

Report:**AACC Secretary-General Participates in the “4th Economic Forum Brazil & Arab Countries: Heritage & Innovation”***04 July 2022**São Paulo, Brazil*

Under the motto "**Heritage and Innovation**", the 4th edition of the “**Economic Forum Brazil & Arab Countries**” took place on 4 July 2022 in **São Paulo, Brazil**, organised by the **Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce** in cooperation with the **Union of Arab Chambers** and the **League of Arab States**. This year's forum, which coincides with the **70th anniversary of the establishment of the Chamber**, shed light on the future of Arab-Brazilian partnerships.

The forum was marked by the participation of numerous **high-level officials and representatives of the Brazilian and Arab economic and political landscapes**, including

ministers, chairpersons, vice presidents and secretaries-general of Arab and joint chambers of commerce, directors of banks and institutions, as well as a video message from the **Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro**.



Among the forum's working sessions was a **special panel** dedicated to the **Arab Chambers**, which was moderated by **Eng. Mouddar Khouja**, Secretary-General of the Austro- Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC), who stressed the need to adapt to the repercussions and changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure more growth, especially bearing in mind the skyrocketing inflation in energy and food prices due to the war in Ukraine. This session featured **H.E. Senator Nael Al-Kabariti**, Chairman of Jordan Chamber, **H.E. Mr. Samir Abdullah Nass**, First Vice-President of the Federation of Arab Chambers and Chairman of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry, **H.E. Mr. Rida bin Juma Al Saleh**, Chairman of Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and **H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafy**, Secretary-General of the Union of Arab Chambers and former Egyptian Minister of Supply and Internal Trade.



Towards the end of this session, a **Memorandum of Understanding** (electronic cooperation agreement) was signed between the Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce and the Joint Arab-Foreign Chambers on the “**Easy Trade**” tool, a **blockchain platform for processing documents pertaining to exports to Arab countries**.