

Mohsen Abounaga



Dr. Abounaga is a Government Strategy and Policy Advisor and a Professor of Sustainable Built Environments. He is also an expert on Sustainability, Sustainable Development, Sustainable Built Environments and Green Building. He has over 25 years of diverse and rich experience, of which 15 years are in the UAE, in senior management, consultancy and academic positions. His areas of competency include strategy planning, policy development, strategic environmental assessment, low carbon society and scenarios, eco-friendly cities and green building policies and guidelines, as well as renewable energy and climate change. He is Former Strategy & Policy Advisor – Environment & Infrastructure at His Highness, the UAE Prime Minister’s Office (Feb 2009 – April 2010). Prior to that, he held a position in the Capacity of Strategy & Policy Advisor at The Executive Council, Government of Dubai (May 2007 to Jan.2009). He is the main founder of Emirates Green Building Council, established in 2006, and the founding chairman of the Council and the Board of Directors.

Prof. Dr Abounaga is an invited author by World Renewable Energy Council/ Network (WREC/WREN), UK to write a chapter of an international book which is entitled: *From Mud to Skyscrapers – Comfort, Sustainability and Energy.*” The book will be published by the world’s renowned publisher, Elsevier, UK/USA in early May 2012. On 30th May 2010, Prof Abounaga was appointed representative of Sustainable Society Foundation, SSF (La Hague, Netherlands) in the MENA Region. Also, Prof Abounaga was appointed representative of Green Building Research & Development (GB R & D) – Düsseldorf, Germany from 25th September 2010 – Present. Prof. Abounaga holds the highest rank, an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Green Professionals, USA. He is an Associate Partner of the European Sustainable Development Network, Austria; and a registered expert with the United Nations (UNEP, ESCWA & ROWA) since 1997 till present.

Prof Abounaga has been an invited speaker to more than 100 international and regional conferences, seminars and workshops; and has more than 80 int’l publications. Prof. Abounaga is currently teaching at The University of Dubai and The American University in Dubai.

His presentation is on: **Towards Dubai Green City 2020: Baseline assessment and preliminary study**