



Peer-Review Statements

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All the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the Empowering the Future: Energy Transition and Economic Diversification in Arab Countries, held on 15-16 September 2025 in Kuwait City, State of Kuwait. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the Conference Scientific Committee and approved by the Editor-in-Chief, who affirms that this document is a truthful description of the conference's review process.

1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were double-blind. Each submission was examined by 2 reviewers independently. The submission process began with the conference call for participation. We received 230 Abstracts. The members of the scientific committee reviewed and evaluated the abstracts for quality and suitability to the conference objectives. In total, 119 were accepted, and authors were invited to send their completed papers by July 1st, 2025. The committee received 89 papers, and after double blind screening by the reviewers, only 19 papers were judged to be eligible for presentation at the conference. A paper could only be considered for acceptance if it had received favorable recommendations from the two reviewers. After presenting the papers at the conference and based on the discussants' reports and evaluations, only 12 papers were proposed for publication in the conference proceedings. Authors were invited to submit their papers after considering the discussants' remarks. After receiving the papers, the editors went through the papers to make sure that the authors improved their papers, and every paper was edited to meet the publishers' standards.

2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Reviewers were instructed to assess the quality of submissions solely based on the academic merit of their content along the following dimensions

1. Pertinence of the article's content to the scope and themes of the conference;
2. Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research;
3. Soundness of the methods, analyses, and results;
4. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;
5. Clarity, cohesion, and accuracy in language and other modes of expression, including figures and tables.

In addition, all the articles have been checked for textual overlap in an effort to detect possible signs of plagiarism by the publisher.

3. KEY METRICS

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

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Number of Abstracts Received -	230
Number of Abstracts Accepted –	119
Number of Abstracts Rejected –	110
Number of full papers received –	89
Number of articles sent for peer review	89
Number of accepted articles	11
Acceptance rate	12.35%
Number of reviewers	10

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