COUNTRY: BAHREIN

COMMITEE: UNEP

AGENDA ITEM: Enhancing the transition to sustainable energy as a response to the energy crisis and climate change

An ancient land rich in culture and history, the Kingdom of Bahrain is also characterized by a cosmopolitan outlook and modernization. An archipelago of 33 islands, Bahrain lies in the Arabian Gulf with Saudi Arabia to its west and Qatar to the south east. Bahrain, with a causeway connecting it to Saudi Arabia holds a strategic location in the Middle East and provides convenient access to all areas of the world. The landscape of modern skyscraper buildings and highways is mixed with mosques old and new, and lively traditional markets, or souqs.Bahrain is a hereditary constitutional monarchy led by the King His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and the Crown Prince, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, as well as a Cabinet of Ministers.

Bahrain has held parliamentary and municipal elections in 2010 that attracted a 67 percent voter turnout. A total of 127 candidates, including seven women, ran for the Parliament’s 40 available seats, and 171 contested the 39 available municipal council seats. Political leaders continue to review and adapt legislation according to the Constitution as well as international conventions to which Bahrain is committed, aiming to create an inclusive society where all citizens contribute towards it development.