



**THE WSTA 11<sup>TH</sup> GULF WATER CONFERENCE**  
"Water in the GCC ... Towards Efficient Management"  
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**Organized by:** WSTA in Cooperation with the Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources, Sultanate of Oman, and the Omani Water Society  
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Through addressing the topic of sustainable water management in the GCC countries, the WSTA Eleventh Gulf Water Conference focuses on the water efficiency of the water sector within a demand management framework, as well as related topics for improving the management efficiency in the various consuming sectors, such as appropriate governance approaches and stakeholders participation, legislative consideration, innovative technologies, awareness raising, capacity development, data requirements and transparent decision making process, economic analysis and benefits, and many other factors relevant to the issue of water efficiency in a scientific forum. The conference will present the experiences and best practices from different countries in improving water efficiency and overcoming the water challenges in the arid GCC and Arab countries.



**Conference Objectives**

1. Raising awareness and influencing policy and decision making to the importance of improving water efficiency as a cost-effective option contributing to a more sustainable water management in the GCC countries.
2. Identifying challenges and opportunities in improving water efficiency under the prevailing socio-economic, environmental, cultural, and political conditions in the GCC countries.
3. Facilitating an open scientific discussion platform to share knowledge and experiences between researchers, executives, decision and
1. policy makers, private sector, and other stakeholders, on improving water efficiency in the various water supply and consuming sectors in the

GCC countries.

4. Identifying scientific and technological research needs and priorities in the field of water efficiency to aid the process of policies formulation and decision making in the GCC countries.
5. Building a research and experience exchange network between individuals, institutes, civil society/NGOs and private sector in the GCC countries, other countries in the Arab region, and beyond in the field of water efficiency.



**Conference Main Topics**

1. Strategies for Efficient Water Resources Planning and Management
2. Efficient Management of Natural Water Resources (groundwater and surface water)
3. Efficient Management of the Desalination Sector
4. Efficient Management of Wastewater and Reuse
5. Efficient Management of Agricultural Water
6. Efficient Management of Municipal Water
7. Efficient Management of Industrial Water
8. Capacity Development, Stakeholders Participation, and Partnerships

**Special Sessions:** MDGs-SDGs Transitional Process and its Implication on the Arab Region, by UN-ESCWA

**Conference Language:** Research papers in both languages are accepted.

**Deadlines:** Abstracts should be sent to WSTA office in Bahrain by **31 December, 2013**; email: [wsta11.sci.com@gmail.com](mailto:wsta11.sci.com@gmail.com).

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