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Activities of the AACC in 2022



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22 November: High-level Panel on Business & Innovation in the UAE Organised by AACC



AACC organised a high-level panel entitled “**New Business Horizons & Innovations in the United Arab Emirates**”, which was held place in-person at Palais Eschenbach in Vienna and simultaneously online via Zoom. Moderated by **SG Mouddar Khouja**, the Panel was marked by welcome remarks from AACC President Senator **Dr. Richard Schenz** and the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates in Vienna **H.E. Mr. Hamad Alkaabi**. Presentations were delivered by **Mr. Thomas Gangl**, Ceo of Borealis, and **Mr. Markus Susilo** and **Mr. Alessandro Valente** from Crowe UAE. The event was supported by **OMV AG** and **Crowe UAE**.



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22 November: 31st General Assembly of Members, together with 32nd Meeting of Board of Directors of AACC



AACC held its **31st General Assembly Meeting** together with the **32nd Meeting of the Board of Directors** in-person at Palais Eschenbach in Vienna and simultaneously online via Zoom. Welcome remarks and speeches were delivered by AACC Founder and Arab President **H.E. KR Nabil Kuzbari**, AACC Austrian President **H.E. Sen. Dr. Richard Schenz**, Secretary-General of the Union of Arab Chambers (UAC) **H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafi**, and **H.E. Mr. Mohammed Elmolla**, Current Chair of the Arab Ambassadors Council in Vienna and Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Austria. Reports were presented by **Secretary General Mr. Mouddar Khouja** and **Treasurer Mr. Wolfgang Kaburek**.



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21 November: Company visit to ebs sewage water treatment plant with Arab Ambassadors | Vienna - Austria



AACC organized a company visit to **ebs sewage water treatment plant** in Vienna. The high-level delegation consisted of **H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafi**, the Secretary General of the Union of Arab Chambers, in addition of Their Excellencies Ambassadors and Diplomats from **Algeria, Egypt, Kuwait and Oman**.





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20 November: Reception & Dinner of the Occasion of the Opening Ceremony of the FIFA World Cup 2022 / Vienna - Austria



SG Khouja together with **H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafi** attended the Reception and Dinner held at the Marriott Hotel upon invitation by **H.E. Mr. Sultan Salmeen Almansouri**, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Austria.



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15 November: Meeting with the Ambassador of Iraq | Vienna - Austria



AACC Secretary General was invited for a meeting with **H.E. Mr. Baker Fatah Hussen**, the Ambassador of Republic of Iraq to Austria, at the embassy's premises, to discuss a range of various topics.



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11 November: AACC organizes meeting with Oman Ambassador & Austrian Travel Association |

Vienna - Austria



AACC organised a meeting with **H.E. Mr. Yousuf Aljabri**, the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Austria, **Dr. Wafa Elewa** from the embassy’s economic section, and **Ms. Eva Buzzi**, the President of the Austrian Travel Association, to present the Oman Tourist Portfolio & Vision and to discuss scopes of future cooperation in the tourist sector.



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8 November: Company visits to Burgenland with the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates & the Austria-United Arab Emirates Society | Burgenland - Austria



AACC Secretary General Khouja participated in a one-day company visit program with **H.E. Hamad Alkaabi**, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Austria, organised by the Austria-United Arab Emirates Society under the lead of **H.E. Mr. Hans Niessl**, former governor of Burgenland and President of the society, and its Secretary General **Senator Walter Gerbautz**. They paid visits to **Kludi**, **Burgenland Energie**, **St. Martins Therme & Lodge** and **Perlinger Gemüse**.



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31 October: Company visit to Perlinger Gemüse GmbH with Arab Ambassadors
Burgenland - Austria



AACC organised a company visit to **Perlinger Gemüse GmbH** in Wallern, located in the Austrian province of Burgenland, exclusively for Their Excellencies the Arab Ambassadors in Austria. Supported by **H.E. Mr. Hans Niessl**, the former governor of Burgenland, the delegation consisted of T.E. the Ambassadors & Diplomats from **Algeria, Iraq, Oman, Sudan, Qatar and Yemen**.



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25 October: Participation in Annual Coordination Meeting of the Secretaries General of the Joint Foreign-Arab Chambers of Commerce | Athens - Greece



AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja participated in the Annual **Coordination Meeting of the Secretaries General of Joint Foreign-Arab Chambers** in Greece, which was held in the context of the 11th Arab-Hellenic Economic Forum, where he also chaired a **roundtable discussion** with Their Excellencies Arab Ambassadors.



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18 October: HRH Prince ALSAUD Receives AACC Secretary-General to Discuss Energy Matters & Enhancing Austro-Saudi Relations | Vienna-Austria



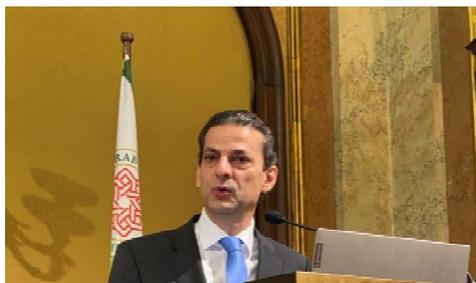
His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Bin Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdel-Aziz AL SAUD, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Austria received AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja at the premises of the Royal Saudi Embassy in Vienna. The constructive discussions between HRH Prince Al Saud and SG Khouja sought to elaborate on matters pertaining to **energy** and **facilitations proposed by AACC** for Austrian companies and businesspersons exporting to the Kingdom, among other pressing issues.



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14 October: AACC Secretary-General Pays a Courtesy Visit to the Lebanese Ambassador to Austria to discuss Libano-Austrian Relations | Vienna-Austria



H.E. Mr. Ibrahim ASSAF, Ambassador of the Lebanese Republic to Austria, received AACC Secretary-General Mr. Khouja at the premises of the Lebanese Embassy in Vienna. The fruitful deliberations between H.E. Amb. Assaf and SG Khouja touched on the **latest updates on the situation in Lebanon** and concrete measures which seek to **facilitate export procedures** for Austrian companies and businesspersons exporting products and services to Lebanon.



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12 October: The Yemeni Ambassador to Austria Receives AACC Secretary-General at the Yemeni Embassy's Premises | Vienna - Austria



AACC Secretary-General Mr. Khouja met with H.E. Mr. Haytham Shoja'aadin, Ambassador of the Republic of Yemen to Austria, at the premises of the embassy. The deliberations between SG Khouja and H.E. Amb. Shoja'aadin revolved around the **latest updates on the situation in Yemen and concrete measures aimed at facilitating export procedures** for Austrian companies exporting products and services to Yemen.



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7 October: AACC Secretary-General Visits the Omani Ambassador to Discuss Cooperation Avenues between Austria & Oman | Vienna - Austria



AACC Secretary-General Mr. Khouja visited **H.E. Mr. Yousuf Ahmed ALJABRI**, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Austria. The two discussed several means of strengthening **cooperation between Austria and Oman** on various levels, including **facilitations for** Austrian companies and businesspersons **exporting to** the Sultanate.



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23 September: AACC Secretary-General Discusses Strengthening Austro-Emirati Relations with the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Austria | Vienna - Austria



AACC Secretary-General Khouja was received by **H.E. Mr. Hamad ALKAABI**, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Austria, at the premises of the embassy. Among the topics they discussed during this meeting were **food security**, tools to enhance **cooperation between Austria and the UAE** on various levels, **facilitations** for Austrian companies and businesspersons exporting to the UAE, as well as **planned visits** to various relevant institutions.



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23 September: AACC Secretary-General Visits the Iraqi Ambassador to Austria to Discuss Enhancing Austro-Iraqi Relations | Vienna - Austria



AACC Secretary-General Eng. Khouja paid a courtesy visit to **H.E. Mr. Baker Fattah HUSSEN**, Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to Austria. The deliberations of this constructive meeting focused on concrete steps towards easing export procedures for Austrian companies exporting products and services to Iraq.



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19 – 22 September: AACC Secretary-General Meets his Counterparts in Athens & Brussels to Discuss Various Joint Actions | Athens & Brussels



With the aim of discussing the **facilitation of processing export documents**, AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja and Secretary-General of the Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce **Mr. Tamer Mansour**, accompanied by a delegation from the Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce, visited their counterparts the Secretaries-General of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Development **Mr. Rashad Mabger** and the Secretary-General of Arab-Belgian-Luxemburg Chamber of Commerce (ABLCC) **Mr. Qaisar Hijazin**, in Athens and Brussels respectively.



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15-19 September: AACC Secretary-General Receives a Delegation from the Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce | Vienna, Austria



Between 15-18 September, a delegation from the **Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce** headed by its Secretary-General **Mr. Tamer Mansour** visited the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC) at its premises in Vienna.



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9 September: AACC Organises the “Ambassadors’ Meeting at Vienna School for International Studies” | Vienna - Austria



AACC organised the **“Ambassadors’ Meeting at Vienna School of International Studies”**, in collaboration with Vienna School of International Studies (Diplomatische Akademie Wien), which was marked by the participation of the **Austrian ambassadors to Algeria, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen**, as well as a number of **Arab embassies**, represented mostly by Their Excellencies the Ambassadors or the diplomats in charge of bilateral relations.



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29 August: AACC Secretary-General Pays a Courtesy Visit to the Newly-appointed Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Austria | Vienna, Austria



AACC Secretary-General Eng. Khouja paid a courtesy visit to **H.E. Ambassador Talal Sulaiman Alfassam**, the newly-appointed Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Austria and Permanent Representative to the International Organisations in Vienna.



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22 August: SG meets with His Royal Highness the Saudi Ambassador to Austria | Vienna, Austria



AACC Secretary-General Mr. Khouja was received by **His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Bin Khaled Al Saud**, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Austria, in the premises of the embassy, to discuss scopes of cooperation in various fields and projects in the Kingdom such as NEOM and others.



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10 August: Courtesy Visit of the Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to Austria |Vienna,

Austria



AACC Secretary-General Eng. Khouja received **H.E. Ambassador Magdi Ahmed Mofadal**, the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to Austria and Permanent Representative to the International Organisations in Vienna, at AACC premises.



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29 July: AACC Secretary-General Receives Egypt Trust’s Director-General |Vienna - Austria



AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja received **Mr. Mohammed Kiwan**, Director-General of **Egypt Trust** for digital identity management and digital signature services. This visit was arranged by CEO of a-consult **Mr. Albert Kronberger** and **Mr. Walter von Weber** from Secunet, who accompanied Mr. Kiwan on his visit.



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4 July: AACC Secretary-General Participates in the “4th Economic Forum Brazil & Arab Countries: Heritage and Innovation” | São Paulo-Brazil



Under the motto "Heritage and Innovation", the fourth 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.



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Among the forum’s working sessions was a **special panel** dedicated to the **Arab Chambers**, which was moderated by AACC Secretary-General Di Mouddar Khouja.



Towards the end of this session, a **Memorandum of Understanding** 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.



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29 June: Virtual Economic Forum "Tunisia-Austria" - Promoting Business and Investment Cooperation in High Value Activities in the Electrical, Electronic & IT Sectors



Organised by the **Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia in Vienna** and AACC in cooperation with the **Tunisian Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA Tunisia)**, the **Virtual Economic Forum** featured **high-level officials from various Tunisian ministries** and senior representatives of Tunisian institutions, with the participation of interested Austrian companies.



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21 June: AACC Secretary-General Participates in the Business Round Table Organised on the Occasion of the Visit of the Saudi Minister of Industry to Vienna



On the occasion of the **visit of the Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia H.E. Mr. Bandar Bin Ibrahim Alkhorayef** to Vienna, a Round Table was organised by the **Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO)**. Secretary General Eng. Khouja was participating in this meeting.



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20 June: AACC Arab President KR Kuzbari receives the Saudi Minister of Industry & HRH the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Austria



AACC Founder and Arab President **H.E. KR Mr. Nabil KUZBARI** and **Mr. Louai KUZBARI**, member of AACC Board of Directors, welcomed the Minister of Industry of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia **H.E. Mr. Bandar Bin Ibrahim ELKHORAYEF** and his team at President Kuzbari's residence. **HRH Prince Abdullah bin Khaled AL SAUD**, Ambassador of KSA to Austria, together with AACC Secretary-General Mr. Mouddar KHOUJA, joined the dinner.



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13 June: AACC organises and hosts a meeting between Austrian Companies and the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Austria



AACC organised and hosted at its premises a meeting between **ILF Consulting Engineers Austria GmbH**, **TG Mess-, Steuer- und Regeltechnik GmbH**, and **H.E. Ambassador Yousuf Aljabri**, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Austria, accompanied by **Dr. Mag. Wafaa Elewa** from the Economic Affairs Office at the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in Vienna



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31 May: Workshop "Exchanging Knowledge & Expertise in the Field of Cybersecurity" | Vienna -

Austria



AACC held a **one-day-workshop** entitled “**Exchanging Knowledge & Expertise in the Field of Cybersecurity**” at Palais Eschenbach in Vienna and simultaneously online (hybrid). Coordinated by AACC Secretary General Eng. Mouddar Khouja, this high-level was marked by the attendance of **H.E. KR Nabil Kuzbari**, and the participation of **H.E. Ms. Ghada Waly**, along with **AACC President Dr. Richard Schenz**, **H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafi**, **H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Assaf**, in addition to many other high-level panelists.



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Sponsors:



From left to right: AACC Founder & Arab President H.E. KR Nabil Kuzbari, H.E. Ambassador Ibrahim Assaf, H.E. Mag. Wolfgang Ebner, H.E. Ms. Ghada Waly, H.E. Sen. Dr. Richard Schenz & Eng. Mouddar Khouja



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27 - 31 March: AACC holds the “Arab Chambers’ Day” Event at Expo 2020 Dubai – Austrian Pavilion in the Context of the “Arab Chambers Week” | Dubai – United Arab Emirates



In collaboration with the **Expo Office of the Austrian Federal Economic Chambers (WKO)** and the **Union of Arab Chambers (UAC)**, and in the framework of the **“Arab Chambers Week”**, the **Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC)** held the **“Arab Chambers’ Day”** event on 27 March 2022, at the **Austrian Pavilion** at Expo 2020 Dubai. **AACC** was represented by **H.E. President Sen. Dr. Richard Schenz** and **Secretary-General Mr. Mouddar Khouja**.



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Moreover, the **4th edition of the bi-annual “World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum (WEIF 2022)”** with a massive participation of 400 official and economic figures from all over the world, including **AACC President and Secretary-General** and a delegation of prominent Austrian companies.



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From left to right: Mr. Mohammed Chatti, H.E. Dr. Hanafi, H.E. KR Nabil Kuzbari (back row) H.E. Mr. Abdullah Al Sabeeh, SG Khouja (front row)

AACC Secretary-General Mr. Mouddar Khouja signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with **Mr. Abdullah Al Sabeeh**, Director of the **Arab Investment & Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (DHAMAN)**,. The ceremony was honoured by the presence of **H.E. KR Nabil Kuzbari**, AACC Founder & Arab President, **H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafi**, Secretary-General of the Union of Arab Chambers (UAC), and **Mr. Mohammed Chatti**, Director of Operations Department at DHAMAN.



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15 March: President and SG Hybrid Meeting with President of the Federation of Saudi Chambers of Commerce | Riyadh – Saudi-Arabia



The **Federation of Saudi Chambers of Commerce (FSCC)** welcomed **AACC-President Schenz** in person and **SG Khouja** (via Zoom). President Schenz shed light on the interest of the Austrian companies in cooperation with Kingdom of Saudi Arabia shown within presence of 30 companies joining the Ministerial Delegation to KSA.



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22 February: Webinar on UAE’s new corporate tax and company law



AACC member and partner **CROWE UAE** held a one-hour introductory Webinar under the title “Shedding a light on the latest developments in Corporate Tax and Company Law in the United Arab Emirates”, in which AACC Secretary-General participated as a panelist. The webinar served as an eye opener to the fast-changing regulatory space in the UAE as GCC economies undergo a transformation from revenue generating economies into real economies.



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10 February: Cooperation between AACC & DHAMAN



The Secretary-General of the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce Eng. Moudsar Khouja had an online meeting with high-level representatives of the **Arab Investment & Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (DHAMAN)** to inquire about scopes of potential cooperation and guarantees for foreign companies with projects in Arab countries.



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16-17 January: Joint Arab-Foreign Chambers Meetings at LAS HQ | Cairo - Egypt



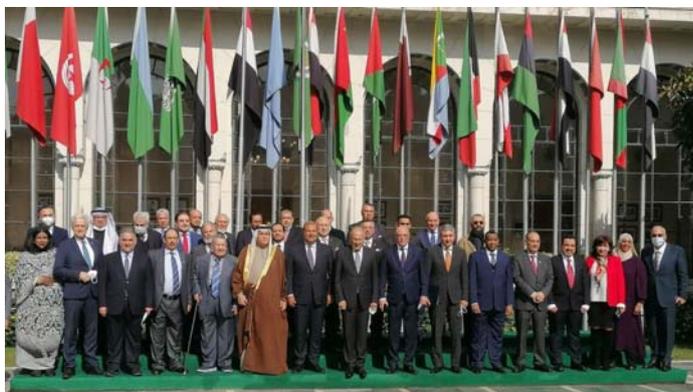
AACC Secretary-General Mr. Mouddar Khouja participated in the “**Meeting of the Secretaries General of the Joint Arab-Foreign Chambers of Commerce**” and the “**Annual Coordination Meeting of the Joint Arab-Foreign Chambers of Commerce**”, which took place on January 16th and 17th, 2022 respectively at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States in Cairo.



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13 January: AACC Secretary General receives the CEO of Cyan Security Group |Vienna, Austria



The Secretary-General of the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce Eng. Mouddar Khouja received **Mr. Frank von Seth**, CEO of Cyan Security Group GmbH, a new AACC member. SG Khouja and Mr. von Seth discussed various means of cooperation between AACC and Cyan Security in the near future, namely in the field of digital seamless security and threat intelligence technology.



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10 January: Courtesy Visit of Head of GCC Mission in Vienna to AACC



AACC Secretary-General Mr. Mouddar Khouja received **H.E. Dr. Ali Abdulla Ebrahim Ali ALJAWDER**, Head of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Mission in Vienna, for a courtesy visit at AACC’s premises. The two agreed on taking joint concrete steps towards strengthening economic cooperation between Austria and the GCC, including through arranging reciprocal delegations’ visits. Dr. Aljawder commended AACC’s efforts and continuous work to bring the Austrian perspectives and those of the GCC countries closer to each other.