



**Edited Volume  
Tentative Structure**

**“Tourism Development in the GCC States:  
Reconciling Economic Growth, Conservation and  
Sustainable Development”**

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## Foreword(s)

**Prof. Dr. Taleb D. Rifai**, Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

**Marwan al-Muasher**, Vice President for Studies – Middle East Program,  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (invited))  
Thought provoking and to challenge the scholarly community into further discourse!

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Prince Bandar bin Saud bin Mohammad Al-Saud, President of the Saudi Wildlife Authority

### **Sustainable Tourism Takes the Lead in Qatar**

Issa bin Mohammed Al-Mohannadi, President of the Qatar Tourism Authority

### **Successful Best Practice of Sustainable Tourism Initiatives in Bahrain**

Sheikh Khalifa Ahmed Al-Khalifa, Ministry of Culture, Bahrain

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Andy Spiess & Alan S. Weber,  
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Charles L. Choguill & Faisal Al-Mubarak, Al Faisal University, Saudi Arabia

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Akbar Keshodkar, Zayed University, UAE

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