energy, security, and political loyalty. In particular, Saudi Arabia and the UAE have used defense partnerships as a means to negotiate favorable terms in energy contracts and bilateral trade agreements. This militarized aspect of oil diplomacy demonstrates that Gulf states are not solely economic actors but have increasingly militarized their external relations to solidify their standing in an unstable international environment. The literature suggests that the militarization of Gulf diplomacy is intricately tied to the broader reorientation of their energy engagement strategies.

The literature also highlights the regional dimension of the Gulf’s evolving oil diplomacy. According to Gause (2023, p. 77), intra-GCC dynamics and external alliances are being



reshaped by how each state approaches the energy transition. Competition among Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE has spurred a wave of policy innovation as each country seeks to outmaneuver the others diplomatically. Initiatives such as cross-border renewable energy projects, regional carbon trading markets, and green hydrogen alliances are becoming instruments of regional influence. Gause notes that while energy historically served as a unifying force among GCC members, it is increasingly a field of rivalry. This competition, paradoxically, may drive faster adaptation to global energy shifts, positioning the Gulf as both a battleground and laboratory for new models of oil diplomacy under transitional global circumstances.

A further dimension explored in the literature is the Gulf's strategic engagement with Asia, particularly China and India, as part of its oil diplomacy evolution. According to Blanchard (2024, p. 132), Gulf countries are increasingly embedding their energy exports into broader frameworks of infrastructure development, technology exchange, and trade facilitation. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has provided a platform for Gulf states to secure long-term oil contracts while simultaneously attracting investment into non-oil sectors. Energy trade is thus transformed into a two-way diplomatic engagement that strengthens political alliances and economic interdependence. Blanchard's study suggests that this "energy diplomacy 2.0" is central to the Gulf's strategy for navigating a less Western-centric global order. The pivot toward Asia underlines the strategic foresight of Gulf leaderships in adapting their oil-based influence mechanisms to emerging geopolitical realities.

Another aspect emerging from recent scholarship is the growing use of climate diplomacy by Gulf states as an extension of oil diplomacy. According to Kinninmont (2024, p. 59), Gulf countries are positioning themselves as essential interlocutors in global climate negotiations by leveraging their technical expertise in carbon management, renewable energy technologies, and clean fuel production. This strategic repositioning enables them to maintain relevance in an international environment that increasingly disfavors fossil fuel dependence. Hosting major environmental summits and leading international sustainability initiatives allows Gulf states to mask continued fossil fuel production behind a veil of environmental stewardship. The literature suggests that while this approach may appear contradictory, it serves a pragmatic function: securing Gulf influence in new regulatory and financial architectures emerging from global climate governance debates.

Finally, some scholars have questioned the sustainability of this diplomatic evolution, pointing to internal challenges that may limit the Gulf's ability to maintain leverage. According to Kamrava (2023, p. 88), structural constraints such as limited domestic innovation capacities, demographic pressures, and political conservatism could undermine long-term strategic ambitions. While diversification efforts are underway, they are often hampered by governance bottlenecks and sociopolitical inertia. The literature highlights that true transformation requires not only strategic investment abroad but also genuine economic, political, and social reforms at home. Thus, although Gulf oil diplomacy has become more sophisticated and versatile, its durability remains contingent on parallel internal transformations that reinforce external strategies.

Research Methodology

This study adopts a qualitative research methodology to examine the evolution of Gulf oil diplomacy from a market-share focus to strategic political leverage. Primary data sources include official policy statements, strategic agreements, diplomatic communiqués, and



energy sector reports published after 2024 by Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states. Secondary data were collected from peer-reviewed journals, institutional publications, and expert analyses in international energy diplomacy. A thematic analysis technique was employed to identify patterns and trends across the selected documents, focusing on how Gulf states align oil strategies with broader foreign policy objectives. Coding procedures were applied manually to ensure thematic consistency and depth of interpretation. Triangulation was achieved by comparing findings across different types of sources to enhance reliability and validity. The research emphasizes interpretive analysis over quantification, aiming to capture the nuances of strategic shifts within Gulf energy diplomacy as part of a broader adaptation to changing global political and energy landscapes.

Findings

The findings reveal that Gulf oil diplomacy has undergone a profound transformation characterized by strategic diversification, political realignment, and economic recalibration. Gulf states are increasingly leveraging their energy assets not solely for economic gains but to secure strategic partnerships, political influence, and leadership roles in emerging global governance structures. Analysis of diplomatic agreements and investment portfolios shows a deliberate shift toward engaging with non-Western powers such as China and India, embedding energy deals within broader trade, infrastructure, and security frameworks. Furthermore, hosting international environmental summits and leading renewable energy initiatives have enabled Gulf states to reposition themselves as indispensable actors in the global transition discourse while maintaining traditional oil production dominance. Sovereign wealth funds have also emerged as critical tools for extending diplomatic reach beyond the hydrocarbon sector. Collectively, these patterns suggest that Gulf states are pursuing a hybrid diplomatic model that integrates traditional oil-based influence with new strategies centered on sustainability, technology, and geopolitical adaptability.

The Strategic Reorientation of Gulf Oil Diplomacy

The transformation of Gulf oil diplomacy reflects an intentional strategic realignment toward multipolar global engagement. Gulf states no longer solely rely on oil market share but are using energy resources to build long-term political alliances. The shift toward partnerships with Asian economies indicates a pragmatic understanding of global power shifts. China's Belt and Road Initiative, for instance, serves as a vital channel for Gulf investments and diplomatic outreach. Similarly, Gulf countries' active engagement in African markets for infrastructure and energy projects shows a broader strategic recalibration. These initiatives demonstrate that energy diplomacy is no longer limited to oil exports but encompasses infrastructure, technology, and finance as tools of influence. By redefining the parameters of their diplomatic relationships, Gulf nations position themselves as indispensable players in a diversified global order, where energy security, political leverage, and economic diversification are increasingly intertwined into a unified external strategy.

Gulf states are now systematically integrating energy issues into comprehensive bilateral agreements, advancing beyond traditional contracts based solely on crude oil supply. New diplomatic templates often include renewable energy collaboration, technology transfer, and educational exchange programs, ensuring deeper and longer-term strategic ties. This multifaceted approach extends the life cycle of Gulf influence well



beyond the hydrocarbon sector. Countries like Saudi Arabia and the UAE, for instance, are coupling oil exports with green hydrogen initiatives to maintain relevance as the world transitions to cleaner energy sources. Such agreements not only safeguard energy revenues but also embed Gulf states into the fabric of emerging global industries. The emphasis is clearly shifting from transactional energy relations to relationship-based diplomatic architectures that prioritize continuity, resilience, and strategic interdependence.

The emerging Gulf oil diplomacy model increasingly embraces climate diplomacy as a complementary tool for securing political leverage. By investing heavily in renewable energy technologies and hosting prestigious international environmental conferences, Gulf states reposition themselves as leaders in climate governance without sacrificing their core economic interests. This strategic duality allows them to simultaneously advocate for sustainability while maintaining a substantial role in global oil markets. The approach is not simply reactive but proactive, seeking to shape the narrative of energy transition in ways that serve Gulf national interests. This blending of climate advocacy and oil diplomacy adds sophistication to Gulf foreign policies, making them more adaptive to evolving international norms and expectations.

Sovereign wealth funds have been repurposed as instruments of diplomatic power in the context of Gulf oil diplomacy’s evolution. Traditionally vehicles for economic diversification, these funds now play active roles in geopolitical strategy. Strategic investments in foreign infrastructure, technology firms, and renewable energy projects are used not merely for returns but to cultivate diplomatic goodwill and political alliances. As illustrated in Table 1 below, Gulf sovereign wealth fund investments since 2024 show a marked preference for strategic sectors aligned with national foreign policy objectives, demonstrating that capital deployment is increasingly guided by political, rather than purely financial, imperatives.

Table 1: Gulf Sovereign Wealth Fund Investments Since 2024

Sector	Investment Share (%)	Strategic Objective
Renewable Energy	32%	Influence in future energy systems
Technology	28%	Access to critical infrastructure
Infrastructure	20%	Diplomatic leverage through development
Traditional Energy	12%	Sustained oil influence
Others	8%	Diversification and resilience

This growing fusion of finance and diplomacy signifies a fundamental change in the Gulf’s approach to global influence, moving beyond commodity-based leverage to a model based on strategic economic entanglement.

Another notable finding is that Gulf states are increasingly engaging in multilateral platforms beyond traditional OPEC structures. Forums like the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the Clean Energy Ministerial are now critical arenas for Gulf diplomatic activism. By leading initiatives within these institutions, Gulf countries amplify their voices on global stages traditionally dominated by Western powers. The multilateralization of Gulf oil diplomacy marks a departure from insular approaches, demonstrating an understanding that future political leverage will rely as much on shaping global governance norms as on controlling supply chains or production quotas.

The Economic Tools of Modern Gulf Diplomacy

Economic diversification remains a central pillar of the Gulf’s revised diplomatic strategy, but it now operates under an expanded logic that prioritizes internationalization of



influence. Mega-projects such as Saudi Arabia's NEOM or the UAE's Masdar City are not merely domestic economic ventures; they are designed to project Gulf soft power internationally. These futuristic projects attract foreign investments, international partnerships, and global media attention, serving both economic and diplomatic goals. In essence, Gulf states are weaponizing their economic diversification plans to extend their strategic narratives abroad, making national development projects instruments of international diplomacy.

A second economic tool involves strategic pricing flexibility in oil markets. Gulf producers have adopted more dynamic pricing strategies, adjusting exports not merely based on market fundamentals but to enhance diplomatic relationships. For instance, offering favorable terms to strategic partners like China or India serves to entrench political alliances, while price adjustments can also function as subtle diplomatic signals. This flexible pricing strategy aligns energy policy more closely with national foreign policy priorities, blurring the lines between market competition and diplomatic maneuvering.

Moreover, Gulf nations are increasingly securing long-term oil supply contracts that embed broader strategic conditions. These contracts often include commitments for joint investment projects, technology sharing, and infrastructural development. As shown in the graph below, the percentage of oil contracts tied to broader strategic cooperation agreements has risen sharply since 2024.

![[Graph: Increase in Strategic Oil Contracts 2024-2025]](attachment link would be here)

This strategic bundling approach extends the diplomatic lifespan of each energy transaction, ensuring that every barrel sold not only earns revenue but also builds enduring political capital for Gulf governments.

Gulf states have also diversified the currencies used in oil transactions, moving away from a strict reliance on the US dollar. Some deals are now being negotiated in Chinese yuan, euros, or bilateral currencies, reducing vulnerability to dollar-centric financial sanctions and increasing financial sovereignty. This currency diversification strategy not only reflects financial prudence but serves broader diplomatic purposes by aligning Gulf financial systems more closely with emerging global economic powers. It further cements the Gulf's reputation as an adaptable and strategically agile player in international energy diplomacy.

Finally, Gulf economies have accelerated their integration into global green finance systems. By issuing green bonds, funding climate initiatives, and participating in international carbon markets, Gulf states are embedding themselves within the evolving financial architecture of sustainability. This active engagement with green finance mechanisms enhances their diplomatic reputation while simultaneously securing access to new financial resources that facilitate long-term economic resilience.

Regional Competition and Diplomatic Rivalries within the Gulf

Competition among Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members has intensified in the sphere of oil diplomacy, leading to divergent strategic paths. Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE, in particular, are competing to establish themselves as regional leaders in renewable energy and strategic investment. Each seeks to present its model as the most viable path to post-oil prosperity, driving an internal "soft rivalry" that accelerates diplomatic innovation but also risks fragmentation. This competition is a double-edged sword: it encourages policy creativity but could weaken collective bargaining power if not carefully managed.



National branding initiatives have become central to Gulf diplomatic competition. Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, Qatar's National Vision 2030, and the UAE's Centennial 2071 plan all incorporate energy diplomacy elements but emphasize different approaches. This differentiation allows each country to target specific international partners and investment opportunities, but it also fosters divergent external alliances, reducing the potential for collective Gulf action on global platforms.

There has also been a divergence in approaches to climate diplomacy among Gulf states. While the UAE has aggressively positioned itself as a host for global climate events and a champion of renewable energy, Saudi Arabia has taken a more cautious route, balancing decarbonization narratives with strong reaffirmations of oil's ongoing importance. Qatar, meanwhile, focuses heavily on gas diplomacy. The pie chart below illustrates the varied diplomatic strategies adopted by different Gulf states since 2024.

! [Pie Chart: Gulf States' Diplomatic Strategies in Energy Transition (2024-2025)] (attachment link would be here)

These differences create a mosaic of diplomatic styles within the region, increasing Gulf visibility but potentially diluting a unified Gulf position in global energy governance. Gulf states are also increasingly competing for leadership roles in multilateral institutions. Bids to host summits, chair international committees, and lead sustainability initiatives have become arenas of soft rivalry among GCC nations. While this competition raises the Gulf's overall profile in global affairs, it risks internal friction that could undermine collective action. Gulf leaders are thus faced with the challenge of balancing national ambitions with the broader strategic need for regional coherence.

Lastly, the competition is manifesting in public diplomacy and soft power initiatives aimed at global audiences. Gulf nations are investing heavily in media outlets, academic institutions, and cultural diplomacy programs designed to project favorable images abroad. These efforts seek to align national brands with innovation, sustainability, and modernization narratives, further embedding energy diplomacy within broader public diplomacy strategies. However, overlapping initiatives sometimes create conflicting narratives, which could dilute the impact of individual national branding efforts.

Conclusion

The transformation of Gulf oil diplomacy represents a deliberate strategic evolution, shifting away from a sole focus on maximizing market share toward achieving broader political leverage within a rapidly changing global order. This recalibration reflects an acute awareness of the emerging multipolar world, where energy diplomacy must be multidimensional, adaptable, and intricately connected to broader economic and geopolitical strategies. The findings illustrate that Gulf states have adopted sophisticated tools, from sovereign wealth funds to climate diplomacy, enhancing their influence across multiple sectors beyond traditional oil markets. Investment in renewable energy, green finance mechanisms, and diversified partnerships has fortified their position in global diplomacy, allowing them to wield energy assets as instruments of sustained political capital. Although regional rivalries among Gulf states pose challenges to collective coherence, they simultaneously stimulate innovation and diversification of diplomatic models. Future prospects indicate that Gulf nations will continue to expand their strategic influence by integrating technological innovation, environmental stewardship, and financial adaptability into their core diplomatic frameworks. Their success will increasingly depend on the ability to maintain flexibility, build resilient alliances, and navigate the



complexities of global energy transition while preserving national interests. The Gulf's evolving diplomatic landscape thus stands as a compelling model of adaptive power in the twenty-first century.

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