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International Conference in Vienna

# Sudan & Europe: Prospects of Cooperation for Regional Peace and Development

**VIENNA, AUSTRIA 10- 12 OCTOBER 2012**

Venue: Hotel Hilton Vienna, Am Stadtpark 1, 1030 Vienna

## Programme

### WEDNESDAY, 10 October 2012

9:00 Registration  
9:30 Opening of the Exhibition

### Opening Session | 10:00 – 11:30

*Chair: Dr. Werner FASSLABEND*

#### *Opening Remarks*

Dr. Werner FASSLABEND

President of Political Academy of Austrian People's Party and  
AIES, Former Minister of Defence of Austria

H.E. Dr. Michael SPINDELEGGER

Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs (Austria)

H.E. Mr. Ali Ahmed KARTI

Minister of Foreign Affairs (Sudan)

H.E. Mr. Garang Diing AKUONG (tbc)

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment (South Sudan)

H. E. Petar STOYANOV  
Former President of Bulgaria, President of the Centre of Global Dialogue

Mr. Jàn FIGEL  
Deputy Speaker of the National Council in Slovakia, Former EU-Commissioner and Dep. Prime Minister

H.E. Ambassador Tomáš ULIČNÝ  
Head of European Union Mission to Sudan

H.E. Ambassador Samir HOSNI  
Representative of the Secretary General of the League of Arab States.

**First Session | 11:30 – 13:00**

*Chair: Dr. Richard SCHENZ*

**Economic Session**

*Opening of the Session*

Dr. Richard SCHENZ  
President of the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

*Introductory Notes*

H.E. Dr. Mustafa Osman ISMAIL  
Minister - Supreme Council of Investment Sudan

*Political Developments in the Sudan*

Prof. Dr. Ibrahim GHANDOUR  
Chairman of Foreign Relations Sector - National Congress

*Opportunities of Investment in Sudan*

Dr. Abdel-Rahim HAMDÍ  
Former Minister of Finance of Sudan

*Arab Investment in Sudan*

Mr. Fahad Rashid AL IBRAHIM  
Director General, The Arab Investment & Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (DHAMAN)

*Sudanese Economic Framework*

H.E. Mr. Magdy Hassan YASSIN  
State Minister of Finance Sudan

Mrs. Olga ALGARYEROVA, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Slovakia

*Potential for Economic Cooperation with Sudan*

Dr. Kurt ALTMANN

Austrian Commercial Councillor for Egypt and Sudan, Ethiopia, South-Sudan, Djibouti, Eritrea and Somalia

*Discussants:*

- Dr. Ján KAVAN, Former Deputy Prime Minister and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- H.E. Morten AASLAND  
Ambassador of Norway to Sudan
- Mr. Mohamed BIN YOUSSEF, Director General of the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organisation
- Mr. Yousif Ahmed YOUSIF, Chairman, Union Chambers of Commerce Sudan

**13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BUFFET**

**Second Session | 14:00 – 15:30**

*Chair: Mr. Henry HAFEZ*

**European and International Cooperation: Successful Foreign Investments in Sudan**

*Introductory Notes*

Mr. Henry HAFEZ

Representative of the General Union of Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries (GUCCIAAC) and Vice-President of the Austro Arab Chamber of Commerce

*Agriculture: Basis for economic development*

Dr. Franz FISCHLER

Former EU Commissioner and Minister of Agriculture of Austria

Mr. El Zubair Ahmed EL HASSAN

Chairman of Kenana Sugar Company, Former Minister of Finance and Economy Sudan

*Investment in the State of Khartoum*

Dr. Abdulrahman AL-KHIDIR

Governor of the State of Khartoum

*UNIDO Projects and Future Cooperation with Sudan*

Mr. Taizo NISHIKAWA

Deputy Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)

*UNDP Projects and Future Cooperation with Sudan*

Mr. Sayed AGHA

Country Representative, UNDP-Sudan

*Discussants:*

- Dr. Mohammed Suleiman AL-RAJHI, Chairman of Al-Rajhi International for Investment (Saudi Arabia)
- Mrs. Eng. Widad YAGOUB, Private Sector, Sudanese Businessmen & Employers Federation
- Dr. Mohamed ABUFATMA, Director General Ariab Mining Company
- Dr. Emmanuel CAULLIER, International Expert, France

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

**Third Session | 15:45 – 17:15**

*Chair: Dr. Stefan PISTAUER*

**Banking & Financing Session**

*Opening Remarks*

Dr. Stefan PISTAUER

Regional Manager Africa Middle East, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO)

*Introductory Notes*

Mr. Badr-Eddin MAHMOUD, Deputy Governor - Bank of Sudan

*Banking, Financing and Guarantees in Sudan*

Mr. Kamal EL ZUBAIR

Al Mal United (Kuwaiti Bank in Sudan)

*Islamic Development Bank Projects in Sudan*

Khaled Hilal, Representative of Islamic Development Bank (IDB)

*Loans and Guarantees*

DI Erwin MARCHHART

Deputy Head of Department of Export Guarantees,  
Oesterreichische Kontrollbank (OeKB)

*OFID Projects in Sudan*

Mr. Khalid AL-ZAYER

Senior Public Sector Operations Officer, OPEC Fund for  
International Development (OFID)

*Discussants:*

- Mr. Hussain Al MEZA (UAE), Al Salam Bank Sudan
- Mr. Musaddaq Taha AL-MALIK, Qatar National Bank

- Mr. Majid Shamaf TOMA, Czech Export Bank (Czech Republic)
- Mr. Ahmed Amin ABDULLATIF, Sudanese Youth Businessmen

**Closing Session | 17:15 – 17:30**

*Chair: DI Mouddar KHOUJA*

17:30 – 18:00

*Closing Remarks*

DI. Mouddar KHOUJA

Secretary General, Austro Arab Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Werner FASSLABEND

President of Political Academy of Austrian People's Party (PoIAk)  
and AIES, Former Minister of Defence of Austria

## **THURSDAY 11 October 2012**

10:00 – 11:30     **Round Table**  
Challenges and Opportunities of Financing Investments,  
Business Co-operation and Trade in Sudan

Venue: Raiffeisen Bank International Headquarters,  
Am Stadtpark 9, 1030 Vienna

10:00 - 10:05     Welcoming             Address             –             Raiffeisen             Bank

10:05 – 10:15     *Introductory Notes*     *Chair: Dr. Werner FASSLABEND*

H.E. Mr. Ali Ahmed KARTI  
Minister of Foreign Affairs (Rep. of Sudan)

H.E. Dr. Mustafa Osman ISMAIL  
Minister of Supreme Council of Investment Sudan

10:15 – 11:30     *Discussion*

attended by the State Minister of Finance Sudan, Deputy  
Governor of the Bank of Sudan, Austrian Ministry of Finance,  
Oesterreichische Kontrollbank, The Arab Investment & Export  
Credit Guarantee Corporation (DHAMAN), Banks and Companies  
from Sudan- Arab Countries and Europe

13:00 – 15:00     **Business-To-Business** Meetings (Sudanese and European  
Companies)

Venue: Hilton Vienna City, Am Stadtpark 1, 1030 Vienna

### **Participation & Registration:**

If you would like to participate in the **Round Table Session and/or the B-2-B Meetings**, kindly register using the **separate registration form attached**.

For queries and more information, kindly contact us at [headoffice@aacc.at](mailto:headoffice@aacc.at) or by phone 01 513 39 65.

## **Friday 12 October 2012**

9:00 – 12:00     Field Visits (will be organised by requests)

19:30 –             Sudanese Music Show  
Venue: Hilton Vienna City, Am Stadtpark 1, 1030 Vienna