

**Gender:** Female

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**Languages you speak:** Arabic, English

**Organisation Representative:** Environment Friends Society (EFS)

**Website of organization (or social media account):** naturalbahrain.org instagram  
EnvironmentFriendsSociety , Reem.EFS

**Where is your organization based?:** Bahrain

**Do you have permission from your organization to serve as a facilitator, knowing that it could occupy 20-30% of your time over the next 2 years?:** yes

**What kind of additional support you will receive if you became the next Co-Facilitator:**

From my NGO: More than 30% of two board members time (technical and secretarial). Each board member has a team working with them From Other NGOs: support from at least ten NGOs from five global regions, as facilitator support team and task force teams leaders.

**What is your background in NGOs and Civil Society work on the ground?:**

I come from a strong civil society and NGO background. I have a 20 years' experience in civil society advocacy, empowerment and work on the ground, with the society, other NGOs, the government and policy makers, nationally and globally. I continuously work to learn and develop my scope of knowledge , skills and experience. I also share knowledge and experience with other NGOs especially on regional level .

- I established and co-founded the Environment Friends Society, and built it from a three-youths initiative into one of the most known environmental NGOs in the region. .And also helped in establishing other NGOs inside and outside Bahrain.
- A civil society advocate for CS effective participation and public involvement in decision making related to environment and sustainability for the last 20 years
- Contributed leading my NGO and other NGOs, in environmental legislation change in my country by continuous advocacy and trust building, as pressure group, expert group, negotiation and lobbying with policy makers, people representatives, and government agencies.
- Co-founded the Arabian Peninsula Environmental Advisors Network (APEAN) under UNESCO in 2010-2011 and was elected as the first chair person.
- Co-founded with other ISO26000 experts from ISO26000, a global network for Social Responsibility in

Bail 2018, that was registered as the ISO26000 Stakeholders Global Network in Vienna, and was assigned the responsibilities of NGO Ambassador since then.

- Participated in the Civil Society Mechanism under FAO in Rome, from the initial stages of Draft0 for the Guidelines for Food Security till the implementation (2010-2012)
  - Established an informal voluntary, not-for-profit schooling for training children and youngsters to be environmental leaders for sustainability (Reem Program for Little Environmental Leaders), an on-going program for the last 20 years.
  - Established an organized public awareness seminars, lectures and events targeting public, NGOs, youth, women, elderly and minority groups for the last 20 years in different cities and villages all over Bahrain.
  - Gave key-notes motivation speeches and workshop training for NGOs, voluntary groups, inside and outside Bahrain (e.g Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Morocco).
  - Facilitated a group of hundreds of youth in a one-year project to encourage, understand, document and make-heard youth voice in Bahrain.
  - Lead a one-year advocacy to defend the coral reefs of Bahrain from planned projects and succeeded in an achievement unmatched before or after in the region.
  - Gave hundreds of lectures, training, and awareness programs to school children for the last twenty years mainly in Bahrain, but also in other countries (Qatar, Jordan, Saudi, Syria, USA, Finland).
    - Taught and inspired thousands of children in Reem Program for Little Environmental Leaders , someofwhich came back to the program after they graduated from universities and are working with me (voluntarily) to teach and inspire new generations to be environmentally and ethically responsible to lead the change towards sustainability.
  - Participated and organized many cleanup campaigns for the last 20 years.
  - Initiated an on-going program for teaching families and individuals how to plant trees and plants by their own hands, take care of them and how to chose what to plant.
  - Was the first female-president for a mixed-gender NGO in Bahrain and the GCC region, by election, in the year 2000.
  - inspired a wave amongst females and youth and children to get involved in voluntarism, civil society work on the ground for saving the environment that created a societal change in Bahrain.
  - Established the National Seaturtle Rescue Team, invited vets and specialists to join, organized training for the team and lead the work in seaturtle rescue and conservation in Bahrain, with links to international networks and experts from different places, and took an active role in caring for sick and injured turtles, treating them and releasing them, and training volunteers. ( link 1 link 2 link3 link4 link5 )
- \* I joined a special training program in leadership for less than 30 NGOs selected globally, under the International Visitors Leadership Program, in USA in the year 2019 (Kindly see the CV for more details)

### **Why do you want to be a Co-Facilitator of the UNEP NGO MG?:**

I like and have the ability to facilitate the involvement and participation of diverse NGOs from different backgrounds and expertise, learn and develop the work with them and from them, including young ,new and less privileged NGOs to have their voice heard, to learn and benefit from what the NGO MG , UNEP and UNEA is offering. I believe in the role of NGOs to change the world to a better place and not just to follow a process, but then use what is available to get close to achieving that. I believe that many NGOs are not activated yet, and that the true weight and impact of NGO MG is not seen yet. We have for instance a diversity of NGO accredited recently, including FBO that have a lot to offer once they are fully

participating in the NGO MG. I have passion to see that happening, and to bring everyone onboard. I started from scratch for the last two years, and managed to gain trust and support from many NGOs that are active and willing to invest energy and time to see this happen. I learnt a good deal from working close to different groups of NGOs in the NGO MG, and from the discussions we had in due course, and the obstacles that we overcome. We together set a good foundation that I would build on, and accomplish the results that we all worked hard for in the last two years.

**Have you served as a Co-Facilitator for the NGO MG before?:** yes

**If so, when and what were the accomplishments for the NGO MG then?:**

2018-2020 I am an NGO MG co-facilitator since 2018, and I have invested a lot of time and efforts in reaching out to NGOs and learn about them. I am coordinating a WhatsApp Group I created to allow NGOs to have an informal platform for real-time efficient and effective communication over the past 20 months. I facilitated NGO consultations and meetings, and successfully engaged with a wide range of NGOs from different regions. My NGO supported me with technical and secretarial work, especially with the challenges imposed by COVID-19, and it has either hosted or co-hosted most of the meetings that took place. Several NGOs also supported our work, by co-hosting and co-moderating meetings, drafting, reviewing, brain storming and sharing experience. Working together with other NGOs, motivating and building the capacity of various teams is part of my experience, and is an essential component for the MG success. I learnt from MG, as much as I contributed to its success. We have started together building NGO MG strength and unity while respecting and celebrating its diversity, and providing space, motivation and support for further NGO participation. With the support from many NGOs, the work has started, and we're eager to build on this success. I consider that WhatsApp Group with the set CoC and its moderating team, to be one of the important accomplishments, that set the foundation for better participation from many NGOs. This in addition to the provided email communication. Setting Zoom meetings, initiating consultations and drafting NGO position statements were all good accomplishment for dealing timely with important matters like the proposal to split the NGO MG to smaller groups. Supporting the NGO MG Unity with respecting its diversity, is a good accomplishment, especially when it concluded with the letter I sent to UNEP with the NGO Position after the consultation I facilitated via WhatsApp, emails, and a circulated draft letter. Here are some detailed accomplishments in the structure, communication, processes and teamwork spirit: Working for and maintaining team spirit, and advocating for the NGO MG unity with embracing the richness and opportunities in its diversity and large size (of about 400 NGOs). When a proposal was put for discussion in the MGFC for instance, by UNEP about splitting the NGO MG, I requested that it is removed from the agenda and that we will discuss it internally at the NGO MG. I started updating the group by WhatsApp and emails, and initiated a consultation, that took about a month and concluded with a letter that was circulated and approved, and I sent to UNEP explaining NGO position of rejecting the proposal and illustrating the reasons and the alternatives that NGO MG will undertake internally. Encouraging NGO awareness, involvement and participation: I would expect the number of nominees for NGO MG Facilitating in this term to increase beyond previous years, also the participation of voters will exceed previous terms, not only because we have a bigger number of NGOs, but also because, and with continuous and catered communications. a higher percentage of NGOs are aware of the process, and have been continuously updated about requirements and deadlines, via the Whats group and direct communications. Many have participated in developing the ToR and the nomination form. Reaching out to NGOs, creating the WhatsApp Group and walking the extra mile have enriched the group with additional NGOs, but also increased the awareness

and participation. I consider getting more NGOs involved, interested and engaged, following different processes and understanding the meaning of NGO MG, MGFC, and the different process including that of election, as one important accomplishment. But I know that I accomplished all of that together with the NGOs that reacted positively and supported achieving results. Facilitation is easier and much joyful with this kind of team work. When I declared a month ago, that I was hesitant to run for election, I was positively impacted by several NGOs which insisted on my participation, as they stated that they were not aware of NGO facilitator before my term, and they had that sort of easy communication, and they were never aware of what UNEP can offer them and how to communicate with them. They started to acknowledge every update I send them, and every time I remind them not to miss a deadline. They did not do that at the beginning, although I have always done it for the past twenty months. This gave me a sense of direction and encouraged me to push my engagement to a new frontier. Advocacy work , facilitating Position Documents and delivering the voices NGO In UNEA4 , NGO MG was present in every plenary session, and in many other sessions, and gave a statement at the opening of UNEA4, also gave the joint MG Statement at UNEA4. I facilitated that together with amazing active NGOs who were present with full energy, and contributed in drafting NGO statements, and even MG Joint Statements. I also facilitated the plan and the difficult process of drafting a Global Statement from all Regional Statements that were initiated by a colleague at the MGFC (Pedro Cuncha) but was facing serious obstacles. I presented the process and the work achieved at the GMGSF then ,together with my amazing team, most of which were from NGO MG. Prior to any meeting set by the MGFC to meet UNEP, UNEA or other top officials, I consulted with the NGO MG via WhatsApp and Email, and that's why, NGO contribution was always good, meaningful and representing views from different NGOs. Examples are the CPR meeting discussing time and format of UNEA5. I included all views shared in a usual inclusive manner. Also in the MGFC meeting with the UNEP ED ON 20-10-20, where I presented messages from the NGO MG throughout the meeting, and this was acknowledged by Ms. Inger Anderson. In all different consultations or open meetings, I invested time and effort to allow maximum space for NGO participation, and to use every possibility for speaking or moderating to nominate other NGOs, in an inclusive manner. For example in Act #ForNature virtual preparatory forum for UNEA-5, 7-10 June 2020, Oslo, Norway (Oslo Consultation), with hard work and dedication and passion to inclusion and empowerment of NGOs, resulted in many NGOs speaking and moderating sessions at the Consultation, some of them had never done it before, and they were proud of that. More than 30 NGOs spoke and contributed in moderating and note taking. Facilitating their participation and following up during the day to facilitate solving technical issues they faced, allowed me to expand my NGO network and understand the challenges they face. Capacity Building and Promoting engagement, participation and accreditation into UNEA Requesting UNEP to have an orientation session and training for newly accredited NGOs, and open it for new NGOs, and following up with them for the last months. The training for NGOs and other MGs is set now on the 20th of January 2021 at 3pm. Also approaching active NGOs and introducing them to UNEP accreditation system and requesting UNEP to have an orientation session and training for non-accredited NGOs interested to join and give them a space to ask their questions and express difficulties they face. I hosted and facilitated an orientation meeting on the 16th of November 2020. Meanwhile, Keeping the group updated on all meetings and important events, and deadlines via email and WhatsApp with support from the UNEP Update TFT lead by Daniel Perell. Setting Thematic Teams and Task Force Teams, with dedicated leaders is a good accomplishment, as well as adding more important details to NGO elections. We have now ToR and detailed nomination forms for election of NGO Facilitators which we did not have before. This is an accomplishment I am

proud of, but it happened only with good effort, patience, good coordination and time, and with support from dedicated NGOs. This is probably leading to better understanding of roles and responsibilities of facilitators, which never was there in the long history of NGO MG, and I am confident that I will contribute in additional achievements in the near future, with even more support and teamwork from colleagues around, to continue and complete what we have built and accomplished together for our NGO MG.

**What is your vision for how CSOs can better inform environmental governance at the global level including UNEP?:**

By harnessing NGOs strength, my vision is to embrace the diversity in our MG, with thematic teams and task force teams (TFT) working continuously on their issues of interest, and engaging in intersessional discussions at UNEP leading up to the next UNEA. It would include capacity building and orientation for new participants, while also sharing experience and expertise among the different regions and various types of NGOs, where no one is left behind. NGO MG facilitators play a key role in initiating and facilitating the MG's engagement with other MGs, the MGFC and UNEP (through the Civil Society Unit). The teamwork spirit and leadership from the diverse group of NGOs, with respect and appreciating the opportunity of learning from one another and developing together is a key role for NGOs onboard. Many NGOs shared with me that they feel the need for capacity building of NGOs to understand environmental governance globally at UNEP level. Listening and further constructive efficient discussions can add clarity and details to the vision. This could include creating opportunities for exchanges among NGOs, such as monthly on-line meetings; organizing NGO thematic dialogues and seminars to improve the general understanding amongst the wide range of NGOs, on different topics, but also to stimulate specialist reply discussions; follow-up and contributions to UNEP/UNEA processes through forming thematic teams mandated to follow the CPR meetings and other processes; and drafting NGO-written feedback and statements or position papers for endorsement by NGOs, according to UNEP timelines. Facilitators should have an inclusive approach, to avoid manipulation by any minority group, and should create different communication channels to cater to different needs.

**What is your goals for the UNEP NGO MG over the course of the next two years, and how would you make these goals a reality?:**

The main goal is Brining everyone onboard and maximizing the NGO MG impact in different UNEA/UNEP Processes and beyond. The first thing I would do when I am elected is to have an agreed upon written document for NGO MG main goals and agreed processes. I would call upon a team of experienced NGOs to help lead the facilitation of this important first step. • To have a clear process with dedicated teams in charge of responding to any query or call for inputs, or emerging situation by forming a position paper, a joint statement, written comments and recommendations, that capture or has the approval of the MG. • Scheduled monthly meetings to discuss current and emerging issues relevant to the NGO MG work. Discuss and review priorities and work plan and learn better ways to accomplish goals together, benefiting from the different expertise in the group and appreciating the NGO MG regional, cultural, thematic, experience and working style diversity. • Creating forums of exchange & share of experience and expertise and invite the participation of the diverse groups of NGOs within the NGO MG, catering for different needs and specificities. • Providing good space for dialogue and sharing, in an inclusive respecting way that does not leave anyone behind, and does not allow manipulation or misconduct, and ensures the best efficient use of everyone's time towards accomplishing the group's set and agreed

upon goals. I was an NGO MG co-facilitator for the last two years, and I invested time and effort in reaching out to learn about most of the active NGOs. I also coordinated the WhatsApp Group that I created to bring NGOs together in real-time informal communication over the past 20 months. I facilitated all the NGO consultations and meetings, and successfully engaged with a wide range of NGOs from different regions. My NGO has supported me with technical and secretarial work, and either hosted or co-hosted most of the meetings that took place. Several NGOs also supported my work as a facilitator, by co-hosting and co-moderating meetings, drafting, reviewing, brain storming and sharing experience. Working together with other NGOs and the teamwork is part of my experience and essential for the MG success. For my own part, having led an NGO for the last 20 years, I understand the meaning of facilitation very well and apply to my work the social responsibility principles in ISO 26000 for Social Responsibility that I helped to write ten years ago. I have co-founded national, regional and global networks for NGOs and multi-stakeholders, and have facilitated meetings and dialogues on national, regional and global levels.

**Is there anything else you wish to share about yourself or your organization which you think would be helpful for members of the NGO MG to know?:**

I was an NGO MG co-facilitator for the last two years, and I invested time and effort in reaching out to learn about most of the NGOs. Working close with many NGOs from different regions, capabilities, cultures, privileges and needs gave me a better understanding and respect for the diversity of our MG, but also the importance of catering for different needs and ways of communications. Some might prefer one way and think that it is the one and only professional way. I can confirm that this is not right. To be inclusive, transparent and fair would require that you listen and understand others and not judge them by your own preferences and choices. Working together with other NGOs and the teamwork is part of my experience and essential for the MG success. Every accomplishment I achieved was a result of all of that, therefore it is the NGO MG achievements, and hence, I would like to complete the good work we started. For my own part, having led an NGO for the last 20 years, I understand the meaning of facilitation very well and apply to my work the social responsibility principles in ISO 26000 for Social Responsibility that I helped to write ten years ago. I have co-founded national, regional and global networks for NGOs and multi-stakeholders, and have facilitated meetings and dialogues on national, regional and global levels. My NGO is a member of many other networks of NGOs and Stakeholders groups. EFS has technical knowledge , experience and expertise, and collaborations with other NGO networks, and has successful initiatives for Regional and Global collaborations between NGOs. An example is the virtual “Global Dialogue in Social responsibility” that we organized in December 2020, and had participants from our MG, together with many NGOs from five continents, and we plan several more in 2021. I would like to facilitate more meaningful involvement and exchange of expertise and experience between NGOs in the coming years, in collaboration with other NGOs in our MG with different expertise and experience.

**CV and letter of Approval from the organization**

# Curriculum Vitae

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### PROFILE

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An environmentalist leader in the field of sustainability, responsible tourism, social responsibility, environmental ethics, public awareness and NGO activism. A pioneer, being the first female president for a mixed gender NGO in Bahrain, and the region. Led, facilitated and presented in many public environmental seminars and venues, bringing awareness about environmental issues which were presented to public for the first time in Bahrain.

A civil society activist with long record of giving inspirational and awareness lectures, speeches, running workshops, training and designing programs, publishing articles and conducting campaigns for immobilization of children, youth, women and special needs in fields of social responsibility, culture, sustainable tourism and ethics.

A referee in environmental and social responsibility projects, with strong leadership skills and long experience in coaching special groups like children and youth and women.

An elected international NGO representative under the umbrella of UNEP, UNESCO and other international organizations, with long international civil society experience in the fields of environment, conservation and social responsibility, food security, marine conservation and training in different contents.

A postgraduate with Science degrees in Tourism and Conservation, and in Islamic Ethics and Social Responsibility in Environmental Protection, and Bachelor degree in Computer Science and Information Technology. An IT Specialist and a Project Manager with a wide range of professional experience and an activist in community services, and empowerment, as the president of the Environment Friends Society and member in many voluntary committees.

Worked as an environmental and cultural researcher, content manager, and then director general of a national cultural educational center/museum with good experience in museum development, concept, content, leadership, research and processes. A researcher and an activist in the field of tourism, social responsibility, sustainability, circular economy, children & youth empowerment, identity and culture, Islamic ethics, voluntarism, leadership and sustainable development.

An international expert and certified presenter in the field of Social Responsibility and ISO 26000 for social responsibility.



## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

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- 1) Founded an environmental NGO for environmental protection that is now one of the main environmental NGO in Bahrain and the region : the Environmental Friends Society (EFS) in 2000 and continue to work in it voluntarily and attracted thousands of volunteers and supporters to EFS over a course of 20 years, and the current elected President of EFS.
- 2) Founded and ran the first environmental website for public awareness on the internet in Arabic in June 2000: The environment electronic friends site [EEF@Bahrain](mailto:EEF@Bahrain)
- 3) Founded and lead an environmental Alliance in Bahrain that joined the forces of several strong civil society forces and organizations and created the first Environmental lobby in Bahrain. It started with defending the coral reefs and moved to other environmental urgent conditions.
- 4) Created, founded and led the environmental education center for children (Reem) that brought up little environmental leaders in a very high caliber. ([link 1](#) , [link2](#))
- 5) Conducted a study on Tourism And Sustainable Development in Hawar Islands of Bahrain to fulfill the requirements of MSc degree in 2004.
- 6) Conducted a study on Islamic Ethics , Social Responsibility and Environmental Voluntarism, to fulfill the requirement of Ph.D degree in 2012.
- 7) Conducted a study on Ecotourism and Circular Economy , for a conference in 2020.
- 8) Conducted a study on Small and Medium Size Entities and Circular Economy , for a conference in 2020.
- 9) Wrote a paper in Public Policies and Business Environment in Bahrain in relevant to Ecotourism in 2020.
- 10) Co-authored a published article about sea turtle conservation. “Recent Sea Turtle Updates From The Arabian Gulf. Indian Ocean Turtle Newsletter - Issue 32, online: <https://www.iotn.org/iotn32-06-recent-sea-turtle-updates-from-the-arabian-gulf/> .
- 11) Participated in a study on water conservation in the Arabian Gulf Area as the focal point in Bahrain in 2005, and 2010 , as part of a regional conservation project. Co-authored four manuals for Schools, Households, Hotels, Mosques.
- 12) Researched and wrote several papers in the field of environmental awareness for children, with case studies. Presented two papers in the A workshop for integrating environmental concepts into kindergarten programs and activities **ISESCO** in 2006. (<http://www.alwasatnews.com/news/218428.html>) (<http://www.alwasatnews.com/news/781811.html>)

- 13) Directed, supervised and oversaw the idea, content development, and design of The National Charter Monument, the largest educational and cultural center in the Kingdom of Bahrain 2007-2010. Then assigned as the first Director General of the National Charter Monument of Bahrain 2012-2016.
- 14) Participated as a project Coordinator & Youth Voice Leader in developing a kingdom-wide National Youth Strategy and Action Plan in 2004.
- 15) Researched in many areas related to Environment and Culture and produced concepts, and helped in the design of educational interactive programs and games.
- 16) Researched in the field of identity and nationalism and contributed in the concept, design and execution of films, clips, computer programs and publications.
- 17) Gave and published presentations and papers in the field of social responsibility from an Islamic perspective. Is now an elected member in the international Post Publication Organization of ISO 26000 that was established to monitor the use and application of ISO 26000.
- 18) Was part of the International team of experts that thought of, drafted, developed, and finalized the ISO 26000 for Social Responsibility launched by ISO in 2010.
- 19) Researched in the Poetry of Al-Mutanabi and gave presentations in that field.
- 20) Assigned as a member of the Supreme Council for Environment (A board of trustees) by a Royal Decree , in a council with 8 ministers, as the only member representing the civil society. ([Decree 100/2019](#))

#### MEMBERSHIP

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- 2000 founded an environmental NGO for environmental protection: the Environmental Friends Society
- 2001-now The re-elected president of the Environment Friends Society
- 2000-2008 A member in Bahrain IT Society
- 2001-2006 A member in Bahrain Internet Society
- 2016-now A member in Abdulrahman Kanoo Cultural Center.
- 2002- now A founding and active member of the Environmental Committee of the Capital Governorate
- 2002-2003 A member in Kentish SAGE environmental activists NGO, UK
- 2002-2003 A member in "Friends of Earth" , Kentish group, UK
- 2002-2004 A member in BirdLife Organization, UK.

- 2004-2006 The elected president of the Bahrain National Environment Committee
- 2004-2006 A board member in the Youth and environment Federation of the Arab League
- 2004-2010 The representative/and a founding member of the Environmental Alliance for the Protection of Fasht Al Adhim in Bahrain
- 2000-2004 Founder and manager of “REEM Program” for environmental leaders for positive change, for children below 16yrs
- 2000-now Founder and head of “Environmental Awareness Committee for schools” in EFS , including giving and coordinating lectures and workshops
- 2004 A founding member of the West Asia Youth Council (WayC)
- 2004 (July) Founded an environment friend’s group in Morocco (Agadir)
- 2004 Coordinator of the Environmental Alliance of Bahrain, formed by several civil society active organizations for collaboration on the environment.
- 2005 A member in Environment and Development Forum, Lebanon
- 2005 -2014 The focal point in Bahrain for the GCC Water Survey administered by the Jordanian University.
- 2006 –now a member in Al-Multaqa Al-Thaghafi Al-Ahli (National Cultural Forum)
- 2006 –now a member in Future Forum
- 2006 –2010 National Environmental and Cultural Expert for Bahrain Monument Project.
- 2007- 2012 Content Manager for the National Charter Monument Project in Bahrain, then the Director of the Monument.
  
- 2006 Elected representative of NGOs for West Asia Region of the United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 2006-2007 National Expert in Environment for the ISESCO workshop for environmental education at pre-school level.
- 2007-2010 NGO Representative in the National Committee for Studying ISO26000, Bahrain.
- 2007 & 2010 Bahrain Representative Expert in the ISO26000 work group international meetings and general assemblies in Austria and Denmark
- 2008 CEO of the referees Council for the Bahrain Voluntary Work Prize
- 2008 Bahrain Representative Expert in the ISO26000 work group international meeting and general assembly in Santiago, Chile
- 2007 Member of drafting committee for ISO26000 in CAG/IDTF meeting in NY
- 2010-2018 ISO26000 PPO SAG Expert
- 2010 published papers “sustainable tourism” in the UNESCO publications October publications.
- 2010 a founding member of a new regional environmental network GNALE (APEAN later) for environmental experts

- 2010 elected member of the International Organization for Post Publication of the Social Responsibility Standard, PPO of ISO26000
- 2010 the chairperson in CSO Regional Consultation for Europe, Central and West Asia on FAO Voluntary Guidelines for the Governance of Tenure of Land and other Natural Resources, Rome, Italy
- 2010 a juror for Ford Environmental Grants
- 2010 the vice-chair for the Gulf Network for Arid Region Environment .
- 2011 the Chairperson of the Arabian Peninsula Environmental Expert Network under the UNESCO umbrella.
- 2011 Secretary General in the Consumer Advisory Group (CAG) for the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (TRA) in Bahrain.
- 2011 a juror for Ford Environmental Grants
- 2011 published a chapter in an international book in Social Responsibility
- 2013 Leader of Bahrain Seaturtle Rescue and Conservation Team
- 2012 – 2015 Head of Identity and Culture Seminars at the NCM
- 2014 author and producer of inspirational art work " The epic of the martyrs"
- 2014 Head and conducted training workshops in Work and National Ethics at the National Charter Monument
- 2010 – 2016 gave weekly lectures and inspirational talks to children (and adults) about sustainability, social responsibility and nationalism.
- 2013 - 2015 Head and Facilitator of a series of workshops in Environmental Rights
- 2016-2019 leader and mentor of “Little Environmental Leaders Program” weekly program for children.
- 2018-2020 co-chair and elected NGO Representative in the Major Groups Facilitating Committee under UNEP, and for UNEA4
- 2018-2020 NGO Ambassador in the ISO26000 Stakeholders Global Network (SGN).
- 2012-now Member of Supreme Council for Environment (A board of trustees), appointed by a Royal Decree , twice, in a council with 8 ministers, as the only member representing the civil society.
- 2020-2022 NGO Ambassador in the ISO26000 Stakeholders Global Network (SGN).

## ARTICLES

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Many articles since the year 2000 published in all local newspapers as well as the environmental websites on the net (especially in Arabic) and some public interest and special interest magazines in Bahrain and the middle east. Some examples follow:

- Co-authored a published article about sea turtle conservation. "Recent Sea Turtle Updates From The Arabian Gulf. Indian Ocean Turtle Newsletter, 2020
- Published a chapter "Cultural Differences" in " Understanding ISO 26000: A Practical Approach to Social Responsibility " book, London, October 2011
- Published two articles in UNESCO Publication "Towards Environmentally Friendly Tourism in Arabian Biosphere Reserve", by UNESCO, 2008.
- "Environmental Questions..", Alwasatnews, July 28<sup>th</sup> 2007
- "Smoking is not a personal freedom", Alwasatnews, May 31<sup>th</sup> 2007
- "Our MPs let our environment down", environmental news, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2007
- "At Bahrain's National Environment Day, let's list the environmental losses", Alwasatnews, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2007
- "Environmental Valuation", Alwasatnews, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2007
- "Environmental Goodbye for 2006", Environment and Development m Magazine (Beirut), Jan 2007
- "Monitoring committee for what is left of Bahrain's Farm", Alwasatnews, December 2006
- "What alternatives do our environment have?", Environment and Development m Magazine (Beirut), November 2006
- "When we vote.. Are we going to be fair to the environment?", Alwasatnews, November 2006
- "The birds and the three old trees" ennow.net, Alwasatnews, October 2006
- "The last green built of Arad, is it savable?", Environment and Development m Magazine (Beirut), October 2006
- "Beirut, the war and the sustainable development hope", Environment and Development m Magazine (Beirut), September 2006
- "Environmental Monitoring and Law Enforcement", Environment Now Newspaper, August 2006
- "Artificial Reefs of Bahrain", Al Wasatnews, May 2006
- "Let's Plan for Bahrain's Marine Environment and Sustainability", Alwasat News, October 2005
- "Let's Plan for Bahrain's Green Future, WED", Environment and Development, July 2005.
- "World Environment Day. Let's Plan", Alwasat Newspaper, June 5<sup>th</sup> 2005
- "Nakla Wa Morjan Child and Environment Festival In Bahrain" Environment and Development, Volume 10, No. 84, March, 2005
- "No for politicizing Environmental cases", Al Ayam Newspaper, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2005
- "Dolphins Use to Live in Tubli Bay there is facing destruction" Environment and Development, Volume 10, No. 84, March, 2005
- "For the Environment to be the winner" Alwasat newspaper, January, 2004
- "In the inspiration of the Environment National Day" Alwasat Newspaper, February, 2005

- "Protecting our coral reefs", 4eco Environmental Arab news website, November, 2004
- "Ecotourism" a series of environmental awareness articles , Alwasat Newspaper, September and October 2002.
- "Renewable greeting" EEF Environmental Website, October, 2000

#### HOBIES AND INTERESTS

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- *Culture and heritage*
- *Writing*
- *Nature Photography*
- *Poetry: reciting and writing*
- *Stamps and coins*
- *Basketball*
- *Logic, Philosophy, sociology, and anthropology*

Wrote the first environmental song in Bahrain and maybe in the Gulf region, in Arabic. Encouraged young Bahraini talents to compose music and helped in training children to sing it. The song was also taught to children in Morocco and few lines were added to it in four new languages spoken in Morocco (Hassaneia, Amazeigheia, French and Spanish) with help from those children.

#### SUMMARY OF MAIN PROJECTS:

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(1) TOURISM AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

The title of the study is "The Potential and Impact of Ecotourism in Howar Islands of the Kingdom Bahrain". The study included a participant observation which necessitated the researcher to live in Hawar Islands for three weeks, and a literature review of Ecotourism, protected area management and bird tourism that also includes interviews and questionnaires with representatives of business, tourism, planning and conservation related to Howar Islands. The thesis concluded with findings and recommendations as the potential of developing an economically feasible Ecotourism in Howar Islands that support the conservation of the wildlife and natural heritage in addition to the ecological and archeological heritage of the Islands

The Ecotourism Initiatives include:

- Arranging and leading marine environmental awareness trips for decision makers to get them to understand the extent of environmental issues such as the potential of Ecotourism in Tobli Bay for MP members from the investigation committee for law violation in Tobli Bay (2005) and Environmental awareness trip to Mashtan Island (protected area, 2003) and Fasht Al Adhim (Rich Marine Habitat, 2005)
- Arranging Ecotourism trips for children to get them to understand the beauty of Bahraini wildlife such fresh water channel in Barbar (2005) and a walk by the sea- shore at the down-tide in Hid Area (2004)
- Writing series of articles, cartoons, lectures, and radio programs (for children and adults) defining what Ecotourism is, its potentials and how to be an eco-tourist and not just a tourist.
- Publishing scientific articles in UNESCO Publications (2008) and presenting papers at regional and international Tourism Workshops and Seminars (2007)“Potentials and Threats for Sustainable Tourism in the Hawar Islands of Bahrain” in “Sustainable Tourism” Seminar by UNISCO , Salalah, Sultanate of Oman

## (2) MANAGING CONTENT AT THE NATIONAL CHARTER MONUMENT

The Charter Monument is meant by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to honour and preserve the past and to celebrate present and future contributions to the building of our nation. Bahrain is the result of the might of the people, who created this country through mind and muscle. Today it is up to us, and to future generations, to take up the flag and participate in the development of our country. The idea for the Monument is deep-rooted, underscored by the popular support for the National Charter. His Majesty pays tribute to all with this Monument, a celebration that marks the National Action Charter and the boldness of the Bahraini people, whose actions are far-reaching. The exhibits in the Monument explore the Kingdom's rich and storied past, and celebrate its national identity — so deeply rooted in Arab cultural heritage and the values of Islam — which is so integral to the country's future. The National Charter Monument is a vision of a king and a story of a nation. It celebrates the evolution of democracy in Bahrain, from the early days to the present, and well into the future. It is a Monument built by the people of Bahrain, for which hundreds were consulted — from the highest in the land to everyday Bahrainis: men, women, and children. The Charter Monument is, above all, is one of the greatest cultural monument in the region, and this is reflected in both Concept, quality and content.

Story line, Planning and preparation of the content, which commenced in 2006, has taken more than five years. Preeminent Bahraini experts were consulted, engaged under the management and guidance of Monument Director Ms.Khawla Al-Muhannadi. She brought together an array of ideas that highlight the national characteristics of Bahraini people, telling our story through immersive exhibits using cutting edge technology. The result: engaging stories that stimulate national unity and convey a patriotic optimism. These exhibits encourage visitors to look ahead and embrace a future shaped by citizens united under one flag — a future of sustainable growth and continued prosperity. At its heart, the exhibits in the Monument emphasize the core values of diversity, mutual respect, resourcefulness, perseverance, cooperation, tolerance, and responsibility; through the portrayal of examples of openness, trust, vision and unity, the exhibits Monument strive to inspire creativity and foster a sense of pride in who we are as a people and what we can achieve together as a nation.

she worked with tens of committees and consulted hundreds of Bahraini experts and thousands of Children who are Bahraini by nationality or by feeling. She coordinated the work with international design, film, interactive and application firms to utilize best technologies to tell the Bahraini story that Bahraini always lived, loved and wanted to share with others.

### (3) DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISO 26000 FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

ISO 26000 is an ISO International Standard giving guidance on SR. It is intended for use by organizations of all types, in both public and private sectors, in developed and developing countries, as well as in economies in transition. It will assist them in their efforts to operate in the socially responsible manner that society increasingly demands. ISO 26000 contains voluntary guidance, not requirements, and therefore will not be for use as a certification standard like ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004.

The process of developing the guidelines insured inclusion and transparency through its geographical and gender-based balance of participants.

This represents a milestone in the international cooperation on how to work with Social Responsibility. The guidelines for Social Responsibility was developed by collaborative work of experts from all over the world. In the last official meeting (8th Plenary in 2010 in Copenhagen), the participation included 430 experts and 175 observers from more than 90 countries and 40 international organizations.

Khawla was a registered international expert in the ISO 26000 working group and attended international meetings representing the NGO stakeholder and Bahrain. At the end she was elected as one of 24 elected experts to continue working in the standard after publication (PPO SAG). Single handed, and through good lobbying skills she was able to host one of the elite Chair Advisory Group (CAG) and Drafting Committee meetings in Bahrain in 2008 and hold a national Social Responsibility Seminar with speakers from the two groups, attended by stake holder Bahraini representatives and postgraduate students.

### (4) DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY

The National Youth Strategy and Action Plan Development Project had three project goals: to build on the imaginations, energy, opinions and talents of Bahraini young men and women their active participation in all phases of formulation; to develop a coordinated and holistic National Youth Strategy and Action Plan for the 2004 – 2009 period; and to contribute to building the capacity of young people, those who work with young people, and organizations involved in the formulation of the strategy. The project is considered as the largest and most important youth project in Bahrain and it won two international awards one of which was for the Youth Voice Campaign.



Worked as a member in the Bahrain National Youth Society (NYS) development team and as a volunteer in the process. Dealt with young people from different places and backgrounds in Bahrain (ages 15-30) as the coordinator of their participation in the project. This involved motivating and helping them to be positive, enthusiastic, independent and creative in expressing their problems, strength, dreams, demands, and uncertainties towards their participation in the social, civil and national life forming the youth voice of the project. The youth voice campaign conducted a survey to hear youth voice of more than 10,000 young people all over Bahrain. The survey covered the topics related to young people classified as 8 main themes:

- Young People & Employment
- Young People & Education
- Young People & Culture
- Young People & Human Right, Civil Right and Participation
- Young People & Leisure Time and Sport
- Young People & Environment
- Young People & Citizenship
- Young People & Healthy Lifestyle

The campaign also included hearing sessions, focus group discussions and open discussions. Managed the discussion forums at the Bahrain Youth website, which is composed of 8 thematic forums in addition to 4 more general ones. Khawla worked as the Youth Voice facilitator, and dealt with thousands of Bahraini Youth and met with them to stimulate their participation and lead the work with them to stimulate other youth to participate on the surveys and focus group discussions and the events related to the project.

#### (5) THE GCC WATER CONSERVATION STUDY

The program was initiated in Kuwait and managed by Jordanian University and The National Academy for Environment. The program includes national studies in the GCC countries followed by analysis at national level then at regional level. Workshops and discussion between the researchers took place in Kuwait initiating the work for publishing a book reporting the regional and the national water conservation challenges and recommendations based on the studies conducted.

#### (6) STUDYING THE WASTE AT ARABIAN COASTLINES

The study was initiated and directed in Libya and run in several Arabian Countries. I conducted the study in Bahrain and covered both Howar and Budaey'. In each study I trained different youth groups to help me in covering more than one location of an area 20m X 5m in each time. The results were sent back to Libya with some pictures and notes regarding some factors to be considered. With better support and coordination, very interesting indications of waste, lifestyle and Arabian marine environment can be explored.

## (7) ART FOR ENVIRONMENT

- Wrote the wordings first environmental song in Bahrain and maybe in the Gulf region, in spoken Arabic. Encouraged a young Bahraini talents to compose music for it and helped him in training children to sing it. The song was taught to some children in Morocco and few lines were added to it in four new languages spoken in Morocco (Hassaneia, Amazeigheia, French and Spanish) with help from those children who formed the extension of REEM's station in Morocco.
- Gave ideas and general designs to the young artists in the society to draw cartoons and illustrating pictures for environmental awareness especially in support to the Environment Friends Society's main environmental campaigns (such as Save Ghost Crab, Save Turtles, Save the Green Built, Save the Coral Reef of Bahrain, No 4 Plastic Bags, Save our Biodiversity).
- Put the concept for, directed and supervised the first environmental website for public awareness in Arabic ([www.eef.org.bh](http://www.eef.org.bh)) in 2000.
- Gave the idea and helped in the design of environmental figures for children in EFS's environmental campaigns and festivals that has also been used by other organizations and activities for public awareness (such as "Reem" the environmental child, "Shabah" the ghost crab, "Qhaleme" the baby freshwater turtle, "Goobaah" the desert lark, "Robiana" the Shrimp, "Nakhla" the palm tree girl, "Murjan" the coral reef boy.
- Gave ideas for environmental games such as "Environmental Snake and Ladder" that has been adopted and developed in several activities and places such as the Bahrain National Monument. The game is based on environmental principles of better life with care for the environment.
- Gave the idea for designing the logos for EFS environmental campaigns such as "Nakhla Wa Murjan The Third Child and Environmental Festival" in 2004, "Our beaches Are Ours" Campaign for saving the beaches in 2007.
- Took pictures and trained youngsters to take pictures that are used now by EFS and many organizations in Bahrain for environmental education.
- Wrote slogans for the EFS Society that are used by the society and other society's and organizations in and outside Bahrain. (Such as Kun Sadeegan LilBeiaeh, Be a friend to the environment, ElBeiaeh Dirat Hali Ezzin Nesoneh Doom = The Environment is my family's home, a treasure that we always conserve, Turathona El Bahraini Turathun Sadeequn LilBeiaeh=Our Bahraini Heritage is a friend of the environment)
- Encouraged and worked closely with young artists, musicians, singers, and designers to use their talents to support environmental cases such working with cartoonist to design icons of endangered species, and cartoons to defend the Coral Reefs, old farms, turtles and Mangrove tress (between 2001 – 2010)
- In the process of producing the first Climate Change Song in Arabic, written by a Bahraini Poet, composed by a Bahraini Musical Group and recorded in a Bahraini Studio. Video Clip is yet to be filmed. It was performed first in the Child and Environment Festival titled: Let's Change Climate Change in December 2009.

## (8) Researching and working in informal environmental education for children

- Established informal Reem Program for Little Environmental Leaders in 2000
- Lead the development and diversification of the program with help from experts in different fields
- Published two papers about environmental education for pre-schools in an environmental conference in Bahrain under ISESCO in 2006-2008

- Trained thousands of children in the Reem Program for Little Environmental Leaders, some of which have graduated from universities now and brought their children to be trained in the same program.
- On-going program for 20 years now

#### DIRECTED ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

- 2000 Organized and facilitated “Water Environments in Bahrain” Seminar
- 2001 Organized and facilitated “Environmental Impact Assessment” Seminar
- 2001 Organized and presented a paper in : “Impacts of Plastic Bags” Public Seminar
- 2001 Organized and facilitated “Status of Underground Water in Bahrain” Seminar
- 2002 Presented the main paper in “Palestinian Environment” Seminar
- 2003 Organized and facilitated “Iraqi Environment” Seminar
- 2003 Presented a Paper “ Eco-tourism in Bahrain” in “Role of NGOs” Conference in Agadir – Morocco.
- 2004 Gave several public lectures about “Green Built in Bahrain”
- 2004 Organized and facilitated “Water and Agriculture in Bahrain” Seminars
- 2004 Run a workshop for housewives about “how to protect our environment”
- 2004 Presented a paper “Role of Bahraini girls in Protecting the Environment and the Culture” Conference in Al Wadi Al Jideed in Egypt
- 2004 Presented a paper “Environmental NGO Networking, Cons and Pros” in “Role of NGOs in protecting the environmental and Social and economic development” in Agadir – Morocco
- 2004 Run and spoke in a workshop for hotel staff about “What is a green Hotel?” at the Regency Hotel.
- 2005 Organized and presented in “Fasht Al Adhim and marine environment of Bahrain” Public Seminar in Bahrain Doctors’ Society.
- 2005 Presented a paper about “Environmental Management using International Standards” in the “Environmental Crimes” Seminar in Abu Dhabi.
- 2005 Organized and presented a lecture at Bahrain Garden Club titled : "Bahrain's Green Built"
- 2005,2006 Presented a lecture at Arabian Gulf University to the Master students in Environmental Health Program titled : "Environmental Health Issues in Bahrain"
- 2005 Put together and spoke in a one-week workshop run by the Environment Friends Society in BANAGAS, titled: " The role of a individual I protecting the environment"
- 2005 Board member in the administrative committee, head of the Bahraini organizing committee of Almuccar International Environmental Conference, Morocco – Agadir, July 2005
- 2005 Presented a paper titled: " Role of Environmental awareness in waste management, recycling and sustainable development" at Almuccar International Environmental Conference, Morocco – Agadir, July 2005

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- 2005 Presented a paper titled: "Who paid the environmental cost?" in a public environmental seminar organized by EFS on the topic "Impacts of Silt on Marine environment and biodiversity
  - 2006 Presented a paper titled: "Role of Environmental NGOs in Sustainable Development" at the Arab NGO Forum for Development in Doha
  - 2006 Presented a paper titled: "Role of Environmental NGO in Bahrain as a pressure group and public response" in Environment and Development Arab Conference in Beirut June 2006
  - 2006 Presented a paper titled: "Role of NGOs in Water Conservation" at the GCC Water Conservation Workshop in Amman, May 2006
  - 2006 Presented a paper titled: "The Environmental Lobbying to Protect Bahrain's Coral Reef and Marine Environment – The justification, the way and the possibilities" in Deciding the fate of Fasht Al-Adhim Public Workshop in Muharraq September 2006
  - 2006 Presented a paper titled: "Role of individuals and groups in water conservation – EFS a case study" in Training of Trainers in Water Awareness Workshop in Manama September 2006
  - 2006 Presented a paper: "Conservation of Marine Turtles in Bahrain" at Marine Conservation Forum for the Gulf Region "by WWF at Abudhabi, September 2006
  - 2006 Presented two papers: "Sustainable development and investment in the future" and "A case study from Bahrain" at Al Masira Airport, Aqadir, Morocco, November 2006
  - 2006 Presented two papers: instilling leadership and voluntarism for the environment in pre-school children” and “Challenges facing Environmental Education for Pre-school children “at Introducing Environmental Education to Pre-schooling” Workshop by ISESCO at Bahrain 24-28 December 2006.
  - 2006 Gave a lecture about "The Legacy of Al-Mutanabi in Arabic Literature" at the Al-Multaqa Al-Thaqafi Al-Ahli, Bahrain
  - 2007 representing West Asia Region Civil Society at the Global Civil Society Forum (3-4 Feb) and the Governing Council/ Global Ministerial Environmental Forum (5-9 Feb) at UNEP headquarter, Nairobi
  - 2007 attended Salzburg Seminar in “Making Green Pays” (18-23 May) and lead a working group in “Sustainable Tourism” , Austria
  - 2007 Presented a paper “Potentials and Threats for Sustainable Tourism in the Hawar Islands of Bahrain” in “Sustainable Tourism” Seminar (3-5 Sep) by UNISCO , Salalah, Sultanate of Oman
  - 2008 Presented several papers about “Environmental Issues in the Kingdom of Bahrain” for the Environmental Exchange Program by US MOI, Washington DC, USA
  - 2008 Presented a paper “ Is incineration the best choice for waste management in Bahrain” in a public seminar about waste management, Manama, Bahrain.
  - 2009 presented a paper “Role of Environmental Education for sustainable development in the Arab Region” at the Arab Leaders Forum FIKR, Cairo, Egypt
  - 2009 Conducted a workshop about “Industry Role to play in Environmental Protection” for Arab Ship-Repairing Industries Corp. (ASRI), Manama, Bahrain
  - 2010 Presented a lecture “ Social Responsibility from an Islamic/Arabic view “ as a visiting lecturer for a postgraduate MSci course at the University of Vienna on CSR, ( Sep 27<sup>th</sup> ), Austria
  - 2010 Presented a paper :”Women Leadership in Environmental Protection” at the ‘Gulf Ladies towards leadership” Conference , (Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>) Kuwait.

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- 2010 to present a paper “Role of NGOs in marine Conservation” in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Conservation Forum 2010, to be held in Abu Dhabi ( December 14-16) , UAE.
  - 2010 conducted a workshop for villager women about “How to environmentally chose representatives in the for coming elections”, (October) El-Ikr Village, Bahrain
  - 2010 presented a paper “ISO 26000 for Social Responsibility: Potential opportunity for NGOs” at the ‘2<sup>nd</sup> Gulf Forum for Voluntarism and Social Responsibility” , (Dec 11 ) Bahrain.
  - 2011 presented a lecture “Farms First” at the Bahrain garden Club, (Jan) Bahrain.
  - 2011 presented "Role of NGOs in energy efficiency" at the first Dubai Global Energy Forum, Dubai, UAE.
  - 2011 presented “Constants and variables in our life- Taking the lead in environmental protection” to the Community Center at Jeddah, KSA
  - 2011 presented "Ecotourism at the Arabian Peninsula – Hawar Islands as an Example" in the Friends of Soqatra Conference, Bern, Switzerland
  - 2011 gave a speech at the Opening of "Flower for Each Spring" to students to introduce a new plant species in Qatar with the Environment Friend Center, Doha
  - 2011 gave a lecture for the final year students at "teaching institute" titled : "a talk teachers can not graduate without having" , Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Bahrain, Bahrain.
  - 2012 gave a presentation for special needs about communicating their issues in telecommunication, Bahrain deaf Society, (April)Bahrain.
  - 2012 gave a presentation for teaching institute students about teaching students patriotism and positive reform, National Charter Monument, Sakhir, (April)Bahrain.
  - 2012 presented a paper at Assila Cultural Festival about Arabic Women Struggle and Legislations, titled: "The priority is for Environmental Legislations" (July) Morocco.
  - 2017 presented a paper about “Environmental protection in the Soofi Teaching in Al-Oyoon , in the Cultural Soofi Conference in the Moroccan Desert, Morocco
  - 2017 spoke in a seminar “Are environmental friends succeeding in protecting the environment”, at Kanoo cultural center, (October), Bahrain.
  - 2017 gave an inspirational interactive lecture to environmental groups in Kuwait, invited by the Voluntary Work Academy in Kuwait, (December).
  - 2018 presented a paper in “Social Responsibility and Tourism” in “International Open Forum on ISO 26000 and CSR” in Bali, Indonesia
  - 2019 gave a keynote speech in Marine Conservation Seminar, organized by Saudi Diving Team, in Saudi Arabia, 2019
  - 2020 Co-moderated a series of nine environmental awareness virtual seminars organizes by EFS, hosting and participated by environmental experts in WA Region and North Africa .
  - 2020 Co-moderated a Virtual Global NGO Dialogue in Social Responsibility celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ISO26000, with panelists and participants from five continents, 12/12/2020

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#### AWARDS

- Voluntarism Prize , 2010, Bahrain (Al-Kalema Al-Tayeba Society) by Minister of Justice
- Best NGO practice , 2008, Bahrain (Ministry of Social Development)

- Best youth NGO, 2006, Bahrain (General Organization for Youth and Sport)
- Best Environmental Project for Middle East, 2004, Dubai (Ford Environmental Grants)



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**Alexander Juras**  
**Head of Civil Society Unit**  
**UNEP**  
**Nairobi, Kenya**

Dear Alexander,

This letter confirms that Dr.Khawla Al-Muhannadi, the founder and president of EFS, is requested by the board to run for election for the UNEP NG MG Co-Facilitator. Ms. Al-Muhannadi got the support of the board and the members of EFS. Last time she served that responsibility, more than 50% of her personal time and more than 30% of our NGO time and resources were directed towards supporting her obligations and aspirations for the NGO MG. We can promise the same if not more, if Dr. Al-Muhannadi was re-elected.

**Khawla Al-Muhannadi**

**President**

**Abdullah Ali**

**Vice-President**

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