

## Speakers' Biographies

### **Dr. Khalid Naji, Dean of the College of Engineering Qatar University**



Dr. Khalid Kamal Naji is the Dean of the College of Engineering at Qatar University and has extensive academic and administrative experience at QU. Dr. Naji Chaired the Department of Civil Engineering (2001-2005). He also served QU administration as the Assistant Director of the Office of Institutional Research and Development after which he was appointed as the Director of the Office of the Executive Management Committee (EMC) to lead its formation. In 2012 Dr. Naji was promoted to the position of Associate Vice President of Capital Projects, Campus Facilities and Information Technology at Qatar University (2012-2016). Last summer Dr. Naji was appointed as the Dean of the College of Engineering at QU.

### **Dr. Abdulla Y. Al Sayed, Chief Project Delivery Officer - Asia & Africa President of Lean Construction Institute – Qatar**

**Qatari Diar**



Dr. Abdulla Y. Al Sayed is highly qualified professional with over 27 years of experience in delivering mega construction programs. In the past five years, Dr. Al-Sayed has been working at Qatari Diar as a Chief Project Delivery Officer - Asia & Africa. He obtained his PhD focused in Engineering Management / Lean Construction from Qatar University and has several publications in mega projects and Lean Construction in top tier journals. Dr. Al Sayed is a cofounder of Lean Construction Institute – Qatar.

### **Eng. Hamad Ali Alabdulmalik, Development Director - Qatar Qatar Diar**



Mr. Hamad obtained a bachelor degree in engineering from the University of Texas, USA and a Master Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the Hull University, UK. He has over 20 years' experience in design, project management, and real estate development. Mr. Hamad started his carrier in the Oil & Gas industry at Qatar Petroleum where he delivered several projects over 11 years. In 2007, he moved to the real estate development sector, joining Barwa Real Estate for 4 years and delivered two major housing projects and started a project consisted of 8 office towers and a hotel tower in the west bay area. In 2010, he joined Qatari Diar to work in Lusail Real Estate Development Company (LREDC)

assuming several positions within the company till date. During his stay with LREDC, he was responsible for delivering the infrastructure of phase 1, then development of several commercial & residential buildings. He is currently holding the position of Director, Development for local projects including the flagship project of Qatari Diar in Qatar which is Lusail City.

### **Eng. Ahmad Ali Al-Ansari, Technical Office Manager Vice-President of Lean Construction Institute – Qatar Public Works Authority (Ashghal)**



Ahmad Al Ansari is Head of the President's Technical Office in Ashghal, the Public Works Authority (PWA). His previous roles include Head of Planning, Design & Contracts for the Qatar Olympic Committee on projects for the 2006 Games and as Head of Water Projects for the Ministry of Electricity and Water.

**Prof. Abdelmagid S. Hammuda, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
Qatar University**



Dr. Hamouda is the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Engineering at Qatar University. He is an active member of a number of professional societies. He has published over 300 technical papers. He and his co-workers have received a number of prestigious awards.

**Dr. Fodil Fadli, Head of the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning  
Qatar University**



Dr. Fodil Fadli is the Head of Architecture & Urban Planning Department at Qatar University. An architect and academic, he obtained a PhD in [Sustainable] Architecture (UK). Fodil worked in industry and academia in Europe and the MENA region, and conducted design consultancy with US-based companies. His teaching/research interests span sustainable architecture, sustainability assessment and modelling, internet of things and people, smart buildings, interactive design, wellbeing and healthy urban spaces, building performance evaluation, building information modelling, topology optimization, digitizing heritage, and design in dynamic environment. He is regularly invited as an expert/examiner by highly reputed journals, conferences and funding bodies to review and provide feedback in related fields of excellence. He is the recipient of several R&DI grants, attracting more than US\$ 5 Million in the last 5 years.

**Dr. Luai M. El-Sabek, PE, PEng., PMP, CM-Lean, Head of Infrastructure and Landscaping  
Executive Director - Operations, LCI-Q  
Qatari Diar**



For over 20 years, Dr. Luai has been contributing to the successful delivery of signature mega design and construction projects in Qatar. Dr. Luai is PMP Certified (Project Management Institute, USA) and Registered Professional Engineer in Ohio, USA and Nova Scotia, Canada. He obtained his PhD in Civil Engineering from the University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He is the first certified instructor in the Middle East for the Lean Construction Education Program of the Associated General Contractors of America and CM-Lean certified. Dr. Luai has several publications in mega projects and Lean Construction in top tier journals. He is a cofounder and the Executive Director - Operations of Lean Construction Institute – Qatar. Dr. Luai served in advisory boards and steering committees of major local and international conferences.

### **Omar Bahgat, Regional Manager Engineering Consultants Group**



Mr. Bahgat is ECG Vice President and Regional Manager in Qatar since 2012, he holds Bachelor's and Master's degree in Civil Engineering. He has more than 30 years of experience in corporate management business development, and projects / programme management, in addition to extended experience in the design, construction, and operation of infrastructure Projects and water schemes. Mr. Bahgat assumed several positions in the fields of Engineering Consultancy, Contracting, and as Client representative, in Egypt, Australia, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar.

### **Dr. Alexandre Amato Head of Sustainability Qatar Green Building Council**



Dr. Alex Amato has over 40 years' experience in the built environment. He has worked in both the private and public sectors in the UK, SE Asia and now in the Middle East. Since gaining his PhD at Oxford Brookes University over 20 years ago, he has sought to resolve the perplexing problem of integrating sustainability into the built environment. Since 1996, his research has largely focused on the application of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), quantitatively assessing the environmental impact of buildings, construction systems, and products. In Qatar he spent the first three years providing sustainable consultancy within Davis Langdon but for the last seven years he has held the position of Head of Sustainability at the Qatar Green Building Council, which is part of Qatar Foundation. Here he has helped deliver an expanding research and education programme. In particular, the development of the first Passivhaus in the GCC Region, and research with Texas A&M University – Qatar and College Station, and with the College of the North Atlantic – Qatar both funded through the National Priorities Research Programme of the Qatar National Research Fund. He has also taught at Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU) where he delivered an introductory course to sustainability and a module on sustainability in the built environment in 2015/16 and in 2017 to the executive masters course on Energy and Resources and to the school of law in the Faculty of Islamic Studies. He has been a recent supervisor of PhD candidates at HBKU and a GSAS Certified Green Professional.

### **Mr. Colin S. Sheils, Lead Quantity Surveyor David Adamson**



Colin possesses in excess of 20 years of experience successfully delivering projects as Lead Quantity Surveyor within the UK and the MENA region. Colin's professional experience embraces a wide range of major consultancy and contractor commissions, including major primary infrastructure projects as well as hotel, leisure, commercial and healthcare developments. Colin's expertise includes the delivery of cost planning, budget management, detailed estimating and Net Present Value (NPV) calculations and commissions. Reporting to diverse clients across private and public sectors, including private equity developers, financial institutions, medical authorities and corporate end-users, Colin's proficiency has been instrumental in the growth of David Adamson Group's service delivery within the State of Qatar. In addition to the above, Colin recently completed an MSc in Construction Management where his thesis specifically addressed Lean Management Techniques in the Qatar Construction Industry including Barriers and Critical Success Factors in Implementing Lean Construction. Colin has 14 years of continuous residency in the State of Qatar and 14 years of continuous service with David Adamson & Partners Overseas.