

# PLASTICON 2017 PROGRAM

Day 1 - Sunday, 09 April 2017

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration opens**  
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## Session 1: Keynotes

09:00 - 09:10 **Opening remarks**  
Dr. Mohammad Al Mulla, *MD and CEO, QAPCO and Chairman Plastics Committee, GPCA*

09:10 - 09:30 **Keynote address: GCC Polymer Industry- What lies ahead?**  
Mohammad Husain, *President and CEO, EQUATE*

09:30 - 09:50 **Keynote address: GCC Plastics Convertor Industry- Perspectives for the Future**  
Dr. Raed Al Zubi, *Incoming President- SPE Global, Middle East section President*

09:50 - 10:10 **Panel discussion and Q&A session**

## Session 2: International trends in plastics processing

10:10 - 10:30 **Foam – Walled packaging**  
Mark Lindenfelzer, *President, Mucell Extrusion*

10:30 - 10:50 **International Trends in Plastic Packaging and Processing**  
Dr. Ulrich Reiners, *Managing Director, Executive Packaging*

10:50 - 11:10 **Panel discussion and Q&A session**

11:10 - 11:40 **Networking break**  
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### Session 3: Thermoplastic 3-D printing

- 11:40 – 12:00**    **3D printing- Medium scale production**  
Roberto Ribeiro, *President*, Townsend Solutions
- 12:00 - 12:20**    **3D Printing Materials Overview**  
Klaus Gargitter, *Director*, Gargitter Advanced Polymers
- 12:20 - 12:40**    **Panel discussion and Q&A session**
- 12:40 - 14:00**    **Networking lunch**

### Session 4: Thermoplastic elastomers in the GCC

- 14:00 - 14:20**    **Elastomers – Construction and Tire Opportunities in GCC**  
Abdulnizar Kakkuzhi, *Technical Marketing Manager-Elastomers, Polymers SBU*, SABIC
- 14:20 - 14:40**    **Thermoplastic elastomers applications (transportation)**  
Ramzi Qannati, *Regional Commercial Manager - EMEA Dow Elastomers, Electrical and Telecommunications*, Dow Chemical IMEA GmbH
- 14:40 – 15:00**    **Testing and properties of TPE/TPO**  
Abdullah Mohammed Ramadan, *Elastomer and Tire Technology Engineer*, High Institute for Elastomer Industries
- 15:00 - 15:20**    **Panel discussion and Q&A session**
- 19:00 - 21:00**    **GPCA Plastic Excellence Awards ceremony and gala dinner**

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## Day 2 - Monday 10 APRIL 2017

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**09:00 - 09:20** **Opening address: Impact of a changing global landscape**  
David Lines, *Principal – Energy and Chemicals Advisory, Europe, Africa and Middle East, Nexant*

### Session 5: Sustainability within the GCC plastics industry

**09:20 - 09:40** **Plastics Image survey**  
Craig Halgreen, *VP - Corporate Sustainability, Borouge*

**09:40 - 10:00** **Recycling value chain**  
Daker El Rabaya, *MD – Waste Recovery and Processing, Bee'ah*

**10:00 – 10:20** **Rethinking the future of plastics in the GCC**  
Theo Jan Simons, *Partner, McKinsey & Company*

**10:20 - 10:40** **Overview of the solar power market in the GCC**  
Dr. Raed Bkayat, *VP Business Development – Middle East, First Solar*

**10:40 – 11:00** **Panel discussion and Q&A session**

**11:00 - 11:30** **Networking break**

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### Session 6: Export opportunities for the GCC plastics processing industries

**11:30 – 11:50** **Opportunities in India**  
Tilman Ehret, *CEO, Astra Polymers*

**11:50 - 12:10** **Opportunities in Africa (including Egypt)**  
Mirza Kadic, *Business Development Director, Chemorbis (HQ)*

**12:10 – 12:30** **Panel discussion and Q&A session**

**12:30 – 14:00** **Networking lunch**  
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### Session 7: Plastics in the GCC construction industry

**14:00 - 14:20** **Home of innovation**  
Hisham Alfouzan, *Lead Engineer, SABIC*

**14:20 – 14:40**    **Hot/cold water pipes**  
**Dr. Ahmad Wassim Al Gendy**, *Supply Chain Director*, Corys Building Materials LLC  
**Dinesh Itty**, *Production Manager*, Corys Building Materials LLC

**14:40 - 15:00**    **Artificial wood**  
**Enrico Balugani**, *Technical Manager*, QPPC

**15:00 - 15:20**    **Panel discussion and Q&A session**

**15:20 - 15:35**    **Closing address**  
**Dr. Abdulwahab Al-Sadoun**, *Secretary General*, GPCA