

# Gulf Nuclear Energy Infrastructure Institute (GNEII) Advisory Council



## ***Concept<sup>1</sup>***

The GNEII Advisory Council (GAC), whose members will come from selected partner organizations which have specialized knowledge in areas related to the GNEII mission, primarily provides external advice to the Steering Committee on strategic planning and policy matters. Regional members on the GAC also have the obligation and responsibility to champion GNEII in their home countries, serving as recruiters, marketers, and advocates. Similarly, members on the GAC also have the opportunity to provide financial assistance – whether that be in the form of scholarships, grants or an endowment – toward GNEII's sustainability. All organizations standing on the GAC will have a single representative at any GAC function. GAC advice will be provided through a formal "Record of Meeting" written during its annual meeting. The GAC is expected to meet once a year, in conjunction with the GNEII Symposium (nominally scheduled for the end of Module 2: Capstone). This year's meeting – being the first meeting of the GAC – is scheduled for early October 2011. Per the GNEII Business Operation Plan, the GAC Terms of Reference are as follows:

**Goals:** *To keep regional interests and global best practices in nuclear energy safety, safeguards, security, and nonproliferation at the forefront of all GAC decision-making through sharing its opinions during the annual "Record of Meeting."*

**Roles & Responsibilities:** *All members of the GAC will adhere to the following:*

- Create, adopt, and employ Council bylaws
- Provide independent oversight of the institute by actively observing GNEII's work to fulfill its mission, vision, and objectives and by providing regular feedback to the GSC via its annual "Record of Meeting."
  - prepare meeting minutes – including topics discussed, recommendations, and decisions made – following each meeting for distribution to all interested/ pertinent parties
  - Monitor and provide third-party feedback and assessment on:
    - evolving needs in nuclear energy and the region and offer subsequent suggestions for GNEII's response
    - any plans to expand GNEII (physical size, academic capabilities, inclusion of more regional states, etc.), only doing so if such expansion(s) meet the needs of the host location – Khalifa University – and the region
    - identifying other regional programs focused on the development of responsible nuclear energy infrastructures for potential partnering with GNEII
    - GNEII's annual budget and fiscal management practices
    - the GNEII Steering Committee in all decision-making pertaining to guidelines for GNEII staff salaries and benefits, hiring practices, retention/termination of staff, work environment and other personnel matters as appropriate
- Foster two-way communication and cooperation between the GAC and GSC via each bodies' Chairman. In the rare event of disagreement on GNEII policies or practices, the word of the GSC Chairman shall supersede.
- Maintain GNEII's position of strictly providing an institutional capability to teach responsible nuclear energy infrastructure development (i.e., officially neither promoting nor discouraging nuclear energy development).
- Strengthen relationships with the GNEII Steering Committee, other relevant institutions in the UAE, and similarly relevant entities throughout the Middle East.

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