

# *Report Back from Gulf Cooperation Countries Regional Workshop*



## **6<sup>th</sup> PCFV GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

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## Overview

### GCC Policy Development meeting on Clean Fuels and Vehicles

12 – 13 March 2008

Manama, Bahrain



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# Broad Participation

- Kingdom of Bahrain
- Egypt
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Morocco
- Oman
- Palestine
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- Tunis
- Yemen
- U.A.E.





# Broad Participation

- Government Ministries
  - Health
  - Education
  - Environment
  - Industry
  - Commerce
  - Transportation
  - Energy
- Industry
  - Petroleum
  - Vehicles
- Other
  - Academia
  - Other





# Overall Recommendations

- Leaded gasoline phased out by 2008 as per target
- Move towards low Sulfur fuels
- That the League of Arab States (LAS) endorsement for low sulfur fuels be pursued As a LAS council resolution on regional Sulfur level within a defined timeline.

# Overall Recommendations

- The Gulf Standards Organization (GSO) should be supported to move effectively and rapidly to building a consensus on the sulfur level in fuel to be adopted as the GCC standard and an implementation timeline
- Recognizing that fuels and vehicles are a system, it was recommended that GSO and the wider region establish basic vehicle emissions standards

# Specific Recommendations From Break Out Work Group

- Once Each Country Shifts To Lead Free Petrol
  - All Imported Cars Must Have a Functioning Catalyst
  - At Least Simple I/M Test To Check
- Once 500 PPM Sulfur
  - All New Vehicles Meet Euro 2 Equivalent Standards
- Once 50 PPM Sulfur
  - All New Vehicles Meet Euro 4 Equivalent Emissions Standards

# Recommendations From Work Group

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- Mandate I/M Program
  - Taxis & High Mileage Vehicles SemiAnnual
  - Require Failing Vehicles To Be Fixed
  - Gradual Phase In
  - Encourage Scrappage of Old/High Polluting Cars
- Encourage Scrappage (**30 Year Old Taxis in Egypt**)
- Transportation Controls To Minimize Discretionary Driving (Parking Fees, Congestion Pricing)
- Public Awareness Campaigns Critical

