Agenda for the GRC – Carnegie Workshop

“Political Reform in the GCC States: Current Situation and Future Prospects”
23rd–24th 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
For International Peace

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

11:30 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

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 23rd September 2004  
Please assemble at the Grand Hyatt lobby for pickup at 19.30 hrs from the Hotel to the French Cruise.

**Friday 24th 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