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## **AACC Secretary-General Visits the Director-General of the OPEC Fund for Industrial Development (OFID)**

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On 21 December 2022, AACC Secretary-General **Eng. Mouddar Khouja** paid a courtesy visit to **H.E. Dr. Abdulhamid Alkhalifa**, Director-General of the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) to discuss **avenues of cooperation between AACC & OFID**. SG Khouja presented the Chamber's role and objectives and provided an **overview of Austria's and Europe's economy** in light of the current global conflicts, as well as the consequent **challenges** expected to arise.

From his side, **H.E. Dr. Alkhalifa** elaborated on **OFID's projects implemented by private sector companies** across OFID's 125 partner countries, which constitutes a major field for an AACC-OFID cooperation. H.E. Dr. Alkhalifa also presented OFID's plan with regards to **low-carbon and alternative energy**, including securing such energy sources in the countries where OFID operates, in addition to the pressing matter of **food supply and food security** for certain countries.



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H.E. DG Alkhalifa also discussed with SG Khouja ways to **bring OFID's crucial scope of work and activities under the spot** within the Viennese and Austrian business community through organising **joint high-level events**. The two delved into prospects for **funding** a number of **projects**, and DG Alkhalifa reiterated **OFID's continued support for and participation in AACC's activities**.

Worthy of mentioning is **OFID's expansion** to include another building right next to its premises on the Ringstrasse, one of Vienna's most renowned streets in the city centre.