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INTRODUCTION:

- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) faces a significant challenge to achieve the much required food security as it still imports 80% of its food from the global markets
 - The governments of the GCC have attached great importance to the food industry and, because of its influential role, have stepped up measures in trying to achieve the goals set in relation to food security and reach to self-sufficiency
 - Investments have been effected in agricultural countries such as Sudan, India, Pakistan, Indonesia and others to secure basic food commodities
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ROLE OF GOIC:

- To provide necessary support to government of GCC to increase contribution to food security programs
 - Offer industrial consultancy services for food products, as well as contribute to the transfer of technology for the development of sustainable food systems and food security
 - To relate investment opportunities and promote the private sector to member states of the GCC
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OBJECTIVES:

- Establish a gathering of manufacturers of foodstuffs and various supporting authorities to exchange views and ideas about the food security
 - Find best solutions and procedures for advancement in the food industry
 - Improve current conditions of food security to develop and meet the needs of the consumer
 - Find best ways to overcome challenges currently faced and to plan in advance to meet any challenges that may arise
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TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- Review GOIC working paper relating to the diagnosis of the reality and the components of the food industry in the GCC and their role in providing food security to these countries
 - Food industry and the future of food security in relation to self-sufficiency of food commodities
 - Concept of food security and how to achieve the same
 - Review the experiences of relevant authorities specialized in the field of food securities
 - Shedding light on the experiences of companies that recycle food waste
 - Open discussion on all issues of interest with regard to the challenges of food security and suggest appropriate recommendations and solutions for improvement and development
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FOCUS INDUSTRIES:

- The preparation and processing of meat, fish and poultry industry
 - Vegetable oils and animal fats industry
 - Milk and dairy products industry
 - Grind the grain industry
 - Sugar industry
 - Prepared animal feed industry
 - Bottled drinking water industry
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PROPOSED SPEAKERS (TO BE FINALIZED):

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
 - Arabic Organization for Agricultural Development
 - Arabic Organization for Industrial Development and Mining
 - United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
 - Food Security Centre-Abu Dhabi
 - Hassad Food – Qatar
 - Saudi Star Agricultural Development Company-Saudi Arabia
 - Food Manufacturers in the GCC
 - Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the GCC
 - Federation of Gulf Chambers.
 - Export Development Support Agencies in GCC working in the area of food security in the region
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(DETAILED CONFERENCE PROGRAM TO FOLLOW SHORTLY)