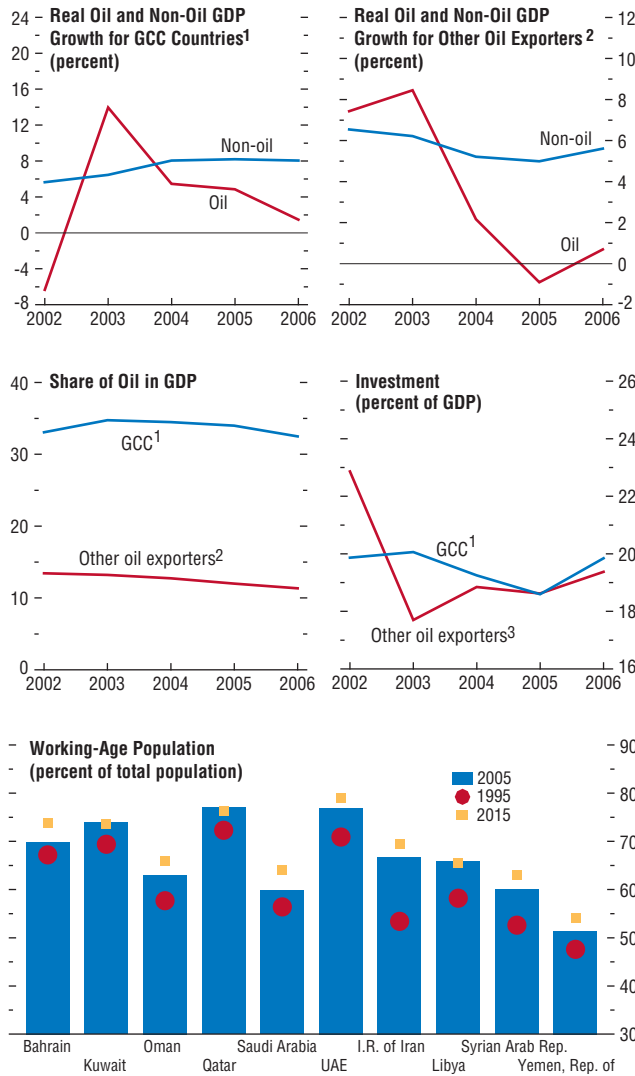


**Figure 2.11. Middle East: Investment in Non-Oil Sectors Key to Employment Growth**

With rapidly rising working-age populations, meeting the challenge of the employment generation will require an expansion of investment in the non-oil sector.



Sources: United Nations Common Database; and IMF staff calculations.

<sup>1</sup>The Cooperation Council of the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

<sup>2</sup>Consists of I.R. of Iran, Libya, Syrian Arab Republic, and the Republic of Yemen.

<sup>3</sup>Excludes I.R. of Iran.