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GCC Interconnection experiences and Future perspectives

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Mission

A resilient interconnection grid ensuring power security and economic benefits.

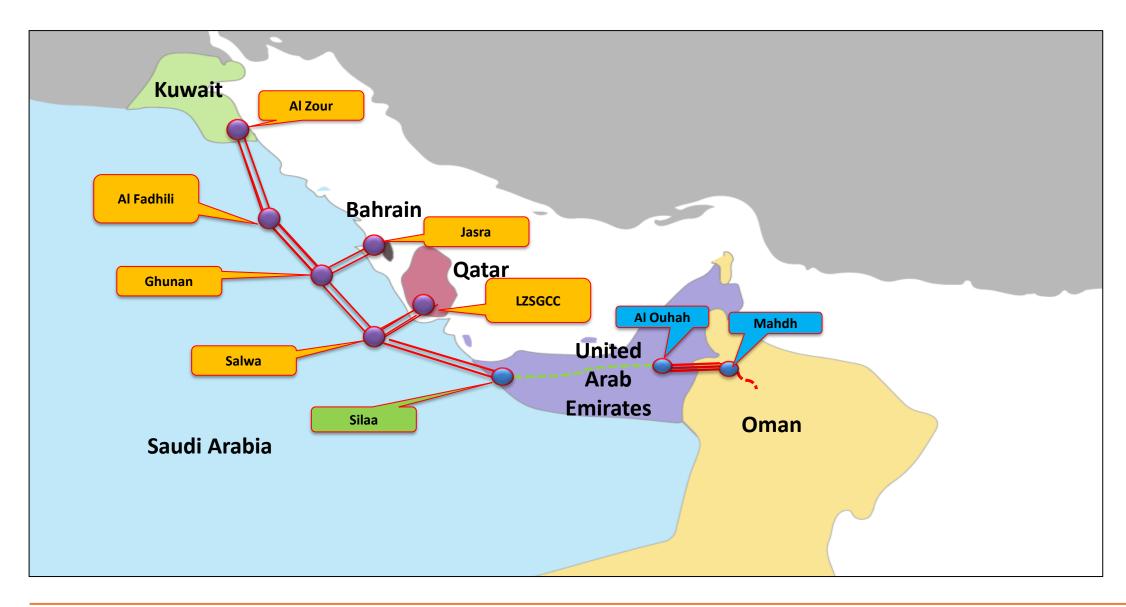
Vision

To become a global hub in grid interconnections emphasizing on innovation, resiliency, and sustainability; and creating dynamic electricity market for the region and beyond

GCCIA Network



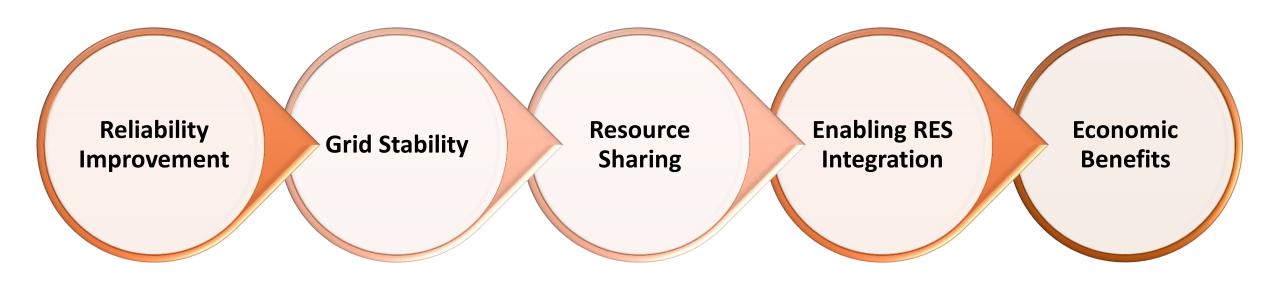




Advantages of Interconnections



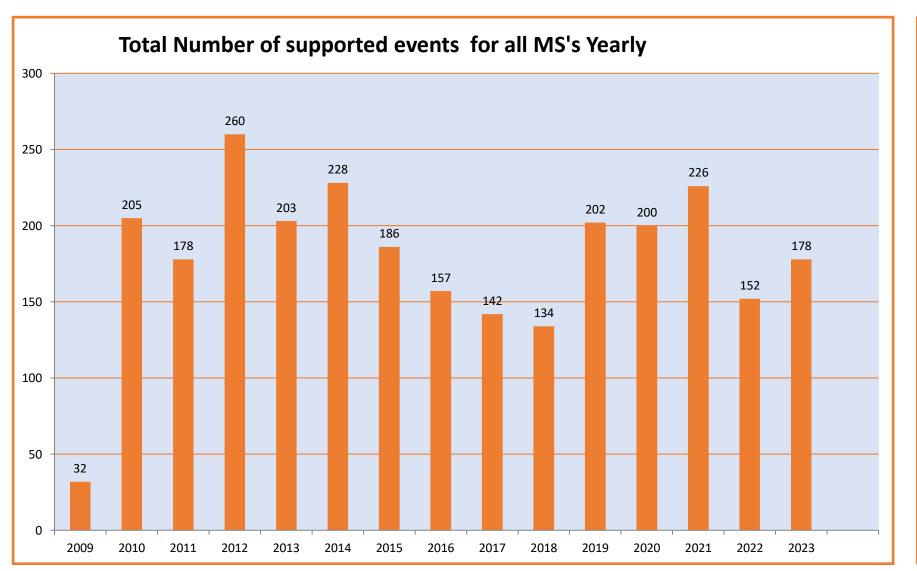




Improving System Reliability & Stability







Total Number of supported events for all MS's Yearly					
2009	32				
2010	205				
2011	178				
2012	260				
2013	203				
2014	228				
2015	186				
2016	157				
2017	142				
2018	134				
2019	202				
2020	200				
2021	226				
2022	152				
2023	178				
Total /MS	2684				

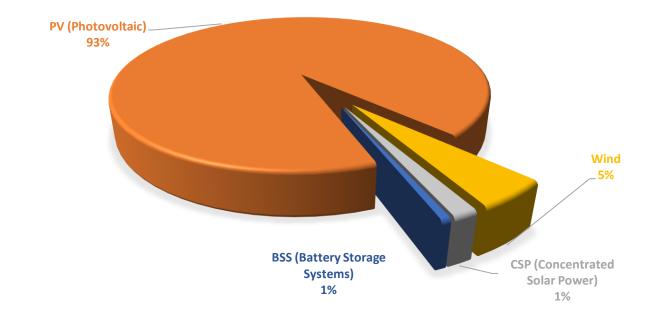
GCCIA Enabler to Accommodate Large Scale of RES





- As the Gulf States rely almost exclusively on generating electricity from fossil fuels with total online generation during peak of 2023 is almost 140,725 MW.
- Gulf States currently produce just 9,484 MW of renewable energy.
- Currently, RES capacity is around 7% of total electricity install capacity in the GCC region.
- By 2030 [IRENA] expected more than **72,000 MW** will be integrated in GCC girds

RES Install Capacity for 2023 (MW)				
PV (Photovoltaic)	8815			
Wind	460			
CSP (Concentrated Solar Power)	150			
BSS (Battery Storage Systems)	59			
Total	9,484			



Operational Challages Due to High Panatration of RES





I. Power System Inertia II. Frequency Response III. Uncertainty of RES

Interconnections play very important roles to mitigate the operational challenges due to high penetration of RES

GCCIA financial Benefits and Saving for MSs (in Million \$)



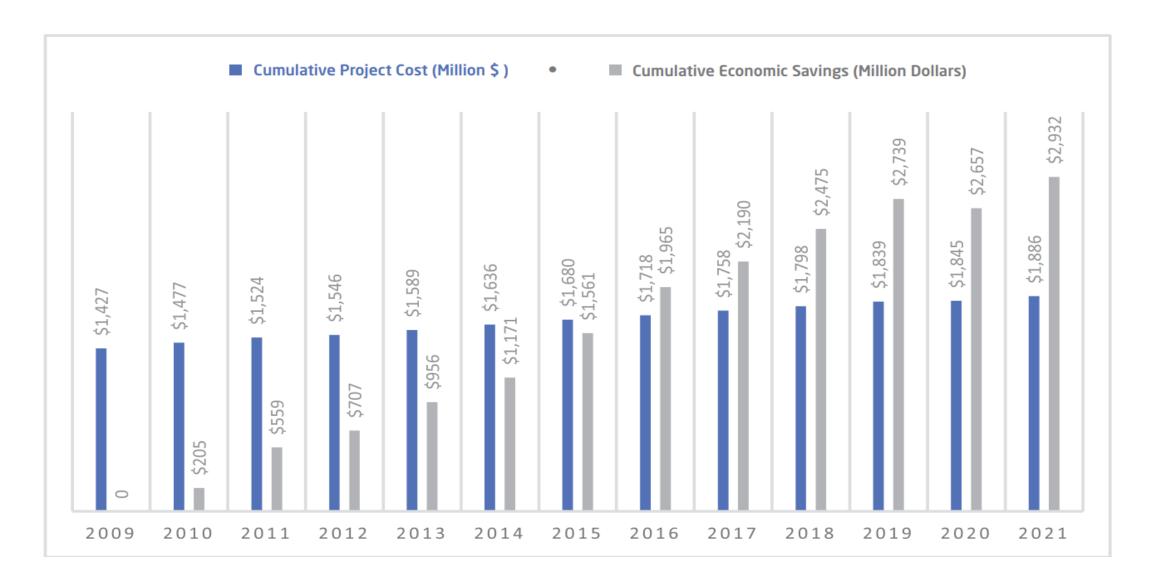


Year	2020		2021	
Saving in Million USD	Potential	Achieved	Potential	Achieved
Installed Capacity Saving	288	97.60	350	96
Fuel and O&M Saving	14.71	14.71	18.35	18.35
Spinning Reserves Saving	360.85	6.63	329	1.97
Saving from VolL	11.87	11.87	11.63	11.63
Saving from Trade	-	30.91	-	32.36
Co2 Saving	-	15.70	-	32.4
Fibre infrastructure Saving	-	4.6	-	4.79
Total	660.72	182.01	690.63	192.71

Cost Benefit Analysis for GCC Interconnection





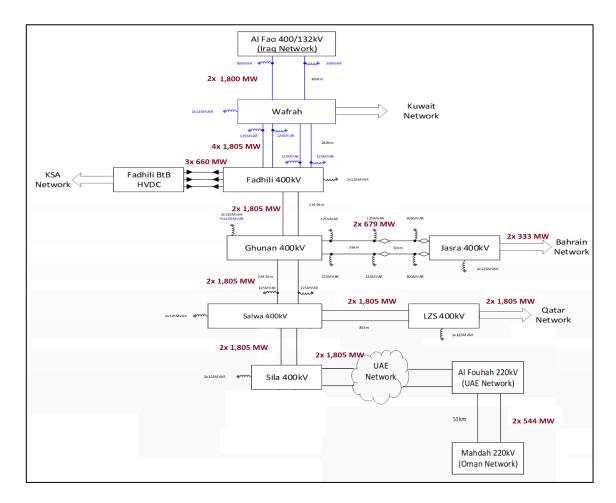


GCCIA Network Reinforcements





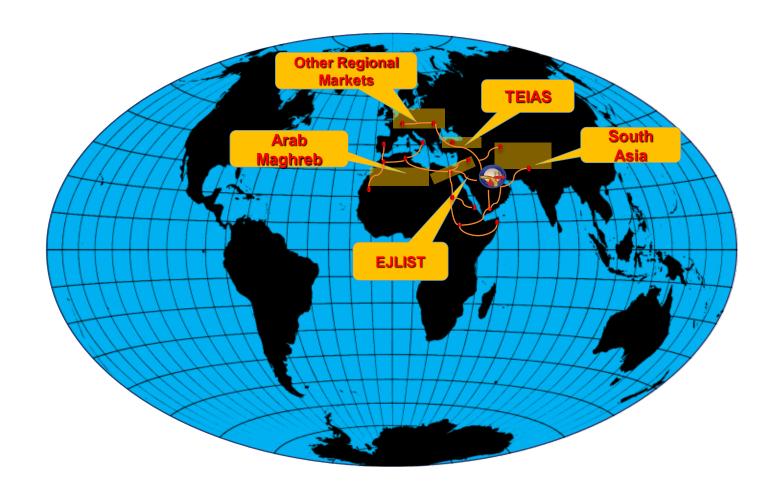
- Main drivers for the expansion:
 - a) Previous Interruptions
 - b) High renewable penetrations
- As per feasibility study conducted, work on reinforcements of GCCIA backbone network is in progress.
 - a) Salwa-Silla Section
 - b) Al Fadhili-Al Wafrah
 - c) Salwa-Ibri (Oman)
- Interconnection with South of Republic of Iraq (by end of 2024).



On going Expansions Projects











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