



Under the Auspices of
H.E. Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabor Al Thani
 Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar

1st GCC TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS CONFERENCE

VISION 2020

TOWARDS GCC INTEGRATED TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES

RITZ Carlton Hotel 19 & 20 May 2008 Doha - Qatar

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PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

CONFERENCE KEY OBJECTIVES

The 1st GCC Transport and Logistics Conference - Vision 2020 "Towards GCC Integrated Transport Infrastructure and Services," is to bring together national and international expertise in the transport sector to discuss and develop a framework for the long-term transport vision for the GCC Member States - a vision that is focused on integration of transport infrastructure development and service provisions. The conference will discuss all modes of transport including land (roads, public transport, railways, and trucking industry), maritime and civil aviation. In particular, the conference will highlight:

1. Key achievements in the development and integration of Transport Infrastructure and service provisions in the GCC Member States, drawing on regional and international experiences.
2. Challenges and opportunities in achieving integrated transport infrastructure and service provisions.
3. The role of private-public sector participation in the development and integration of transport sector infrastructure development and service provisions.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

The conference will include the following sessions:

Session No. 1: Integration of Transport Infrastructure and Services- Land, Maritime and Civil Aviation

Experiences and opportunities in the development of an efficient and effective integrated transport sector amongst GCC Member States' existing transport organizations, both Public and Private. Provision of transport services- land, maritime, public transport, railways and civil aviation.

Session No. 2: Policies, Strategies and Regulations for the Transport Sector in the GCC Member States- Key Reforms

Coordination of common/complementary policies and regulations amongst the GCC Member States for better integration and trade facilitation - ones that provide opportunities and incentives for adequate services, compatible transport environment and safety standards while reducing/eliminating barriers to successful implementation.

Session No. 3: Transport Economics and Financing

Exploration of various financial mechanisms for achieving large scale development and sustainable operation of transport infrastructure and service provisions.

Session No. 4: Public-Private Partnership / Perspectives.

Encouraging participation and partnership amongst the Public and Private sectors to form a coastal transport company(ies) serving the needs of the GCC Member States as well as regional needs.

Session No. 5: Institutional Development and Capacity Building- Barriers and Challenges to GCC Transport Sector

Implications of the development and provisioning of an advanced, integrated transport infrastructure and transport services for both Public and Private Institutions.

Session No. 6: GCC Transport Vision 2020

- Formation of an integrated GCC company for land transport.
- Formation of a GCC coastal transport company(ies).
- Developing a multimode transport company for the GCC.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The Conference will convene over two (2) days, 19-20 May 2008, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Doha- State of Qatar. The First Day, 19 May 2008, will include Sessions 1 to 3, and the Second Day, 20 May 2008, will include Sessions 4 to 6.

The afternoon sessions will be devoted to Workshops to further discuss and agree on resolutions / recommendations of the Conference. The final session on the Second Day will declare the findings of the Conference.

SUNDAY

MAY 18, 2008

03.00 pm - 07.00 pm

Pre - Registration

MONDAY

MAY 19, 2008 (DAY ONE)

07.00 am - 09.00 am

Registration

09.00 am - 09.45 am

Opening Plenary Session

10.30 am - 12.15 am

CONFERENCE SESSION 1

Integration of Transport Infrastructure and Services - Land, Maritime and Civil Aviation:

Topics:

1. GCC Declaration of Common Market- 2008; GCC Accession to WTO:

- Impact on economic, social and integration amongst GCC Member States with particular focus on transport sector.
- Transport integration amongst GCC Member States; issues, challenges and opportunities.

2. Railway Expansion in the GCC Member States:

- Saudi Arabia
 - North South Railway Project: Mineral transport logistics and supporting Ras Azzur development
 - East-West (Land Bridge) and Western Railway (Jeddah – Makka - Maddinah).
 - GCC Railway Development: overview, progress, and way forward.
- State of Kuwait- Transport overland Organization- A Case Study.
- United Arab Emirates- Dubai- Metro Rail Project- A Case Study.

3. GCC Port Development- Investment Opportunities:

- Saudi Arabia
 - Ras Azzur Port and Infrastructure Development.
- United Arab Emirates- Dubai:
 - Port Development and Transport Logistics and Facilitations- key challenges, and lessons learned.
- Sultanate of Oman:
 - Port Development Investment Opportunity (name of new port developments).
- State of Qatar

4. Civil Aviation Sector Reform- Airport Expansion and Development: Provisions for improved Infrastructure and Services:

- Saudi Arabia
 - Saudi Arabian Airlines Reform- Towards private sector participation. Overview, challenges and way forward..
- State of Qatar
 - NDIA Project- planning, design, construction, and operation and maintenance- A Case Study.
 - GCC Civil Aviation Sector- Current status and vision for the future Policies and regulations towards integration with efficient transport of people, goods and services (GCC Representative)

5. Road Sector Development - a backbone infrastructure for:

- Access promoting economic development and growth- A case study for Yemen Rural Road Access for the poor for sustainable development with integration objective with education, health and social and political integration with education, health and social and political visions.
- Public Transport.

12.15 pm - 12.30 pm

Prayer Break

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12.30 pm - 02.00 pm

CONFERENCE SESSION 2

Integration of Policies and Regulations for the Transport Sector in the GCC Member States - Key Reforms :

Panel Discussions (Conclusions & Recommendations)

02.00 pm - 03.30 pm

Lunch Break

03.30 pm - 05.00 pm

CONFERENCE SESSION 3

Transport Economics and Financing:

Topics:

1. Transport Economics and Financing:

- Options and alternatives
- Social and economic growth and development

2. Transport and Social and Environmental Safeguards:

- Regional and International guidelines

3. Financing of the Transport Infrastructure Developments:

- Role of the Financing Institutions
- Selected Banks from UAE, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.
- Risk assessment and mitigations.

Panel Discussions (Conclusions & Recommendations)

05.00 pm - 07.00 pm

Workshop 1

Developing a Framework for an Integrated Transport Infrastructure and Service Provisions- Policies, Strategies and Regulations, Challenges and Opportunities.

08.00 pm

Gala Dinner

TUESDAY

MAY 20, 2008 (DAY TWO)

09.00 am - 09.45 am

Opening Plenary Session

10.30 am - 12.15 am

CONFERENCE SESSION 4

Public-Private Partnership - Public Private Perspectives:

Topics:

1. Private Sector Participation in the Finance and Development of Transport Infrastructure and Service Provisions:

- Policies, Strategies, and Regulations
- Procurement Methods- Practices- towards encouraging the private sector participations
- Labour Laws - Comparative Labour laws
- Barriers to PSP in Transport.

2. Private Sector Participation in the Finance and Development of Transport Infrastructure and Service Provisions- Private Sector Perspective:

- Consultants Group Representatives (Panel Presetations & Discussions).
- Contractors Group Representatives (Panel Presetations & Discussions).
- Suppliers and Providers- availability, delivery time, issues and challenges.
- Chamber of Commerce Representatives- (Panel Presetations & Discussions).

3. Investments Opportunities for the Private Sector in the Transport Sector in GCC Member States:

- Ports
- Railways
- Public Transport (Metros, Busses, Mass Transit Systems).
- Airports
- Roads

Panel Discussions (Conclusions & Recommendations)

12.15 pm - 12.30 pm

Prayer Break

12.30 - 02.00 pm

CONFERENCE SESSION 5

Institutional Set Ups and Capacity Building- Barriers and Challenges to the GCC Transport Sector.

Topics:

1. Institutional Set Ups and Capacity Building:

- MENA Transport Strategy
- Transport Sector Reform - Strategy Development - Status, Progress, Way Forward.
- NGOs - Land Transport Program - Status, Progress, Achievements and Lessons Learned- Kuwait- Overland Transport Union.
- Needed Reforms towards increasing PPP in Development of Transport Infrastructure and Service Provisions - Case Studies - Civil Aviations (Saudi Case), Ports (Qatar), Roads (UAE), Public Transport- Taxis (Bahrain).
- E-Government - facilitating the development and logistics of the transport transactions and service provisions.

2. Role of Women in the Development of Transport Sector:

- Ongoing status and level of participation and means of increasing participation.
- Need for good educational programs (at University level).
- Equal employment opportunity and incentive package.
- Training and capacity building.

3. Transport Barriers and Challenges:

- GCC-SG Technical Committee Findings - Status, Progress and Action Plan to alleviate the transport barriers.
- E-Government- Facilitating the development of the transport service provisions and processing of transactions- Dubai Airport
- Passengers and goods handling Processes - A Case Study. Dubai Ports Logistics for handling transshipment and goods transport.

4. Insurance Companies Role in the Provision of Transport Services:

- Impact on safety and cost of transport status, progress and visions.

Panel Discussions (Conclusions & Recommendations)

02.00 pm - 03.30 pm

Lunch Break

03.30 pm - 05.00 pm

CONFERENCE SESSION 6

GCC Transport Vision 2020:

Topics:

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Panel Discussions (Conclusions & Recommendations)

05.00 pm - 07.00 pm

Workshop 2

Opportunities for Investment in the Transport Infrastructure. Setting the Enabling Environment.

07.15 pm

Closing Session

Conference Declarations and Resolutions

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