

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2020 4 PM to 6 PM Bahrain Time Live Event - in Arabic

#Stay Safe # Stay Connected

## INTRODUCTION

The year 2020 welcomed us with the emergence of a highly transmissible virus by the name of COVID-19. To slow the transmission of the virus, governments around the world are intervening by following different strategies and schemes by shutting down most sectors of the economy, while the only social contact remains through technology. The sudden implications of social distancing are leading to an economic fallout with suspension of global trade, market disruption, and millions of local businesses and jobs lost.

The combination of the pandemic and the shutdowns is shaping a new economy and a new way of life. People are increasingly using technology in working from home, e-learning, and online shopping, which is presenting a new set of economic, social and socioeconomic problems as well as opportunities. Moreover, the strict quarantine measures and traffic restrictions have short-term implications on both the environment and economy.

These measures have led to a decline in global carbon emissions and energy consumption. However, will these improvements continue? What precautions should governments and societies take to prevent the negative impacts of economic and environmental changes to maintain their sustainable development goals?

## **PROPOSED THEMES**

- 1. The impact of COVID-19 on Education economics and Sustainability.
- 2. The impact of COVID-19 infodemic and misinformation on economic and environmental behavior.
- 3. The impact of COVID-19 the sustainability of Small and Medium Businesses.
- 4. Government interventions in mitigating the negative effects of COVID-19 on the economy and the environment.
- 5. Economic transformation through digitalization to achieve economic and environmental sustainability.

## **REGISTRATION**

The forum is free of charge, and we welcome all participants from:

- 1. Higher Education Institutes
- Public and Private Institutions
- 3. Industrial Sector
- 4. Students, Parents and Employers

## SPEAKERS -



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