

Report of the Secretary General:

Participation at the 14th Arab Business Owners and Investors 2011 Conference Amman / Jordan, 1-2 March 2011



Left to right: Sh. Saleh KAMEL, Pres. Council of Saudi CC / Sen. Nael ELKABARITI, Pres. Jordan CC / H.E. Dr. Marouf BAKHIT, Jordan Prime Minister / H.E. Minister Adnan KASSAR, Lebanon Minister of State / Dr. Mhd AL TOWEIJRI, Ass. Sec. Gen. Arab League; / Mr. Fahed RASHED, Dir. Gen. Arab Investment & Export Guarantee Corporation

Participants (selected):

Officials & Politicians:

HE Mr. Marouf BAKHIT, Prime Minister, Jordan / HE Mr. Adnan KASSAR, Minister of State, Lebanon and President of the General Union for Arab Chambers / HE Dr. Mohammad ABU HAMMOUR, Minister of Finance, Jordan / HE Eng. Mohannad QUDAH, Minister of Transport, Jordan / HE Dr. Hani EL-MULKI, Minister of Trade and Industry, Jordan / HE Mr. Mohammad AL-TOWEIJRI, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs, League of Arab States / et al.

Investment Authorities / Associations / Corporations: The Arab Investment and Export Credit Guarantee Corporation / Islamic Development Bank Group - ICDPS (Islamic Corporation for the Development of Private Sector) / et al.

Federations & Chambers:

Jordan Chamber of Commerce / Council of Saudi Chambers / Federation of UAE Chambers of Commerce & Industry / Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce / Federation of Syrian Chambers of Commerce / Oman Chamber of Commerce / Iraqi Chamber of Commerce / Palestine Chamber of Commerce / Arab Joint Chambers (Germany, Australia, Brazil, Belgium et al.)

Businesspeople & Companies: over 300 personalities from business, economy & trade

Program:

»The 14th Arab Business Owners and Investors 2011 will be held under the theme "Investment in Jordan: Promising Opportunities". This Conference is an economic, investment gathering to encourage the investment in the Arab countries in general, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in particular, in all economic sectors, especially under the attractive investment climates and business opportunities and promising investment in the Arab region in general and Jordan in particular.« [\[Link to Website\]](#)

Activities:

At the exclusive welcome dinner on **Monday, 28 February 2011** sponsored by the Jordan Chamber, the new President of the AACC Dr. Richard SCHENZ was introduced to the Presidents and General Secretaries of the Arab Chambers and Joint Chambers.

On **Tuesday, 1 March 2011**, the conference was opened by Jordan's Prime Minister and other officials, and followed by the different sessions. The panel on "Investment Opportunities in Industry, Energy and Renewable Energy" presented a high-level range of speakers, among them AACC President Dr. Richard SCHENZ and AACC Vice-President KommR Nabil KUZBARI.



In his presentation Pres. SCHENZ introduced the AACC and elaborated on the Austro-Arabic economic relations in general and gave a special analysis on the policy of Austria, the EU regarding fossil fuels and renewable energy, as well as on the scopes for future collaboration with the Arab countries in particular.

Vice-President KUZBARI stressed in his contribution on the challenges of the Arabic economy and gave as example an insight to the "Inter-Arab Supermarket Project" and other projects.

On **Wednesday, 2 March 2011**, Secretary General Mouddar KHOUJA held a powerpoint-supported presentation on the AACC's "International Economic Informational Platform" project and stressed on Austria's leading position in the field

of e-government; he invited all chambers to join the project which is realised with the technical know-how and cooperation of AACC member “Gentics”.



Networking and talks with officials, representatives, companies and others (selected):

- HE Mr. Adnan KASSAR, Minister of State, Lebanon, President of General Union of Arab Chambers
- HE Mr. Fahad ALHAMMADY, Member of Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce and Industry Riyadh
- HE Shaykh Saleh KAMEL, President FGCC, Chairman Islamic Chamber of Commerce
- HE Senator Nael AL-KABARITI, Chairman Jordan Chamber of Commerce
- HE Mr. Ghassan QALLAA, President Damascus Chamber of Commerce
- HE Mr. Ahmad AL-WAKIL, President Federation of Egyptian CoC
- HE Mr. Mohammad AL-TOWEIJRI, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs, League of Arab States
- HE Ms. Manal MOWAFI, Head of Chambers of Commerce, League of Arab States
- HE Mr. Maher AL-MAHROUQ, General Manager Jordan Chamber of Industry
- HE Mr. Samir ASFOUR, Economic and Investment Advisor for the Prime Minister, Jordan
- HE Dr. Fahad AL-SULTAN, Secr. Gen. Council of Saudi Chambers [invitation to Riyadh in April for a meeting of Arab Chambers and Joint Chambers]
- HE Mr. Abdulla S. ABDULLA, Secr. Gen. Federation of UAE Chambers
- HE Mr. David HAMOD, Chairman National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce
- HE Mr. Robert NEWTON, CEO Australia-Arab Chamber of Commerce
- HE Dr. Abdulaziz AL-MIKHLAFI, Secr. Gen. Arab German CoC (Ghorfa)
- HE Mr. Qaisar HIJAZIN, Secr. Gen. Arab-Belgium-Luxembourg CoC
- HE Dr. Faisal ALAQUIL, Director of Business Development, Construction Products Holding Company (CBC), Member of Bin Laden Group

- Mr. Saeb NAHAS, President Nahas Group [AACC member]
- Mr. Fahad AL-IBRAHIM, DG Arab Investment Export Credit Guarantee Corporation [planned trip to Austria]
- Mr. Wassim SEEMAN, Association of Lebanese Industrialists
- Mr. Zakariya AL GHASSANI, Chairman of the Board of the Arab Union for Real Estate Development
- Eng. Ahmad HALAIQAH, General Manager AQABA National Real Estate Projects
- Eng. Ahmed AL-TARAWNEH, President of the Jordanian Construction Contractors Association
- Eng. Wade AL HANDAL, Chairman International Bank of Investment, Iraq