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## Report: High-level Round Table on the Occasion of the Visit of the Saudi Minister of Commerce to Austria



In cooperation with the Royal Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Vienna, the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC) had the honour of organising a high-level round table on the occasion of the visit of **H.E. Dr. Majid Bin Abdullah Alkasabi**, Minister of Commerce of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi-Arabia, which took place on Wednesday 29 September 2021 at Ritz Carlton-Vienna and was moderated by **AACC Secretary-General Mr. Muddar Khouja**. Secretary-General Khouja welcomed the high-level Saudi delegation consisting of **H.E. Minister Dr. Alkasabi**, **H.E. Dr. Eman Habbas Al Mutairi**, Vice Minister of Commerce, **Mr. Badr Abdulmuhsen A. Haddab**, Assistant Minister of Commerce, and **Mr. Abdulrahman Alhajailan**, First Secretary and Head of Political Department at the Royal Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Vienna.

**H.E. Minister Dr. Alkasabi** highlighted the Kingdom's openness to expansion, reform and advancement, whereas **H.E. Dr. Al Mutairi** elaborated on the major reforms implemented in the Kingdom over the last few years and the paramount role of the National Competitiveness Center established in 2019, with the aim of developing and enhancing the

Kingdom’s competitiveness environment and raising its ranking in global reports and indicators.

The Austrian side was represented by **Ms. Maria Mittermair**, AACC Vice-President and Senior Vice President of **OMV**; **Mrs. Bernadette Gierlinger**, Director of Global Sales & Process Management at **VAMED Engineering GmbH** and former Director-General at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Economy; **Mr. Andreas Ramharter**, AACC Board member and Executive Vice President of **ILF Consulting Engineering**, and **Mr. Martin Woller**, Regional Director for Middle East & Africa at **WKO - ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA**.



Moreover, directors and representatives of the following prominent Austria-based companies participated in the high-level roundtable: **VA TECH WABAG GmbH**, **Grünes Licht GmbH**, **DAS Energy GmbH**, **Bags Grain Handels AG**, **Battenfeld-Cincinnati Austria GmbH**, **Siemens Energy Austria GmbH**, **Siemens Mobility Austria GmbH**. Each representative had the opportunity to present their company profile, highlight previous and current projects in the Kingdom, pose questions, and convey concerns and challenges faced. H.E. Minister Dr. Alkasabi and H.E. Dr. Al Mutairi attended to all questions and promised to address all the issues raised by the companies’ representatives.

