

On behalf of the organizing committee, we would like to invite you to participate at the **1st Gulf Marine Environment Conference (GMEC)**, with the theme “One Sea Cooperative Action”. The event will be held on 18 – 19 May, 2015 in Ritz Carlton Hotel, Doha, Qatar, under the patronage of **H.E Ahmed Amer Al Humaidi, Minister of Environment, Qatar**, and with the cooperation of **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** and other international and regional organizations.

The conference objective is to bring together policy makers, regulators, experts and investors to discuss innovations, concerns and solutions in the field of marine environment. At the same time, the event aims to benefit from lesson learned from diverse sectors and countries, best practices from the related international and regional associations and government authorities.

We aim to attract 250+ senior delegations and 20+ plus speakers from Qatar, Gulf countries and abroad.

The conference will focus on the progress and prospects for preserving the marine environment and strengthening the connection among marine environment industry stakeholders in order to make an effort towards protecting the water quality, environment systems, marine living and abating the pollution caused by the development activities of humans.

Our conference covers the following topics:

1. Marine Food Security
2. Climate Change Impacts on the Marine Environment
3. Ecological System Habitat: Ecological and Biological Role
4. Invasive Species in the Marine Environment
5. Marine Protected Areas (MPAs): What is Achieved and What is Possible
6. Marine Heritage: Traditions and Opportunities
7. Water Desalination: Status and the Future Impact Analysis
8. Integrated Marine Environment Protection

The conference sessions will discuss the above topics from the point of view of the following dimensions:

1. Governance and enhancing the capacity building
2. Society awareness
3. Scientific based solutions and research
4. Technology Adaptation and transfer

For more information on GMEC and how to attend, please contact radwan@alsaqerevents.org or visit our website at www.alsaqerevents.org/gmec