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Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal
Conferences

Under the patronage of H.E. President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali

Tunisia Economic Forum 2008

Karthago Palace Hotel, Carthage Tunisia
14-15 November 2008

The Agenda

Day One: Friday, November 14, 2008

08:30-09:30 **Registration of participants at Karthago Palace Hotel**

09:30-10:45 **Opening Ceremony:**

- **Mr. Raouf Abou Zaki**, General Manager, Al Iktissad Wal-Aamal, Lebanon
- **Forum's Patronage Speech: H.E. President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali : BY H.E. Mohamed Al Ghannouchi**, The Prime Minister
- **Mr. Hedi Djilani**, Head of the Tunisian Union of Industry and Commerce and Traditional Industries, Tunisia
- **Keynote Speech: Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Ali**, President, Islamic Development Bank, KSA
- **Keynote Speech: H.E. Abdulatif Al Hamad**, Chairman and General Manager, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD), Kuwait

Awards Ceremony:

- **Mr. Bashir Saleh Bashir**, Chairman, Libya Africa Investment Portfolio, Libya
- **Mr. Hichem Elloumi**, Chairman & CEO, Chakira Cable, Tunisia
- **Mr. Jacques Sarraf**, President, Union of Mediterranean Confederation of Enterprises (BUSINESSMED), Lebanon

10:45-11:15 **Inauguration of the conference exhibition and coffee break.**

11:15-12:15 **Panel I: Tunisia's Mediterranean Role**

Moderator: Mr. Jacques Sarraf, President, Union of Mediterranean Confederation of Enterprises (BUSINESSMED), Lebanon

Main Speaker: H.E. Mohamed Nouri Jouini, Minister of Development and International Cooperation, Tunisia

Panelists:

- **Mr. Faeq Naom**, Acting Manager, Kassab Co. for Financial Brokerage, Iraq
- **Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed**, Head of DW-World.de/Arabic, Deutsche Welle, Germany

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12:15-13:15 Panel II: Developments of the Tunisian Economy and Investment environment

Moderator: H.E. Abdulatif Al Hamad, Chairman and General Manager, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD), Kuwait

Panelists:

- **H.E. Houdou Abdoul BA**, Minister of Investment, Mauritania
- **Dr. Faysal Alaquil**, Director of Business Development, Construction Products Holding Co, KSA
- **Dr. Eng. Mustafa Sani Sener**, Group CEO, TAV Airport Holding, Turkey
- **Mr. Brahim Bendjaber**, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Algeria
- **Mr. Hichem Elloumi**, Chairman and CEO, Chakira Cable, Tunisia

13:15-14:15 Panel III: Major Projects in Tunisia and Role of Arab and Foreign Investments

Moderator: Dr. Elias Baroudi, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal, Lebanon

Keynote speech: Mr. Fouad Daghfous, First Consultant to the President of the Republic, Head of the Supreme Committee for Major Projects, Tunisia

Panelists:

- **H.E. Dr. Sidi Mohammed Ould Tah**, Minister of Economic Affairs & Development, Mauritania
- **Ms. Amina Larbi Ezzine**, Conseil Juridique, Gide Loyrette Nouel Tunisie

14:15-15:30 Lunch at Gammart Casino, Cartago Palace, Tunis

15:30-16:45 Panel IV: Banks in Tunisia, and the financing Role of Arab and International Funds and Financing Authorities

Moderator: Dr. Elias Baroudi, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group, Lebanon

Keynote speech: Mr. Hedi Zar, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia, Tunisia

Panelists:

- **Dr. Rami Saeed**, Director Country Operations Department, Islamic Development Bank, KSA
- **Mr. Hossam Shobokshi**, Managing Director, Principal Finance(Private Equity)-MENA, Standard Chartered Bank, UAE

16:45-17:45 Panel V: Role of the Financial Market in Tunisia in Funding and Attracting Investments.

Moderator: Mr. Ali Moussa Al Moussa, Chairman and Managing Director, Securities Group, Kuwait

Keynote Speech: H.E. Mohamed Rachid Kechich, Minister of Finance, Tunisia

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- **Mr. Reda Shalghoum**, Chairman, Capital Market Authority, Tunisia
- **Mr. Mohamed Béchiou**, General Director, Tunisia Stock Exchange, Tunisia
- **Mr. Suliman Al Shahomi**, Chairman, Capital Market Authority and Lybia Stock Exchange
- **Mr. Fathallah Berrada**, Chairman, Casablanca Stock Exchange, Morocco
- **Mr. Fadhel Abdelkefi**, General Manager, Tunisie Valeurs, Tunisia
- **Mr. Abdulmohsen Hayat**, Chairman, Finacorp, Tunisia

20.30 Dinner hosted by Ministry of Tourism, Tunisian at Karthago Palace Hotel

Day Two: Saturday, November 15, 2008

09:30-10:30 **Panel VI: Urban Development and the Role of Tunisian and Arab Private Contracting and Construction Industries**

Moderator: Dr. Faysal Alaquil, Secretary to the Board of Directors, Director of Business Development, Construction Products Holding Co (CPC), KSA

Keynote Speech: H.E. Slaheddine Malouche, Minister of Equipment and Housing and Land Management, Tunisia

Panelists:

- **Mr. Sultan Al Falahi**, Chairman, Akar Properties, UAE
- **Mr. Nassif Karam**, Chairman, Karam Contracting and Real Estate Development Group, Lebanon
- **Mr. Yacine Kana**, Chief Executive Officer, SODET Sud, Tunisia
- **Sheikh Ibrahim Bin Saedan**, President, Tunisian-Saudi Real Estate Company, Tunis

10:30-11:30 **Panel VII: Investment Opportunities in Health, Services, Communications, Information, Tourism and other services**

Keynote Speech: H.E. Mondher Zenaidi, Minister of Health, Tunisia

Panelists:

- **Mr. Nabil Chettaoui**, Chairman, Tunis Air, Tunisia
- **Dr. Mohamed Ben Laiba**, General Manager, Ministry of Public Health, Tunisia
- **Mr. Jawhar Al Ferjawi**, General Manager, Digital Economy, Ministry of Communication & Technologies, Tunisia

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:00 Open discussion with H.E. Mr. Mohamed Al Ghannouchi, Prime Minister (in the presence of Mr. Raouf Abou Zaki)

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