





## Workshop

# **Economic Diversification in the Gulf States**Challenges and Opportunities

25 May 2021 (12:00-13:45 Doha Time, 9:00-10:45 GMT)

26 May 2021 (14:30-16:25 Doha Time, 11:30-13:25 GMT)





# **Time Table**

#### Tuesday 25 May 2021

	zoom Online Registration
	Moderator: Frank Himpel
	Professor at Anhalt University of Applied Sciences, Germany
	Opening remarks
12:00-12:10	Haider Saeed
	Head of the ACRPS Research Department
	Fabian Blumberg
	Regional Representative to the Gulf States at Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
	Hamid Ali
	Dean of the School of Public Administration and Development Economics at Doha Institute for Graduate Studies
12:10-12:25	Hessah Alojayan
	Assistant Professor of Finance at Kuwait University
	Before It's Too Late: A Vision to Reform the Kuwaiti Economy
12:25-12:40	Hatim al-Shanfari
	Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics and Finance at the College of Economics & Political Science at Sultan Qaboos University
	Oman Experience in Fiscal Sustainability
12:40-12:55	Noura Allahow
	Vice Chairwoman of the Economic Forum at Kuwait Economic Society
	The Role of the Private Sector in Economic Diversification
12:55-13:10	Oliver Oehms
	CEO of the AHK Gulf Region (German Chamber Abroad)
	FDI Attraction, Industrialization and SME
13:10-13:45	Discussion

### Wednesday 26 May 2021

	zoom Online Registration
	Moderator: Marwan Kabalan
	Director of the Unit for Policy Studies, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies
14:30-14:45	Nawaf Alabduljader
	Professor of Management at Kuwait University-College of Business Administration
	Before It's Too Late: A Vision to Reform the Kuwaiti Economy
14:45-15:00	Ayhab F. Saad
	Assistant Professor of Economics Doha Institute for Graduate Studies
	Export Diversification in Qatar:
	Progress, Policy Implications, and the Road Ahead
	Adham Al Said
	Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics and Finance at the College of
15:00-15:15	Economics & Political Science at Sultan Qaboos University
	SMEs as a Vehicle of Job Creation & Economic Diversification:
	The Omani Experience
15:15-15:30	Yousuf Bin Hamed Al Balushi
	Founder Smart Investment Gateway
	Determinants of the economic diversification in the Gulf States:
	Oman as a Case Study
15:30-15:45	Sebastian Sons
	Political Analyst on Arab Gulf States and Middle East, and Researcher at the Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient (CARPO)
	Chances for Closer European-Gulf Cooperation in
	Terms of Economic Transformation
15:45-16:15	Discussion
16:15-16:25	Closing remarks