The Center for Gulf Studies (CGS) and the Department of International Relations at the AMERICAN UNIVERSITY of KUWAIT® present a panel discussion entitled:

**THE POLITICS OF CLIMATE**

This panel will discuss various aspects and implications of the upcoming 2015 Paris Climate Conference (COP21), which, after more than twenty years of United Nations negotiations, aims to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate, with the goal of keeping global warming below 2°C.

**PANELISTS**

**Tancrède Voituriez, PhD** (Institute for Sustainable and International Relations, Sciences Po, Paris), “Toward a 2015 Climate Agreement in Paris”

Dr. Tancrède Voituriez is an economist and director of the Global Governance program at the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), a non-profit policy research institute which helps stakeholders in deliberating on the global governance of major issues of common interest such as climate change and urbanization. He has been involved in numerous research projects on globalization and sustainable development for the European Commission, the European Parliament, the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, among others.

**Dima Al-Khatib** (United Nations Development Programme, Kuwait), “Sustainable Development Goals and COP21”

Ms. Dima Al-Khatib has been the Deputy Resident Representative of the UNDP in Kuwait since mid-September 2013. Prior to coming to Kuwait, she was Deputy Country Director for UNDP Libya (June 2012-August 2013) and has assumed several functions in UNDP Headquarters in New York (2004-2012), most recently as Regional Programme Adviser working with the Regional Bureau for Arab States. She has more than 20 years of experience in the field of development.

**Panel Moderated By:**

**Dr. George Irani, Associate Professor of International Relations (AUK)**

**Sunday, 18 October 2015 | 6:00 pm**

**Multipurpose Room**