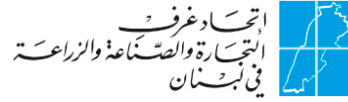




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H.E. Mr. Saad Hariri

## The Saudi Lebanese Forum

(5<sup>th</sup> Session)

Phoenicia Intercontinental Hotel, Lebanon  
27-28 October, 2009

### AGENDA

#### MONDAY: 26 OCTOBER 2009

17:00-19:00 Registration of participants at Phoenicia Intercontinental Hotel, Lebanon

#### DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2009

08:30-09:45 Registration of participants at Phoenicia Intercontinental Hotel, Lebanon

##### 10:00-11:00 Opening Ceremony:

- Mr. Raouf Abou Zaki, General Manager, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group
- Mr. Mohammed Al-Zaatari, President of Federation of the Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Lebanon
- Mr. Mohammed AbdulKader Al Fadl, Chairman of Council of Saudi Chambers
- H.E. Adnan Kassar, President of Lebanese Economic Organizations
- H.E. Dr. Abdullah Bin Ahmed Zainal Ali Reza, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Saudi Arabia
- H.E. Sheikh Saad Hariri, Premier-Designate, Lebanon

##### Awards Ceremony:

- H.E. Dr. Abdullah Bin Ahmed Zainal Ali Reza, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Saudi Arabia
- H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Khoja, Minister of Information and Education in Saudi Arabia, received by HE Ali S.Awadh Asseri, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia in Lebanon
- H.E. Mr. Nehme Y. Tohme, President, Almabani General Contractors Co.
- Mr. Mohammed Abdulkader Al Fadl, President of Council of Saudi Chambers, Saudi Arabia
- Eng. Henry Sarkissian, CEO, Arabian BEMCO Contracting Co. Ltd.
- Saudi Fund for Development, received by: Mr. Saleh Al-Addad, Marketing & Information Department Manager, Saudi Exports Program

11:00-11:30 Inauguration of the Conference Exhibition

11:30-11:45 Keynote Speech: The Lebanese Economy and Future Prospects

- H.E. Dr. Mohamad Chatah, Minister of Finance, Lebanon

**11:45-13:00 Session I: Business and Investment Opportunities in Saudi Arabia and Lebanon**

- The foreign investment environment and its latest developments in both countries.
- The comparative advantage of the two countries in terms of the investment environment and investment opportunities.
- Future developments necessary in the investment environment in both countries.

**Moderator: H.E. Dr. Abdullah Ibrahim El Kuwaiz**, Economist and Former Saudi Ambassador

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Abdulrahman A. Al Zamil**, President, Saudi Export Development Center, Saudi Arabia
- **H.E. Mr. Nehme Y. Tohme**, President, Almabani General Contractors Co.
- **Eng. Nabil Itani**, Chairman – General Manager, Investment Development Authority of Lebanon (IDAL)
- **Dr. Alain Cordahi**, Vice President, Council for Development & Reconstruction, Lebanon

**13:00-14:00 Session II: Opportunities of the Cooperation and Investment between the two Countries in Industry and Commerce**

- Some main projects for private sector industrial investment and cooperation in both countries and opportunities for participation.
- Investment opportunities in the Special Economic Zones Saudi Arabia.
- The new national strategy for Industry in Saudi Arabia and its implications for private sector investment opportunities.
- Trade relations between the two countries and opportunities for developing them.

**Moderator: Mr. Fadi Abboud**, President, Association of Lebanese Industrialists

**Panelists:**

- **H.E. Mohammed Ahmad Tayeb**, Undersecretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia
- **Mr. Abdullah A. Al Hamoudi**, Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Saudi Arabia
- **Dr. Khalid M. Al-Sulaiman**, Deputy Minister for Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Saudi Arabia
- **Mr. Saleh Al-Addad**, Marketing & Information Department Manager, Saudi Exports Program – The Saudi Fund for Development
- **Dr. Faisal Alaquil**, Business Development Manager, Official Spokesperson, CPC, Saudi Arabia
- **Mr. Robert Debbas**, CEO, Cesar Debbas et Fils

**14:00 Lunch hosted by BLOM BANK at Phoenicia Intercontinental Hotel**

**20:30 Dinner hosted by H.E. Saad Hariri, Premier-Designate at Kraytem Residence (By invitation only).** The dinner witnessed the honoring of **Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Afaliq**, Chairman of Al Hussain and Al Afaliq Group in Saudi Arabia. On this occasion, The Council of Saudi Chambers presented **HE Saad Hariri** a commemorative shield, and Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group presented The Forum's Award to **H.E. Saad Hariri**.

## DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2009

### 9:30-10:45 **Session III: Cooperation Opportunities between Lebanon and Saudi Arabia in Banking and Finance**

- Role of Saudi investments in Lebanese banks.
- Existing relationships between Lebanese and Saudi banks and opportunities and expanding and developing these relations.
- Opportunities for cooperation in the finance and investment, and the insurance industry.

**Moderator: H.E. Sami Haddad**, Chairman & General Manager, Byblos Invest Bank, Lebanon

#### **Panelists:**

- **H.E. Dr. Jihad Azour**, Former Minister of Finance, Lebanon
- **Mr. Saad Azhari**, Chairman and General Manager, BLOM Bank, Lebanon
- **Mr. Nehme Sabbagh**, Executive General Manager, BankMed, Lebanon
- **Dr. Makram Sader**, Secretary General of the Association of Banks in Lebanon (ABL)
- **Mr. Walid Al Murshed**, Country Manager for Saudi Arabia, MENA - International Finance Corporation (IFC)

10:45-11:00 **Coffee Break**

### 11:00-12:15 **Session IV: Opportunities of Investment and Cooperation in Tourism**

- Opportunities and possible areas of cooperation between the two countries in the tourism activities.
- Tourism projects and prospect for investments in the tourism industry.

**Moderator: Dr. Nada Sardouk**, Undersecretary, Ministry of Tourism, Lebanon

#### **Panelists:**

- **Mr. Abdul Mohssen Alhakir**, President, Abdul Mohssen Alhakir and Sons Group, Saudi Arabia
- **Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Afaliq**, Chairman, Al Hussain and Al Afaliq Group, Saudi Arabia
- **Mr. Pierre Achkar**, President, Lebanese Hotels Owner Syndicate
- **Dr. Amine Moukarzel**, President of Flamingo Hotel Management Co., Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Golden Tulip Hospitality Group

### 12:15-13:30 **Session V: Opportunities for Investment and Cooperation in Real Estate**

- Opportunities in real estate development.
- Main infrastructure projects and mega projects - especially in Saudi Arabia - and the investment opportunities available.

**Moderator: Mr. Rachid Hassan**, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group

#### **Panelists:**

- **Mr. Hamed Al Showaier**, President, Hamad Showair Real Estate, Saudi Arabia
- **Mr. Nabil Sawabini**, Chairman and CEO, MENA Capital, Lebanon
- **Mr. Fawzi E. Farah**, Chief Executive Officer, Corporate Finance House, Lebanon
- **Mr. Raja Makarem**, Managing Partner, RAMCO, Lebanon
- **Mr. Khaled S. Al-Mobid**, General Manager and Executive Partner, Bussma Real-Estate Management Co. Ltd., Saudi Arabia

14:00 **Lunch hosted by Council of Saudi Chambers at Mandaloun Sur Mer (By invitation only)**