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**The Gulf In-Depth**  
*Executive Learning Program*

**April 6 – 9, 2009**  
**GRC Conference Room**  
**Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

**PROGRAM**

## **Sunday, April 5, 2009:**

Arrival of Participants

## **Monday, April 6, 2009:**

### **Day 1            STATE AND SOCIETY IN THE GULF**

9:45 a.m.            **Welcome and Introduction**

Abdulaziz Sager  
Chairman  
Gulf Research Center

10:00 a.m.            **Cross-Cultural Understanding: Gulf Values that impact the Decision-Making Process**

Abdulaziz Sager  
Chairman  
Gulf Research Center

10:30 a.m.            **Discussion**

11:15 a.m.            **Coffee break**

11:30 a.m.            **Politics of the Contemporary Gulf**

Sultan Sooud Al-Qassimi  
Founder, Barjeel Securities – Dubai

12:00 p.m.            **Discussion**

1:00 p.m.            **Lunch**

2:00 p.m.            **The Role of Family Businesses in the Contemporary Gulf**

Mishaal Kanoo  
Deputy Chairman  
The Kanoo Group, Dubai

2:30 p.m.            **Discussion**

3:30 p.m.            **End of Day's proceedings**

## **Tuesday, April 7, 2009:**

### **Day 2 THE GULF ECONOMY**

9:30 a.m. **Economic Development, the Gulf and the Current Global Financial Crisis**

Dr. Eckart Woertz  
Program Manager, Economics  
Gulf Research Center

10:00 a.m. **Discussion**

11:00 a.m. **Coffee break**

11:15 a.m. **Status and Prospects for GCC Economic Integration**

Dr. Abdulaziz Aluwaisheq  
Director for External Economic Relations  
Gulf Cooperation Council Secretariat

11:45 p.m. **Discussion**

12:45 p.m. **Lunch**

1:45 p.m. **Understanding the Gulf Banking and Finance Sector**

Dr. John Sfakianakis  
Chief Economist  
Saudi-British Bank, Riyadh

2:15 p.m. **Discussion**

3:15 p.m. **End of Day's proceedings**

## **Wednesday, April 8, 2009:**

### **Day 3 THE GULF'S SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT**

9:30 a.m. **The Role of Women in the Gulf**

Dr. Hatoon Ajwad Al-Fassi  
Assistant Professor  
History Department  
King Saud University

- 10:00 a.m.      **Discussion**
- 11:00 a.m.      **Coffee break**
- 11:15 a.m.      **The Rising Social Challenges: Education, Youth and Labor Markets**
- Prof. Baqer Al-Najjar  
                    Professor of Sociology  
                    Bahrain University
- 11:45 a.m.      **Discussion**
- 12:45 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 1:45 p.m.        **The Rising Importance of the Gulf Environment**
- Dr. Mohammad Raouf  
                    Program Director, GCC Environment  
                    Gulf Research Center
- 2:15 p.m.        **Discussion**
- 3:15 p.m.        **End of Day's proceedings**

**Thursday, April 9, 2009:**

**Day 4            GULF FOREIGN AND SECURITY ISSUES**

- 9:30 a.m.        **Terrorism and Internal Stability**
- Dr. Mustafa Alani  
                    Director of Terrorism and Security Studies  
                    Gulf Research Center
- 10:00 a.m.      **Discussion**
- 11:00 a.m.      **Coffee break**
- 11:15 a.m.      **Regional Security Challenges in the Gulf**
- Dr. Mustafa Alani  
                    Director of Terrorism and Security Studies  
                    Gulf Research Center

11:45 a.m.      **Discussion**

12:45 p.m.      **Lunch**

1:45 p.m.      **The GCC States in the International System – Relations with the US,  
Europe and Asia**

Prof. Abdullah Al-Shayegi  
Professor of International Relations  
Kuwait University

2:15 p.m.      **Discussion**

3: 15 p.m.      **Concluding Remarks and Presentation of Certificates**

END OF PROGRAM