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Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce Activities 2020

15 December 2020: AACC's 29th GA & 30th BoD Meeting (Online)



On 15 Dec. 2020, AACC held its 29th General Assembly Session & 30th Meeting of the Board of Directors via Zoom, with a total of 54 participants, including the Chamber's Board and regular members and their excellencies the Arab ambassadors in Vienna.

1 December 2020: Austria / Egypt



AACC Founder and Arab President KR Nabil KUZBARI together with SG Eng. Khouja paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Ambassador Mohammed Hamdy El-Molla, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Austria, together with Minister Counsellor Mr. Hazem Zaki, where they discussed various means of strengthening bilateral cooperation between Austria and Egypt.

18 November 2020: Austria / Sharjah-UAE

The Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Vienna, Sharjah Investment and Development Authority (Shurooq) and the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC) jointly organized the webinar "Sharjah Austrian Business Seminar", with the aim of presenting and promoting Sharjah's investment opportunities in all sectors for Austrian and international companies and investors.



19-22 October 2020: AACC SG participates in the 2nd Arab-Brazilian Economic Forum

The "2nd Arab Brazilian Economic Forum: the Future Now" was held online for this year from 19-22 October 2020, whereby AACC Secretary General participated as a panelist as part of the panel discussion "New Order of International Business and the role chambers play in this regard".

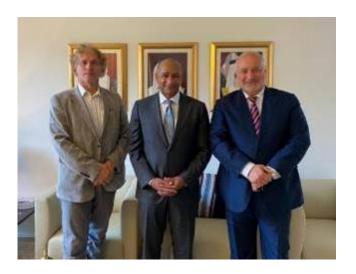
31 August 2020: Virtual Meeting of the Secretaries General of Chambers (online)





SG Mouddar Khouja participated in a virtual meeting of the Secretaries General of the Joint Arab-Foreign Chambers, headed by H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafi, Secretary General of the Union of Arab Chambers, and coordinated by H.E. Amb. Abdulaziz Al-Mikhlafi from Ghorfa. During this meeting, a committee was elected to prepare the establishment of a Fund for the chambers, with SG Mouddar Khouja (AT), SG Rashad Mabger (Greece) and SG Bandar Reda (UK) as its members.

17 August 2020: AACC coordinates high-level meeting at UAE embassy



The AACC coordinated a high-level meeting with Prof. Dr. Josef Penninger and H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Musharrakh, the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Austria, at the premises of the UAE embassy. They discussed cooperation prospects in the field of science, research and development and a collaborative webinar in this regard.

14 August 2020: AACC receives world-renowned researcher Prof. Josef Penninger

The world-leading researcher, geneticist and immunologist Prof. Josef Penninger paid a visit to the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce on Friday, 14 August 2020, where the AACC Secretary General Eng. Mouddar Khouja cordially welcomed him for cooperative talks. With its mission to promote and enhance scientific cooperation between Austria and the Arab countries, the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce will be active in supporting the interaction and scientific exchange with Prof. Penninger for the benefit of science, cooperation and humanity. A first initiative was already realised in June 2020, where specialists including Prof. Penninger and many other high-level Arab and European experts from the economic and medical fields successfully participated in AACC's Webinar on "COVID-19-PANDEMIC Economic Experts' Presentation: Analyses, Best Practices, Lessons and Strategies".



10 August 2020: Visit of UAE embassy representative at AACC

SG Khouja received Mr. Ahmad Al-Shehhi, Second Secretary at the UAE Embassy in Vienna, for consultations and the preparation of planned joint events and webinars.



<u>3 June 2020: AACC Webinar "COVID-19-PANDEMIC Economic Experts' Presentation:</u> <u>Analyses, Best Practices, Lessons and Strategies"</u>

On June 3rd 2020, the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC) held a webinar entitled "COVID-19-PANDEMIC Economic Experts' Talks: Analyses, Best Practices, Lessons and Strategies".



The webinar brought together many high-level Arab and European experts and participants from the economic and medical fields and featured Prof. Dr. Josef Penninger, world-leading geneticist & molecular immunologist who developed SARS treatment and is currently working with his team on developing a cure for Coronavirus; H.E. Senator Dr. Richard Schenz, AACC President & Vice President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO); H.E. Dr. Christoph Leitl, President of EUROCHAMBRES; H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafy, Secretary-General of the Union of Arab Chambers (UAC); and Dr. Bassel Al-Khatib, representative of the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development (UNIDO) Director General H.E. Mr. Li YONG.

30 June 2020: AACC at the WKO Exporttag

AACC participated in the 18th Austrian Exporter's Day of the Aussenwirtschaft Österreich (AWO), which had to exceptionally take place virtually/online for this year. As usual, the Exporttag was an important experts' platform for informational exchange, presentation and consultation with companies, enterprises and the public.

26 February 2020: Networking / Austria- Italy

AACC received the Italy-based company **FuturaSun** srl and discussed mutual cooperation and projects in the Arab region. The parties agreed to strengthen their relationship in order to build fruitful cooperation for more market activities in the Arab region.

13 February 2020: UAC / UNODC- UNOV Meeting



On February 13th 2020, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)/Director General of the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV) and former Egyptian Minister for Social Solidarity H.E. Mrs. Ghada Fathi Waly received a delegation from the Union of Arab Chambers (UAC), represented by UAC Secretary General Dr. Khaled Hanafy and AACC Secretary General Eng. Mouddar Khouja. During the meeting, Mrs. Waly was briefed on the role of Arab and Joint chambers and their scope of work, with a focus on AACC and its various activities. Several means of collaboration and future UNODC-AACC partnerships were outlined. Dr. Waly expressed UNODC's interest in strengthening the office's cooperation with AACC, particularly in terms of holding joint events and establishing a connection between UNODC and the Austrian society and business community.

12 February 2020: UAC/ EUROCHAMBRES



On February 12th 2020, the President of the Association of European Chambers of Commerce & Industry (EUROCHAMBRES) Dr. Christoph Leitl received a delegation from the Union of Arab Chambers (UAC) at his office in Vienna, represented by UAC Secretary General Dr. Khaled Hanafy, the President of AACC Senator Dr. Richard Schenz, and AACC Secretary General Eng. Mouddar Khouja. During the meeting, an overview of the respective institutions and their activities were presented, and mutual economic, cultural and scientific cooperation prospects were outlined. It was agreed to organise several bilateral events and to issue joint economic reports and publications.