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**Commissioning Specialists  
Association**

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## **Commissioning Support for Countries forming the Gulf Cooperation Council**

In the GCC area of the Middle East, the Commissioning Specialist Association is pleased to be helping project developers and property owners to better understand the benefits of having an effective commissioning process on their construction projects.

The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, originally (and still colloquially) known as the Gulf Cooperation Council, is a regional inter-Governmental political and economic union. Its member states include Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

Over recent years, Commissioning within the Persian Gulf has become a mandatory requirement on all construction projects thanks to Green Building initiatives such as LEED and Estidama. Whilst the implementation of these initiatives displays an understanding of the benefits that effective commissioning of building services can bring to a given development, the actual application of the commissioning process is still often neglected or compromised on projects in the region.

Over recent years corporate members of the CSA have been working on major projects in this part of the world and in doing so have helped to raise the standards of commissioning. To assist even further, the CSA has formed a GCC



chapter based in Abu Dhabi. This is made up of several of the local CSA corporate and individual members and it is hoped that with a base in the region the CSA will be able to offer the local Building Services industry even more assistance.

Educating the project developers and property owners about the benefits of effective commissioning is essential. As such, the CSA's GCC chapter now plays a leading role in this process across the region, by ensuring that developers and consultants are aware of the extremely high standards that would be implemented during the commissioning process, when a CSA Corporate Member is utilised for the task.

The CSA aims to raise the standard of commissioning by providing training to the engineers and technicians, retained by its Corporate Members. The Distance Learning Courses and associated 'framework of grading' will help to ensure that those engaged in the essential task of commissioning will have both the theoretical knowledge and the practical skills needed to implement effective and efficient commissioning on all projects throughout the region.

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#### [About CSA](#)

Established in 1990, the CSA is an association for the commissioning industry within the construction world. Its membership comprises commissioning industry companies, individual commissioning engineers and associated companies (such as equipment manufacturers, instrument suppliers, etc.), who have a vested interest in ensuring that the commissioning function in today's complex built environment is carried out to a uniformly high standard.

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