GULF PETROCHEMICALS & CHEMICALS ASSOCIATION
الاتحاد الخليجي للبتروكيماويات والكيماويات

Fact Sheet

About GPCA

The Gulf Petrochemicals and Chemicals Association (GPCA) represents the downstream hydrocarbon industry in the Arabian Gulf. Established in 2006, the association voices the common interests of more than 250 member companies from the chemical and allied industries, accounting for over 95% of chemical output in the Arabian Gulf region. The industry makes up the second largest manufacturing sector in the region, producing over USD 108 billion worth of products a year.

The association supports the region's petrochemical and chemical industry through advocacy, networking and thought leadership initiatives that help member companies to connect, share and advance knowledge, contribute to international dialogue, and become prime influencers in shaping the future of the global petrochemicals industry.

Committed to providing a regional platform for stakeholders from across the industry, GPCA manages six working committees – Plastics, Supply Chain, Fertilizers (now known as Agri-nutrients), International Trade, Research and Innovation, and Responsible Care – and organizes six world-class events each year.

GPCA at glance

Established in **2006**

8 FOUNDING MEMBERS

Founded by 8 visionary global and regional industry players

95%

Full members represent over 95% of the GCC region's total output of chemicals

Key industry segments:

PETROCHEMICALS, PLASTICS, AGRI-NUTRIENTS

Industry key functional areas of focus:

SUPPLY CHAIN, EHS&S, INTERNATIONAL TRADE, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

3 STRATEGIC PILLARS

Networking, Thought Leadership, Advocacy

OVER 250 MEMBER COMPANIES

across the chemical value chain

6 COMMITTEES

comprising of industry leading experts

6

global and regional industry conferences

OVER 140

publications covering critical industry trends and reporting on industry performance

Networking

GPCA's calendar of events are a must-attend for senior industry executives from the region and the world. GPCA's bespoke conferences, seminars and workshops attracts a combined audience of over 3,000 delegates annually, offering access to world class facilities, programs and speakers, alongside unrivalled marketing, and networking opportunities.

GPCA's five key conferences and its flagship event, the Annual GPCA Forum, feature the best minds from the industry's value networks and offer a high-quality, content-rich program.

The conferences address diverse functional areas across the chemical value chain with a specific focus on Research and Innovation, Supply Chain, Responsible Care®, and specific segments of the industry including plastics and fertilizers.GPCA's suite of events also enables exhibitors to display innovative solutions and technologies, build strong partnerships, launch novel products and strengthen business relationships. Over the years, GPCA has featured over 550+ exhibitors, an opportunity to collaborate and enhance the exchange of new ideas whilst facilitating direct access to top decision makers from the industry.

15TH ANNUAL GPCA FORUM
منتدى جيبكا السنوي

GPCA Plastics Conference
مؤتمر البلاستيك

GPCA Supply Chain Conference
مؤتمر سلاسل الإمداد

GPCA Agri-Nutrients Conference
مؤتمر المغذيات الزراعية

GPCA Research & Innovation Conference
مؤتمر البحث والابتكار

GPCA Responsible Care Conference
مؤتمر الرعاية المسئولة

VIEW UPCOMING GPCA EVENTS

ADVOCACY

Our industry

Learn about GPCA's key initiatives and programs

Our environment

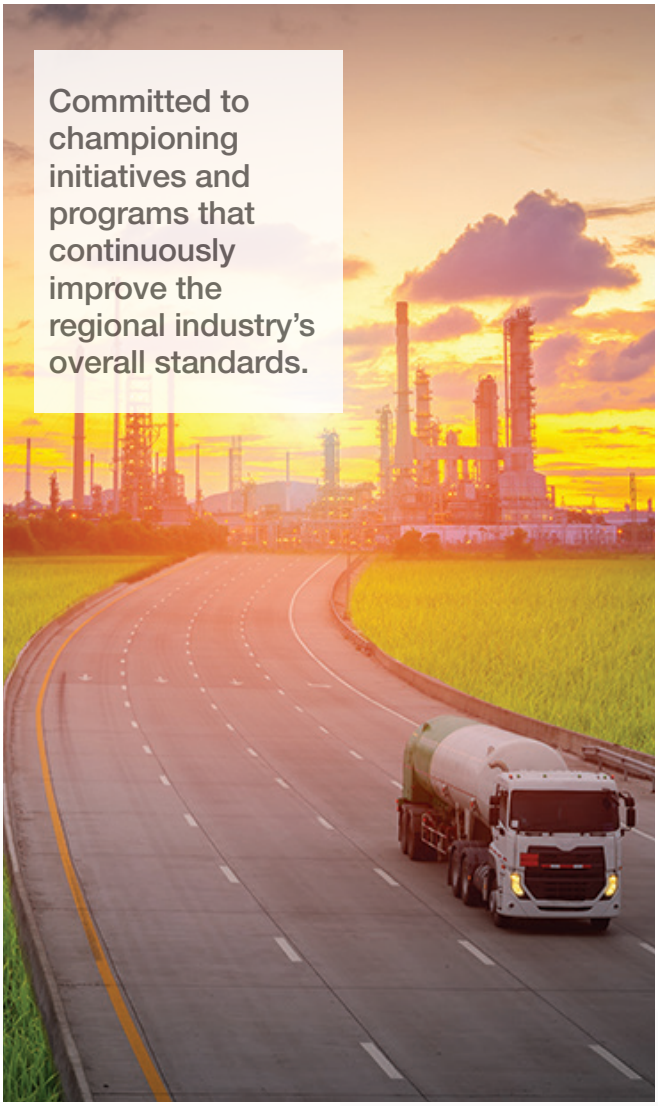
Learn about GPCA's global and regional awareness campaigns and internationally adopted initiatives

Our youth

Learn about GPCA's talent programs

READ MORE

Our industry



Responsible Care® is a global, voluntary initiative adopted by the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) to drive continuous improvement and achieve excellence in environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) performance.

The Gulf Sustainability and Quality Assessment System (Gulf SQAS) was launched by GPCA and spearheaded by the GPCA Supply Chain Committee in August 2014. Gulf SQAS is a system that extends Responsible Care® throughout the product supply chain by evaluating the quality, safety, security and environmental performance of logistics service providers.

International Trade: GPCA actively promotes the adoption of free market policies and for the elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers that impact chemicals trade negatively. In coordination with the GPCA International Trade Committee we strongly advocate the upholding of multilateral trade agreements under the World Trade Organization.

Plastics and Circular Economy: GPCA and its members fully support and advocate for a plastics circular economy in the GCC and globally. Through its annual conferences, advocacy efforts and participation in global initiatives, GPCA engages with the value chain network to facilitate effective collaboration and stimulate innovation in the creation of a circular economy in the region.

الرعاية المسئولة
التزامنا نحو الاستدامة
RESPONSIBLE CARE®
OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

تعزيز الإستدامة في سلسلة الإمداد
GULF SQAS
Driving Supply Chain Sustainability

Our environment

Waste Free Environment is an annual environmental and educational initiative that falls under GPCA's broader advocacy pillar. The campaign aims to promote responsible litter disposal and educate youth on waste management and recycling.

Marine Litter is human-created waste that has been intentionally or unintentionally discharged into the coastal or marine environment. In the Arabian Gulf, GPCA proactively supports global activities to address marine debris by leading the industry's effort through various initiatives such as its global flagship campaign 'Waste Free Environment'.

Operation Clean Sweep® is a global initiative by the plastic industry to reduce plastic pellet loss to the environment. Launched by the American Chemistry Council's Plastics Division and Plastics Industry Association in the US, today it is practiced in more than 60 countries and thousands of manufacturing facilities worldwide. In the Arabian Gulf, it is led by GPCA with the view to improve sustainability and best environmental practices at plastic manufacturing and logistics operations in the GCC.

WASTE FREE ENVIRONMENT
بيئة بلا نفايات

MARINE LITTER SOLUTIONS

Operation Clean Sweep®

Our youth

Leaders of Tomorrow is an initiative launched by GPCA in 2016 and supported by its members aimed at building local human capital in the region. The initiative falls under one of the three pillars of the association, which is advocacy by promoting STEM and bridging the gap between academia and the industry.

Student recognition and awards

Ibtikar – Rising Star in Supply Chain Award: The award is dedicated to students currently pursuing academic programs in supply chain, logistics management or any equivalent at recognized educational institutions or universities in the GCC.

Fikra – Rising Stars of the Plastics Industry Competition:
A special student category award which aims to recognize young academics exceptional contribution to the field of plastic research.

GPCA Innovation Competition is a leading regional initiative aimed at engaging university students in chemical research and innovation and providing them with a valuable opportunity to gain exposure in the global chemical industry. The initiative's inaugural edition took place at the 6th GPCA Research and Innovation Summit in Bahrain in 2019.

gpca LEADERS OF TOMORROW

gpca INNOVATION COMPETITION

GPCA awards

The GPCA Plastics Excellence Awards recognize outstanding initiatives in plastics conversion, plastics process improvement and product development by companies and individuals in the Arabian Gulf.

The GPCA Supply Chain Excellence Awards aims to recognize the achievements of regional logistics service providers and petrochemical producers. The Awards are open to all organizations engaged in supply chain and logistics operations in GCC countries, who have excelled in their achievements and developed innovative solutions for their operations.

The GPCA Responsible Care® Excellence Awards are designed to honor companies and individuals that have demonstrated leadership and outstanding performance in the implementation and execution of the Responsible Care® program.

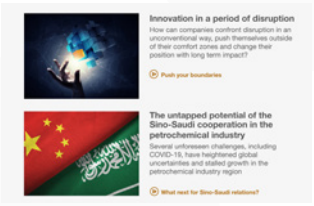
GPCA LEGACY AWARD
The Honor of a Lifetime

GPCA Legacy Initiative: The GPCA Legacy Initiative and GPCA Legacy Award "Al-Rowad" (الرّواد) were launched in 2017 to recognize the pioneers of the chemical industry in the Arabian Gulf region. The Award takes place on an annual basis and honors individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to foster and strengthen the chemical industry in one or more of the GCC states.

Thought Leadership

GPCA has not only become the leading voice of the chemical industry in the GCC but also a trusted and reliable source of regional industry information which it provides on a regular basis in a series of reports, studies, and newsletters. GPCA had issued over 140 publications, which are available at our online library on the official GPCA website. GPCA publications focus on different segments of the industry, including polymers, agri-nutrients and related downstream industries, and provide insights on supply chain, international trade, circular economy, talent development and business strategy.

VIEW PUBLICATIONS



GPCA publishes a monthly round-up of industry insights which analyze the latest developments and trends impacting the chemical industry in the region as well as the socio-economic impact of the industry on the region. The GPCA monthly digital newsletter Insight Express features exclusive interviews and analysis from GPCA and some of the leading consultancies in the region and globally, providing an opportunity to keep abreast of the latest industry challenges, opportunities and secure your firm's competitive advantage.

gpca webinarseries

In 2020, GPCA launched its successful new initiative, the GPCA Webinar Series, to adapt to the new norm of knowledge exchange and develop long-term relationships virtually. The webinars allow attendees to leverage from the strategic and tactical conversation on the most pressing subjects laid down by business leaders from the industry.

gpca podcast
CHEMICAL INSIGHTS FROM THE ARABIAN GULF

GPCA Podcast is our latest thought leadership platform, designed to provide exclusive insights from the chemical market in the Arabian Gulf to both regional and global audiences. Each month, the podcast will facilitate leadership perspectives on timely and relevant topics and serve as a platform for exclusive, thought leadership content from the GCC region. It will regularly spotlight GPCA full members, regional initiatives, and the role of the chemical industry in regional development and advancing socio-economic and environmental targets.

Membership

Becoming a GPCA member will provide you and your firm with valuable advocacy, thought leadership, business and growth opportunities that will help enhance your organizational performance in various areas such as sustainability, supply chain, innovation, health, safety and environment through internationally accredited programs. As part of their exclusive membership benefits, GPCA member companies can gain access to leading research and insights as well as an extensive industry database designed to help both global and regional players grasp the next big opportunity in a rapidly changing business environment. GPCA members can also benefit from exclusive marketing services, allowing them access to GPCA premium events at discounted rates and unlimited networking with senior industry leaders.

WHY JOIN GPCA?

JOIN

the first and most powerful regional platform that voices the common interests of the chemical industry value chain

ACCESS

effective networking opportunities, exchange valuable information and knowledge, and strengthen your business partnerships

GAIN

exclusives access to insights on strategy, market outlook and the latest industry trends

BECOME PART

part of the industry's elite community of leading senior decision makers and voice your opinion on ways to shape the industry's future

GPCA members exclusive activities

gpca leadersdialogue MEMBERS-ONLY

A series of dialogues for c-suite executives at GPCA member companies which provides a platform for regional industry leaders to share knowledge and debate some of the most pertinent questions impacting the chemical industry in an intimate, closed-door setting.

As soon as your company joins or become a GPCA member, you will be granted access to exclusive members benefits.

Boost your profile

» Benefit from exclusive profiling on the GPCA members' directory and website

» Reach the right audience and maximize your access to higher purchase potential customers

» Add credibility to your brand by becoming part of the largest and most influential network of chemical industry influencers in the Arabian Gulf

Expand your network

» Take advantage of special discounted member rates for all GPCA events

» Gain exclusive access to the annual GPCA General Assembly, attended by the GPCA Board and CEOs of full members

» Your senior executives will gain access to the GPCA portal and other members only platforms and engage in one to one conversations with professionals at leading global and regional companies

Gain exclusive insights

» Gain access to the latest industry insights as well as historic data, market analysis and intelligence to stay ahead of your competitors

» Our 130+ exclusive online reports, publications, abstracts, and white papers available in Arabic and English will enable more informed decisions at your firm

Influence the industry agenda

» Be represented on the world stage. GPCA is a member of the ICCA and will represent your interests on issues and decisions impacting your business

» Become a Responsible Care® company and join the chemical industry's global initiative for continuous EHS&S improvement

» Gain exclusive access to CHEMTREC: Emergency support services – coverage for all manufactured chemical and petrochemical products transported anywhere in the world

How to become a GPCA member?

Complete the membership application form on the GPCA website: **www.gpca.org.ae/how-to-become-a-member**. A GPCA representative will get in touch with you once you have completed the form to progress your application. For further information on GPCA membership, please contact: **members@gpca.org.ae**, +**971 4 451 0666** ext. **103** or **155**.

To learn more about GPCA membership, visit: **www.gpca.org.ae/membership/**

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