

THE ARAB -GERMAN BUSINESS FORUM PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 12th, 2013

18.00 h **Reception**
*Rotes Rathaus (Red Townhall)
Rathausstr., 10178 Berlin*

*H.E. Kamal Ahmed
Minister of Transportation & Acting Chief Executive of
Economic Development Board Bahrain*

19.30 h **Reception & Gala Dinner**
*at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel
Potsdamer Platz 3, 10785 Berlin*

Keynote

*H. E. Dr. Guido Westerwelle
Federal Foreign Minister*

10.30 h **Coffee Break**

11.00 h **Session 1**
*Security and ICT:
Saving the Future*

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08.30 h **Registration**
*at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel
Potsdamer Platz 3, 10785 Berlin*

Session 2
*Logistics & Mobility:
Moving Goods and Passengers*

09.30 h **Opening Ceremony**

*Dr. Thomas Bach
President, Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of
Commerce and Industry*

12.30 h **Networking Lunch**

14.00 h **Session 3**
*Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises:
Engine of Societies*

*H.E. Prof. Dr. med. Ossama bin Abdul Majed
Shobokshi
Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Doyen of the Arab Diplomatic Corps*

*Georg Fichtner
Member of the Executive Committee, Association
of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry*

*H.E. Dr. Esam Abdulla Yousif Fakhro
Chairman, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce
and Industry*

*H.E. Anne Ruth Herkes
State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of
Economics and Technology*

Session 4
*Women in Business:
Unfolding Leadership*

15.30 h **Coffee Break**

16.00 h **Session 5**
*Construction:
Housing and City Development*

Session 6
*Industrialization in the Arab World:
Boosting Potentials*

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09.00 h **Session 7**
Family Business in the Arab World

Session 8
*Financial Services & Insurance:
Supporting Arab-German Business*

10.30 h **Coffee Break**

11.00 h **Session 9**
*Infrastructure Megaprojects:
Rails, Ports and Roads*

12.30 h **Plenary Session**
*Political Outlook of Arab-German
Business Cooperation*

13.30 h **Get-Together & Networking Lunch**

Economic relations between the Arab world and Germany continue to be on the rise. This development is reflected in a 18.5% increase in trade to a total volume of 49 billion euros in 2012. With rising population growth and incomes, the demand for high-quality products and services, efficient infrastructure and diversified industries is increasing in the Arab countries. Thanks to its knowledge-driven and innovative economy, Germany enjoys a leadership position in many sectors worldwide and is a reliable business partner. Hence, opportunities for Arab-German cooperation are numerous and exist across all economic branches. To sustain and enhance these mutual and potential bonds, the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host the 16th Arab-German Business Forum from June 12th-14th, 2013 at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Berlin. This high-level event is held under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Philipp Rösler, the German Federal Minister of Economics and Technology. It will shed light on recent accomplishments as well as new business potentials. Key areas of focus will be Infrastructure, Logistics, IT, Industrialization, Women in Business, Financial Services, SMEs and Family Enterprises. The forum is organized in cooperation with the Association of German Chambers of Commerce (DIHK) and the General Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce (GUCCIAC).

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