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Abstract

The workshop will discuss various policy aspects from formulation, to application, monitoring and evaluation. Single country or regional environmental policies are both needed to be discussed. Specific environmental issue such as water, climate change will be also examined as will international agreements influencing formulation of local environmental policies. We are interested in debating "scenarios for environmental policies" for the region and its effects the environmental policy on economic development.

Workshop Description and Rationale

Papers presented to the workshop may cover regional, country or thematic studies. Regional, Country studies deal with how each of the regions or individual Gulf countries is formulating and applying environmental policies. The various tools used, and the pros and cons of each tool will also be discussed. Thematic studies will include environmental policies for specific issues such as water, biodiversity, desertification, coastal and marine resources, and climate change; what has been achieved and what is still needed; and interlinkages between specific environmental issues policies. In addition to scholars interested in various aspects of Environmental Policies in the Gulf region, we seek to encourage the participation of scholars from the countries of the Gulf.

Workshop Director Profiles

Dr. Mohammad Aly Raouf Abdul-Hamid is a Program Manager - Environment Research at the GRC and the Secretary-General of the Egyptian Forum on Environment and Sustainable Development. Prior to holding this position, he worked as a freelance consultant and lecturer in Environmental Accounting and Economics at the Environmental Institute at Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt, where he participated in a number of conferences and consultancy projects. He has also served as a consultant in the Government of Egypt's Ministry of Industry and a financial analyst for the Badr Petroleum Company (BAPETCO). Dr. Raouf has authored a number of articles on environmental accounting, contracting and decision-making for publications both in Egypt and elsewhere, and has also submitted a number of conference papers on similar subjects. He received his doctorate in Environmental Sciences from Ain Shams University in October 2003 and has since participated in a number of training courses in economics, accounting, business administration and environmental sciences.

Dr. Waleed Khalil Al-Zubari currently holds the position of professor in the Desert and Arid Zones Sciences Program, College of Graduate Studies, Arabian Gulf University (AGU). He has published more than 45 papers in refereed journals, conferences and seminars in the fields of Groundwater resources development, management, and planning, use of numerical modeling in the assessment, development, and management of groundwater system, and geostatistical mapping methods applied to groundwater hydrology and pollution, and stochastic groundwater modeling. He has also initiated and conducted a number of training courses at AGU. Dr. Al-Zubari is the Editor-in-Chief of the regional Arabian Gulf Journal of Scientific Research (AGJSR) since September 2006, and he serves as a referee for many regional and international journals. Dr. Al-Zubari served as a member of the UNESCO's Theme Advisory Board (TAB) for the International Hydrology Program, IHP-VI, Paris (2002-2007), and is serving now as a member of the Global Working Group for UNESCO's Water Education. Dr. Al-Zubari has been active in the Water Science and Technology Association (WSTA), a Water-related NGO organization in the GCC countries, and has made contributions to the water scientific committee, as he served as the Chairman of the Scientific Committees of the WSTA Third (Oman, 1997), Fourth (Bahrain, 1999), Fifth (Qatar, 2001), and Seventh (Kuwait, 2005) Gulf Water Conferences. He was elected as the president of the WSTA (2001-2003), and he chaired the WSTA Sixth Gulf Water Conference held in Riyadh in 2003.