

**“Creating Public Awareness – Reflections on the 2011 Federal National Council Elections”**

**9:00 Registration**

**10:00 – 10:15 Opening of the conference**

Representative of Zayed University

Thomas Birringer, Regional Representative to the Gulf-States,  
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

**10:45 – 12:15**

**Panel 1: News Media and Awareness: Creating an informed civil society**

Panelists:

Salem Mohammed Al-Ameri, Member of the Federal National Council,  
Representing Abu Dhabi

Nasser Hassan Al-Shaikh, Chairman Rissan LLC

Dr. Marilyn Roberts, Dean, College of Communication and Media Sciences,  
Zayed University

Diana Hamade, International Advocates and Legal Services

Moderator: Dr. Matt Duffy, Assistant Professor at Department of Media  
and Communications Services, Zayed University

**12:15 – 12:45**

**Coffee Break**



**12:45 – 2:15**

**Panel 2: The Federal National Council: Building Awareness and public engagement**

Panelists:

Sheikha Eisa Ghanem Al Ari, elected Member of the Federal National Council from Umm Al Qaiwain

Dr. Ebtessam Al-Ktebi, Professor for Political Science, UAE University, Al-Ain (UAE)

Ahmed Shabeeb Al Dhaheri, First deputy speaker of the FNC

Mishaal Al Gergawi, Current Affairs Commentator and Writer

Moderator:

**2:15 Lunch reception**