## Comments on UAE trade deals in Reuters, 25 May 2023

Dr. Nasser Saidi's comment (posted below) on UAE's recent spate of trade deals appeared in the article titled "Analysis: UAE steps up pace of solo trade deals in regional economic race" on Zawya dated 25th May 2023.

Dubai-based economist Nasser Saidi said CEPAs could be a "stepping stone" into financial markets, facilitating company cross-listings, and cooperation in new sectors such as clean energy. "They signal a decision to engage on a wider diplomatic front."