



Series on the Nationalization of the Workforce in the GCC Countries
Workshop III

New York University Abu Dhabi Institute
20-21 November 2011
InterContinental Hotel, Abu Dhabi

Agenda

Saturday 19 November 2011

8:30 PM - 10:30 PM **WELCOMING RECEPTION**
Binyas Majlis
Lobby, InterContinental Hotel

Sunday 20 November 2011

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**
Meeting Quarters I
First Floor, Intercontinental Hotel

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM **WELCOME**
Reindert Falkenburg, Dean of Art and Humanities and
Acting Faculty Director, NYUAD Institute - NYUAD
Ivan Szelenyi, Dean of Social Sciences - NYUAD

OPENING REMARKS
Samira Atallah - New York University

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM **SESSION ONE**
**Labor market distortions and long-term wage and
employment trends in Saudi Arabia**
Speaker: Hend Alsheikh - King Abdullah University
of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia
Moderator: Samira Atallah - New York University

- 11:00 AM - 11:20 AM** **BREAK AND REFRESHMENTS**
- 11:20 AM - 12:50 PM** **SESSION TWO**
Trends and Patterns of Asian Migration to GCC Countries
Speaker: Nasra M. Shah - Kuwait University
Moderator: Zain Alshareef - UAE Ministry of Labor
- 12:50 PM - 2:00 PM** **LUNCH**
Selections Restaurant
Third Floor, Intercontinental Hotel
- 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM** **SESSION THREE**
Female Migration Matters! Adding Gender Policy Value to the Debate on Nationalization of the Labor Force
Speaker: Francois Farah - United Nations Fund for Population
Moderator: Lubna Al-Kazi - Kuwait University
- 3:30 PM - 3:50 PM** **BREAK AND REFRESHMENTS**
- 3:50 PM - 5:20 PM** **SESSION FOUR**
Trends, Ethnicity, and Gender in the changing Map of Domestic in the UAE
Speaker: Rima Sabban - Zayed University, Dubai
Moderator: Rafiah Al-Talei -The Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Oman
- 8:30 PM** **DINNER**
The Fish Market
Marina Level, InterContinental Hotel

Monday 21 November 2011:

- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM** **COFFEE**
- 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM** **SESSION FIVE**
The recruitment and employment system of foreign workers in GCC countries
Speaker: Ibrahim Awad - American University in Cairo
Moderator: Simel Esim - International Labor Organization

10:30 AM - 10:50 AM **BREAK AND REFRESHMENTS**

10:50 PM - 12:20 PM **SESSION SIX**
Diversity and Solidarity among Bangladeshi Workers in the UAE
Speaker: Habibul H. Khondker - Zayed University, Dubai
Moderator: Natasha Iskander - New York University

12:20 PM - 1:30 PM **LUNCH**
Selections Restaurant
Third Floor, InterContinental Hotel

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM **SESSION SEVEN**
Career Capital, Expatriate Academics, and Labor Nationalization in the UAE
Speaker: Julia Richardson - York University, Canada
Moderator: Fredrick Van Sant - Abu Dhabi University

3:00 PM - 3:20 PM **BREAK AND REFRESHMENTS**

3:20 PM - 4:50 PM **SESSION EIGHT**
The impact of expatriation on professional role characteristics
Speaker: Ingo Forstenlechner - Federal Demographic Council and UAE University Al-Ain
Moderator: Jasim Al-Ali - Department of Economic Development, Government of Dubai

4:50 PM - 5:10 PM **BREAK AND REFRESHMENTS**

5:10 PM - 6:15 PM **CLOSING SESSION**
Update -- Project on “Comparative database on the socio-demographic profile of the GCC countries”
Nasra Shah - Kuwait University

Concluding Remarks
Samira Atallah - New York University

8:30 PM **DINNER**
Marina Garden
InterContinental Hotel