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2022 Gulf Research Meeting

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University of Cambridge

Workshop No. 1

Carbon Neutrality in the GCC: Between Good-Intentioned Pledges and the Harsh Reality

Workshop Schedule

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Friday, 15 July 2022

9:00-9:15	Introduction
9:15-10:00	Paper One [Maroua Benlahrech, Marc Vielle, Alain Haurie, Frederic Babonneau, Ahmed Badran, Maxime Schenckery]: “Key Issues for Long Term Climate Policy Design in Gulf Countries with Focus on Qatar” Discussant: Susan Kurdli
10:00-10:45	Paper Two [Susan Kurdli, Renato de Oliveira]: “Energy Transition in Oil-Rich Countries: The Role of Resource Nationalism” Discussant: Maroua Benlahrech
10.45-11.15	Coffee break

11:15-12:00 **Paper Three**
[Okan Geray, Gamze Hakli Geray]: “Circular Cities – One of the Pathways to Carbon Neutrality”

Discussant: Thamir Alshehri

12:00-12:45 **Paper Four**
[Thamir Alshehri, Mari Luomi, Fatih Yilmaz]: “The Gulf Cooperation Council and the Circular Carbon Economy: Progress and Potential”

Discussant: Okan Geray

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 **Paper Five**
[Jim Krane]: “Saudi Arabia Net Zero: Political and Geopolitical Implications”

Discussant: Andreas Rechkemmer & Logan Cochrane

15:15-16:00 **Paper Six**
[Andreas Rechkemmer, Logan Cochrane]: “NetZero Policy Tracker: GCC Government Responses to the Climate Crisis”

Discussant: Jim Krane

16.00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:15 **Paper Seven**
[Ahmed Badran]: “Net-Zero Emissions in the GCC Region: Challenges and Opportunities for Green Hydrogen Technology”

Discussant: Elie Azar & Wael A. Samad

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Saturday, 16 July 2022

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

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

[Hajar Mahfoodh, Sayed Shubbar Ebrahim]: “SMART Solutions to Carbon Neutrality in the GCC”

Discussant: Giovanna Potesta

10:00-10:45 **Paper Nine**

[Giovanna Potesta, Mario Tartaglia]: “Electrifying public transport networks in Dubai: environmental benefits, urban improvements and social challenges”

Discussant: Hajar Mahfoodh

10.45-11:15 Coffee break

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

[Hesham Al-Ammal]: “Data Policy and Governance for Greenhouse Gases Reports and Initiatives”

Discussant: Umair Saeed Bhatta Bhatta

12:00-12:45 **Paper Eleven**

[Umair Saeed Bhatta Bhatta]: “Financial System Readiness to achieve Carbon Neutrality”

Discussant: Hesham Al-Ammal

12:45-14:30 Lunch break (lunch is served at 13.00 at Corpus Christi)

14:30-15:15 **Paper Twelve**

[Konstantinos Koasidis, Nikolaos Vourgidis, Vangelis Marinakis, Haris Doukas]: “EU-GCC cooperation opportunities on behavioural energy efficiency”

Discussant: Esmat Zaidan & Mohsen Jafari

15:15-16:00 **Paper Thirteen**

[Esmat Zaidan, Mohsen Jafari]: “Toward Smart Buildings and Communities in the Gulf States: Analysis of Human and Social Dimensions in the Transition to Carbon-Neutral Cities Using Artificial Intelligence”

Discussant: Konstantinos Koasidis

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