

## Changing climate

# GLOBAL WARMING LINKED TO EBOLA?



Dr. Sabah with co-speakers at the sixth Aseela International Cultural Festival in Morocco.



A picture depicting the sea level of Bahrain.

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As the world nations scramble to prevent ebola that is wreaking havoc in west Africa, a Bahraini expert on Saturday revealed that the crisis might have direct links to the phenomenon of global warming.

The revelation is important especially at a time when the epidemic, as pointed out by the experts of the World Health Organisation, is deteriorating faster, and moving faster, than medics could respond to producing a war like situation.

"Climate change is directly affecting the world in different ways," said Dr. Sabah Al Junaid noting that its effects include the collapse of economical systems, spread of contagious diseases,

rebellious attitudes of the younger generations and instability affecting global security.

Bahrain is no different from other developing countries that are affected by global warming and resultant sea level rise, said the Arab Gulf University (AGU) Geographic and Environmental Information Systems Co-Professor.

She was speaking at the sixth Aseela International

Cultural Festival in Morocco, where Bahrain participates as the guest of honour.

The event part of the 'Sustainable Development and Climate Change' forum, includes speeches and lectures by the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, prominent international experts, researchers and decision makers.

Dr. Sabah, while speaking about the drastic effects of global warming, pointed out

that the world is somehow managing to predict the changes.

"The effects of the changes are affecting developing countries all over the world and Bahrain is no exception."

"Event though Bahrain is not a part of the Caribbean and Pacific island nations, the Kingdom is directly threatened by climatic changes and sea level rise," the professor added.

Quoting a report, she also revealed that the scattered, low-lying, islands of Bahrain are facing grave threats of sea level rise.

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She also said that one-third of Bahrain's space is threatened by drowning, if the sea level continues to rise

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Dr. Sabah also pointed out that sustainable development plans are a national responsibility, but international cooperation is needed to ensure its success. (Send your comments to [news@dt.bh](mailto:news@dt.bh))

## Bahrain to hold ACO meeting

Manama

Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister, Dr. Juma Al Kaabi on Saturday welcomed the 52nd meeting of the Permanent Bureau of the Arab Cities Organization (ACO) to be held in Bahrain by the end of November 2014.

The minister said this during the visit of ACO delegation to Manama to prepare for the

upcoming meetings.

Manama Municipality Director-General, Mohamed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, received the ACO delegation and discussed the necessary arrangements to ensure the success of the meetings.

The municipality director underscored Bahrain's keenness to benefit from ACO organised meetings and

training workshops.

ACO is an Arab regional non-governmental organisation that was established in 1967 and headquartered in Kuwait city. The organisation holds annual meetings in one of Arab cities to discuss reports, policies and programmes related to the advancement of Arab cities and people.



Cultural Advisor at Bahrain embassy in the United Kingdom Abdulrahman Al Zayani on Saturday received Bahrain Polytechnic students on the sidelines of their participation in the summer training programmes in the British capital London. The programmes were organised by Bahrain Polytechnic in cooperation with the University of East London.