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**Sustainable Development Committee
Terms of Reference (Charter)**

Headed and Supervised by	Bank
Mr. Adnan Ahmed Yousif	Al Baraka Banking Group

Chaired by	Position	Bank
Dr. Ali Adnan	First Vice President - Head of Social Responsibility	ABG

Background

The Kingdom of Bahrain has adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda of United Nations which includes the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs represents a sets of commitments that all the members of the United Nations agreed to, and the banking and financial sector world-wide has keenly commenced its support and contribution towards the SDGs.

The Bahrain Association of Banks is committed to supporting the Bahrain's banking sector in playing its part in Bahrain's sustainable development and economic growth by way of deeper social engagement and responsibility.

Purpose

The purpose of establishing the Sustainable Development Committee is:

- (i) To assist the Board of Directors and Members of the Association in assessing, implementing and measuring the contribution of the banking sector in the sustainable development and economic growth of Bahrain in line with the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.
- (ii) To submit recommendations to the Board of Directors for policy initiatives and incentives to encourage greater participation of the banking sector in the sustainable development and economic growth of Bahrain.

- (iii) To engage with various stakeholders within Bahrain and otherwise with regard to engaging and implementing a broader social responsibility agenda of the banking sector in Bahrain.

Members of the Committee

The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

1. Dr. Ali Adnan Ibrahim **(Chairperson)**
2. Zeeba Askar **(Deputy Chairperson)**

The Committee may invite individuals or experts to attend its meetings or present reports and studies to the Committee. Such invitees shall not have the right to vote on the resolutions of the Committee.

Any member who does not attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee without cause shall automatically cease to be a member of the Committee and shall be replaced by the Board of Directors.

Responsibilities

The Committee shall work as forum for the discussion, training, and dissemination of international standards and best practices, new strategies and ideas related to the role of banking industry in the sustainable development, and in relation thereto;

- (i) liaise with relevant ministries, CBB, other regulatory authorities, other public bodies, businesses and international organizations to explore and adopt business policies and practices that best serve the above Purpose;
- (ii) Help members of the Association to adopt and apply standards and policies to achieve the Purpose.
- (iii) report to the Board of Directors on frequent basis or as and when required to do so by the Board on their work; and
- (iv) Conduct itself in ways appropriate to meet the directions of the Board and the Purpose.

Governance and Reporting

The Committee shall work under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors and with co-operation with the Chief Executive Officer.

Any study, report or recommendation approved by the Committee shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer in order to be presented to the Board of Directors or the CBB or any other regulatory authority.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least four times a year (every three months). The Chairman of the committee, if he deems fit, may call for additional meetings.

Secretary

The Committee shall appoint a secretary from its members or from outside who shall be responsible for preparing and distributing the minutes of the meeting. The minutes shall be presented for the Board for perusal.