

## **Design Meeting Draws Plan for Western Region**

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ABU DHABI — A charrette, an intensive creative process used by design professionals to develop urban and regional plans, was organised by the Abu Dhabi Urban Planning Council from November 16 as the first step towards drawing up a framework plan for Al Gharbia.

The five-day charrette consisted of a series of workshops and professional planning sessions that utilised the most current demographic and economic studies.

The charrette represents the beginning of a six-month programme to create framework plans for Al Gharbia which will guide future growth in the region, define the roles of selected settlements, identify environmentally and culturally protected areas, and create plans for transportation, infrastructure, health services and other activities essential to the success of the region.

Falah Mohammed Al Ahbabi, Abu Dhabi Urban Planning Council 's general manager, explained at the session how Al Gharbia has a unique identity by retaining its highly traditional heritage values, culture and Bedouin origin.

Results of the charrette will be presented to and discussed with the communities early next year.

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