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## **Agenda for the GRC – Carnegie Workshop**

### ***“Political Reform in the GCC States: Current Situation and Future Prospects”***

**23<sup>rd</sup>–24<sup>th</sup> September 2004**

9:00-9:30 **Keynote Speech by**

**Mr. Abdulaziz Sager** ,  
Chairman ,  
Gulf Research Center

**Mr. Thomas Carothers**,  
Senior Associate and Director of the Democracy and Rule of Law Project  
Carnegie Endowment  
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9:30-11:00 **First Session:**

**Why is Political Reform in the GCC States Taking Place Now?**

Moderator: Prof. Marina Ottaway  
Speaker: Dr. Khaldoun Alnaqeeb

**11-11.30 Coffee break**

11:30-13:00 **Second Session:**

**What Steps Toward Reform Are Different Countries Taking?**

Moderator: Dr. Abdel Karim AlDhakayel  
Speaker: Dr. Ismail Al Shatti

**13:00-14:00 Lunch**

14:00-15:30 **Third Session:**

*Differing Views on Political Reform in the GCC States*

Moderator: Dr. Jassim Alajmi

Speaker: Mr. Abdulaziz al-Fahad

**15:30-16:00 Coffee break**

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16:00-17:30 **Fourth Session:**

*Problems of Political Reform in the GCC States*

Moderator: Dr. Hassanain Tawfiq

Speaker: Dr. Mohammad Abdullah Al Roken

17:30 bus returning to the Grand Hyatt hotel

French Cruise Dinner starting from 20:00 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2004

Please assemble at the Grand Hyatt lobby for pickup at 19.30 hrs from the Hotel to the French Cruise.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2004**

9:00-10:15 **Fifth Session**

*The Regional and International Context of Political Reform in the GCC States*

Moderator: Dr. Paul Aarts

Speaker: Dr. Abdulkhaleq Abdulla

**10:15-10:30 Coffee break**

**10:30-12:00 Sixth Session:**

*The Way Forward*

Moderator: Prof. Sadaqa Fadhel

Speaker: Dr. Nader Fergany