



**Fourth Conference on:
Opportunities and Challenges of Sustainable Development
Within the Context of the GCC Integration**
Muscat, Sultanate of Oman
Sunday - Monday 19/20 December 2010

The Omani Economic Association, with the participation of Gulf Economic Association, is organizing its fourth conference on Sunday - Monday 19-20 December 2010 on: Opportunities and Challenges of Sustainable Development within the Context of Gulf Integration. It is well established that the GCC encounters various challenges which are capable of directly affecting the performance of economies of member states. These challenges are manifested in ones related to education , its impact on Gulf human capital , the integration among GCC economies, and the requirement of such integration. There are many challenges facing GCC, chiefly among which are security, social and political. However, we in the Omani Economic Association will focus on the hurdles of developmental nature which need to be understood and tackled in order to compliment the process of integration and development within GCC.

Conference General objectives:

The conference aims at discussing the main challenges facing the economies of the GCC and then suggests ideas to overcome such challenges in order to achieve a sustainable economic growth of the same.

Conference sessions:

- ☒ Opening session : The Main Obstacles of Development in GCC
- ☒ First session : International Economic crisis and future of Gulf Economy
 - International Economic crisis and future of Economy in GCC
 - International Economic crisis and future of Banking industry in GCC



☒ **Second session : Prospect and Challenges of Gulf Integration**

Gulf Common Market and future of GCC Economy
Common Gulf Infra structure and Gulf economic integration
Challenges and opportunities of reform.

☒ **Third session : Challenges of Gulf labour Markets**

Challenge of women's participation in Gulf Labour market :
developmental vision
Developing the contribution of youth in Gulf Labour markets :
significance of Education reform

☒ **Fourth session : Diversifying Gulf Economy**

Industry as a strategic choice (petrochemicals industry)
Agriculture in the Gulf and Technology of Modern Agriculture.
Fisheries : Developmental choice for the Gulf

☒ **Fifth session : Challenges of Population Growth and Requirements of Development in GCC**

Population Growth and demographic transformation and demand of
health services
Population Growth in GCC and demand for housing services

☒ **Closing session : Final Statement of the Conference**

Participating entities :

- ☒ **Gulf Economic Association**
- ☒ **IMF**
- ☒ **Central Bank of Qatar**
- ☒ **GCC secretariate General**
- ☒ **Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting**
- ☒ **Bahrain Centre for Studies & Research**
- ☒ **University of Emirates**



Attendants :

- ☒ Elite economists from various GCC countries
- ☒ Administrative leaders of Ministries and Government Institutions
- ☒ Administrative leaders from within the private sector
- ☒ Academics from universities, institutes and research centers
- ☒ Experts of international and regional organizations

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