

## Workshop No. 7

# The Leading Role of Gulf Higher Education in Achieving Sustainability and Addressing Climate Change

## Workshop Schedule

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### Wednesday, 12 July 2023

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9:00-9:15	<b>Introduction</b>
9:15-10:00	<b>Paper One</b> <b>[ Hajar Mahfoodh &amp; Hessa AlAtawi]:</b> Reflections on Education for Sustainable Development in the GCC  Discussant: <b>Omer Hashim Ismail</b>
10:00-10:45	<b>Paper Two</b> <b>[ Anna Grichting Solder]:</b> “ Universities as Living Laboratories in the Gulf Region. New models for Interdisciplinary Education and Research for Sustainable Development and Climate Change ”  Discussant: <b>Munira Al Wahaibi</b>
10.45-11.15	Coffee break
11:15-12:00	<b>Paper Three</b> <b>[ Abdeljalil Akkari &amp; Salem Alhammadi ]:</b> “ SDG4 and universities: Promoting innovation and “living together” in the UAE”  Discussant: <b>Mayamin Altae</b>

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12:00-12:45	<b>Paper Four</b> <b>[Tilde Rosmer]:</b> “Green Activism in the UAE”  Discussant: <b>Seungah S. Lee</b>
12:45-14:30	Lunch break (lunch is served at 13.00, please make sure to be there on time as it will roughly be a 15/20 minutes walk to King’s College)
14:30-15:15	<b>Paper Five</b> <b>[Sosil Somokian]:</b> “PBL for successful teaching of sustainability”  Discussant: <b>Abdellatif Qamhaieh</b>
15:15-16:00	<b>Paper Six</b> <b>[ Wendy Booth]:</b> “ Sustainability in Higher Education: A Focus on Global Citizenship in the context of the Gulf Countries”  Discussant: <b>Quosay Awad Ahmed Babiker</b>
16.00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-18:00	<b>Part 1 Brainstorming and discussion</b> <b>Challenges and Issues</b> <b>(Khalaf &amp; Elizabeth)</b>

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**END OF WORKSHOP**

**Thursday, 13 July 2023**

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09:00-09:15 **Workshop Summary for Day 1**

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09:15-10:00 **Paper Seven**

**[Munira Al Wahaibi ]:** “ Toward Actualizing the Constant Evolvement and Engagement of Higher Education Universities in the Sultanate of Oman towards achieving SDGs in the remaining eight years: Analyzing Current Practices and Future Opportunities ”

Discussant: **Hajar Mahfoodh**

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10:00-10:45 **Paper Eight**

**[ Omer Hashim Ismail]:** “ Climate Change Research at Sultan Qaboos University: Is there a research gap and an absent role for Research Centers?”

Discussant: **Anna Grichting Solder**

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10.45-11:15 Coffee break

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11:15-12:00 **Paper Nine**

**[ Mayamin Altae ]:** “ Universities being the driving force for climate change: the College of Education at Qatar University is the powerhouse for promoting the change”

Discussant: **Abdeljalil Akkari**

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12:00-12:45 **Paper Ten**

**[ Seungah S. Lee & S. Gabriela Gavrila ]:** “ Green Emissaries: The Dual Sustainability Embeddedness and Climate Change Leadership of Branch University Campuses in the Arab Gulf States”

Discussant: **Tilde Rosmer**

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14:30-15:15 **Paper Eleven**

**[ Abdellatif Qamhaieh ]:** “ Urban sustainability education and the 'othering' of the city: Exploring SDG-11 in the GCC city”

Discussant: **Sosil Somokian**

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15:15-16:00 **Paper Twelve**

**[ Quosay Awad, Tarig Z. Ahmed, Mawahib E. Ahmed and Asia Adlan Mohamed ]:** “ The Role of GCC Higher Education (HE) Systems in Supporting the Process of National Determined Contributions (NDCs) towards the achievement of the SDG 13 Climate Action”

Discussant: [ **Wendy Booth** ]

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16:00-16:30 Coffee break

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16:30-17:15 **Part 2: Brainstorming and Discussion**

**Action plan and solutions**  
**Khalaf & Elizabeth**

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17:15-18:00 **Conclusion and Future Work**

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