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**“Private Sector & Civil Society”**

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**First day 17/02/2009**

Time	Session	Subject	Speakers
8.30- 9.30		Registration	
10.00 -11.00	Opening Ceremony		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>H.H.Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammed Ah-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah</b> - Prime Minister – State of Kuwait.</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Mr.Amro Moussa</b> - General Secretary – League of Arab States.</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Adnan Al-Kassar</b> – President – Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture – Arab Private Sector Representative.</li> <li>- <b>H.E..Taher Al Masri</b> – Former Prime Minister – Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.- Representative of Arab Civil Society</li> <li>- <b>HE Mirvat Tellawi</b>, General Coordinator, The Arab Economic Summit</li> </ul>
11.00-11.30	<b>Keynote Speech by Mrs Jozet Shiran, Executive Director, World food program</b>		
11.30-12.00	Coffee Break		
12.00 -13.30	<p><b>First Session :</b></p> <p><b>The Global Financial Crisis &amp; Role of Arab Financial institutions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Impact of the Financial crisis, on the Arab Economies .</li> <li>2. Prospects for an inward flow of Arab investments.</li> <li>3. Role of Sovereign Wealth Funds.</li> <li>4. Role of the Arab Countries in the Development of a new world financial order.</li> <li>5. Coordinating Economic policies to overcome the crisis.</li> <li>6. Role of financial institutions in mitigating the effect of the international financial crisis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Chairman: H.E. Sheikh Salem Abdul -Aziz</b> – Governor of Central Bank of Kuwait.</li> <li>- <b>Speakers:</b></li> <li>1. <b>H.E. Dr. Jassim Al Mannai</b> - Director General– Chairman of the Board - Arab Monetary Fund, UAE</li> <li>2. <b>Ms. Daniela Gressani</b>, Vice President of Middle East &amp; North Africa Region MENA – World Bank.</li> <li>3. <b>H.E. Sheikh Saleh Kamel</b>- President, Islamic Chamber of Commerce &amp; industry, KSA</li> <li>- <b>Reporter : Dr. Ali Soliman</b> - Former First Secretary – Ministry of international Cooperation.</li> </ul>
13.30 –15.00	<p><b>Second Session</b></p> <p><b>Trade and Investment Issues</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Removing obstacles to the three movement of goods , capital and Manpower within the Arab world.</li> <li>2. Challenges facing the growth of Inter-Arab trade in goods &amp; services , and policy priority.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chairman: H.E. Eng. Rachid Mohamed Rachid</b>, Minister of trade and industry, Egypt.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>H.E. Dr. Ahmad Guaeli</b> - General Secretary Council of Arab Economic Union, Egypt</li> </ul>

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		3. The Road map for setting up an Arab Common Market.	<p>2. <b>Ms. Ritva Reinikka</b>, Director of Social &amp; Economic Development Group - Middle East &amp; North Africa Region - World Bank.</p> <p>3. <b>Mr. Hedi Djilani</b> - President of Tunisian Union of Industry and Commerce and Traditional Industries, Tunisia</p> <p>4. <b>Mr. Marzouk Nasser Al Kharafi</b> – Vice President– Mohammed Abdulmohsin Al Kharafi &amp; sons Group, Chairman &amp; Managing Director – Kuwait Food Co – Americana, Kuwait</p> <p><b>Reporter: Dr. Faika Al Refaie</b> - Former Deputy Governor of Egyptian Central Bank, Egypt</p>
15.00-16.00	<b>Lunch : Hosted By Association of Kuwait Banks</b>		
16.00 - 17.30	<p><b>Third Session</b></p> <p><b>Arab Food Security &amp; Agriculture Policies</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Developing the right agricultural policies and increasing investment in agriculture.</li> <li>2. Means of achieving Arab food self sufficiency and building up a food reserve.</li> <li>3. The potential of joint Arab agricultural and food production projects.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Chairman: Prof. Dr. Adel El-Beltagy</b>, Chair, Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr. Jacques Diouf</b>, General Director, Food &amp; Agriculture Organization (FAO), Italy</li> <li>2. <b>Mr. Lennart Bage</b>, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Italy</li> <li>3. <b>H.E. Mohamed Abdallahi Weld Yaha</b>, Former Minister of Investment, Mauritania.</li> <li>4. <b>H.E. Dr. Salem Al Lozi</b>, Director General, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), Sudan</li> <li>5. <b>Dr. Mahmoud Solh</b>, General Manager, International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas -ICARDA, Syria</li> <li>6. <b>Mr. Ali Said AL Sharhan</b>, President, The Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID), UAE</li> </ol> <p><b>Reporter: H.E. Dr. Ahmed Ali Genief</b>, Former Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Sudan.</p>
17:30- 19:00	<p><b>Fourth Session</b></p> <p><b>Energy</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New and renewable energy (solar and wind energy) in the Arab world.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Chairman: Mr. Suleiman Jasir Al-Herbish</b>, General Director , OPEC Fund for International Development, Austria</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p>

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		2. The oil and gas demand and price outlook. 3. Oil and gas development projects. 4. The inter-Arab electric power grid and its economic importance. 5. Nuclear power prospects and projects.	1. <b>HE Dr. Hisham Al Khatib</b> , Former Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, Jordan 2. <b>Dr. Adnan Shihab El-Din</b> , Former General Secretary, OPEC, Austria 3. <b>Dr.Eng. Hani Mohmoud Al-Nekrashi</b> , Director of The Egyptian Centre for Solar Energy Research. 4. <b>Mr. Ali Aissaoui</b> , Head of Economics & Research – APICORP, KSA  <b>Reporter: Eng. Jamila Matar</b> , Head of Energy Division, League of Arab States
8:30	<b>Dinner: Hosted by Al Mabani Company at the New Avenues Mall</b>		

**Second Day 18/02/2009**

Time	Session	Subject	Speakers
09:00-10:30	<b>Fifth Session</b>  <b>Transport (Road, Railroad, Air and Maritime Networks)</b>	1.The ITSAM integrated transport system. 2.Arab land transport: Problems and development prospects. 3.Arab maritime transport and global challenges. 4. World Liberalizing air transport services within the Arab	<b>Chairman: H.E. Abdullatif Al Hamed</b> , Chairman and General Manager, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Kuwait  <b>Speakers:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>H.E. Abdulrahim Al Zouari</b>, Minister of Transport, Tunisia</li> <li>2. <b>HE Dr. Essam Sharaf</b>, Former Minister of Transport, Egypt</li> <li>3. <b>Dr. Rashad-Rudolf Kaldany</b>, Vice President-ME &amp; North Africa and Global Infrastructure Cluster, IFC</li> <li>4. <b>Mr.Abdulwahab Tuffaha</b>, Secretary General , Federation of Air Transfer, Lebanon</li> <li>5. <b>Captain Samuel Salloum</b> , Co-Chairman, GCEL, Switzerland</li> <li>6. <b>Mr. Bashar Al-Rayhani</b>, Manager of Transport Department, Dar Al Handasa (Representing Ben Laden Group), Lebanon</li> <li>7. <b>Mr. Samer Houry</b>, Executive Vice President, Consolidated Contractors International Company.</li> <li>8. <b>Admiral Mahmoud Hatem Al Kadi</b>, President, Arab</li> </ol> <b>Reporter: Dr. Ahmad Mohammad Farhat</b> , Institute of

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			National Planning
10.30 – 12.00	<b>Sixth Session</b> <b>Water Resources, Environment &amp; Climate Change</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The gap between available water resources and future needs.</li> <li>2. Preserving maritime resources and achieving sustainable development.</li> <li>3. The expected impact of climate change on the Arab countries and the required policy response</li> </ol>	<p><b>Chairman: H.E. Mohamed Elyazghi</b>, Minister of State, Morocco</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>H.E. Kamal Ali Mohamad</b>, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources, Sudan</li> <li>2. <b>Mr. John M. Powell</b>, Deputy Executive Director – External Affairs and Resource Development Department, World Food Program (WFP)</li> <li>3. <b>Mr. Rafic Ali Saleh</b>, Director , ACSAD</li> <li>4. <b>Dr. Imaddine Adly</b>, General Coordinator, Arab Net for Environment and Development</li> </ol> <p><b>Reporter: Mrs. Fatma Al Mallah</b>, General Secretariat, League of Arab States</p>
12.00- 12.30	<b>Keynote Speech by H.E Fuaad Al-Sanyoura , Prime Minister of Lebanon</b>		
12.30-12.45	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
12.45 – 14.00	<b>Seventh Session</b> <b>Education and Scientific Research</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upgrading Education Curriculum.</li> <li>2. The brain-drain problem and how to deal with it.</li> <li>3. The current state of scientific and technical research in the Arab World.</li> <li>4. The importance of prioritizing science and technology studies in the region.</li> <li>5. Molding higher education to meet labor market et labor market requirements.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Chairman:</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>HE Dr. Al Azhar Boawni</b>, Minister of Education and Scientific Research, Tunisia</li> <li>2. <b>Mr. Francis Gurry</b>, President, World Intellectual Property Organization</li> <li>3. <b>Prof. Mark Bray</b>, Director, Unesco/International Institute for Educational Planning</li> <li>4. <b>Mr. Mourad Ezzeni</b>, Education Sector Manager, Human Development Department, Middle East and North Africa Region, The World Bank</li> <li>5. <b>Dr. Faeka Said Saleh</b>, Advisor to the Secretary General, Director of Education and Scientific Research Division,</li> </ol>

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			League of Arab States <b>Reporter : Dr. Mubarak Ali Majzoub</b> , General Secretary, Federation of Scientific Research Council, Sudan
14.00 – 15.30	<b>Eighth Session :</b>  <b>Arab Youth Issues</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Education, training and employment issues.</li> <li>2. Measures to protect Arab youth from drugs and transmitted diseases.</li> <li>3. Promoting the role of Arab youth in economic and social development.</li> <li>4. Young Arab immigrants and their role in development.</li> </ol>	<b>Chairman: HE Dr. Sultan Al Dosiry</b> , Minister of Labor, Qatar ,and President of Doha Forum for Development  <b>Speakers:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>H.E. Mr. Ahmed Lukman</b>, General Manager, Arab Labor Organization</li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Mark Drabenstott</b> , Chairman, Organization of Economic Cooperation Development.</li> <li>3. <b>H.E. Mr. Khalil bin Abdullah AL Khonji</b>, Presdient, Federation of Chambers of Commerce in Oman, Sultanate of Oman</li> <li>4. <b>Mr. Mohammed Abdul Aziz Al Shaya</b>, Mohammad Hmoud Al Shaya Company</li> <li>5. <b>Mr. Nasser AL Qahtani</b>, Executive Director, Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations AGFUND, KSA</li> <li>6. <b>Mr. Khaled Al Wheishy</b>, Director of Population Policy and Migration Department, League of Arab States</li> <li>7. <b>Ms. Samar Mizghani</b>, Arab Youth Council for Integrated Development, Tunisia</li> </ol> <b>Reporter: Mr. Ahmed El Hindawy</b> , Jordan
15.30 – 17.00	<b>Lunch Banquet hosted by the Kuwaiti Organizing Committee</b>		