

THE GERMAN-ARAB BUSINESS FORUM PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 13th, 2012

18.00 h **Reception**
at the Federal Ministry of Economics
and Technology
Scharnhorststr. 34-37, 10115 Berlin

Welcoming

H.E. Dr. Philipp Rösler
Federal Minister of Economics
and Technology

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

H.E. Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah
Chairman of the Administrative Control and
Transparency Authority, State of Qatar

*H.E. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Jassim Bin
Mohammad Al-Thani*
Chairman of the Qatar Chamber of
Commerce and Industry

Dr. Volker Treier
Deputy Chief Executive and Managing Director
International Economic Affairs of the
Association of German Chambers of Industry and
Commerce (DIHK e.V.)

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

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H.E. Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah
Chairman of the Administrative Control and
Transparency Authority, State of Qatar

15.30 h **Coffee Break**

16.00 h **Session 5**
*Safeguarding Growth:
Financial Services and Insurances*

Session 6
*Breaking the Glass Ceiling:
Women and Leadership*

Session 7
*Shaping the Future:
Young Entrepreneurs and Start-ups*

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

Friday, June 15th, 2012

Thursday, June 14th, 2012

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

09.30 h **Opening Ceremony**
*Arab-German Cooperation:
Continuing Growth*

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

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

10.30 h **Coffee Break**

11.00 h **Session 1**
*Connecting Worlds:
Logistics*

Session 2
*Supporting Industrialization:
Research and Technology Transfer*

12.30 h **Networking Lunch**

14.00 h **Session 3**
*Opportunities Unfolding:
Food Security and the Retail Industry*

Session 4
*Towards Sustainability:
Water and Environmental Technologies*

09.30 h **Session 8**
*Building the Future:
Construction and Infrastructure*

Session 9
*Drivers of Innovation:
Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises*

11.00 h **Coffee Break**

11.30 h **Closing Session**
*Perspectives of Arab-German
Business Relations*

13.00 h **Small Lunch & Get-Together**

Historical changes on the one hand, record growth rates on the other – the Arab World presents itself in a new diversity – a diversity that is also reflected in business opportunities and cooperation perspectives. Germany, on the other side, emerged stronger than before from the European debt crisis with unemployment rates reaching all-time lows. Recent years have shown an increasing Arab presence and growing investments in Germany. The full potential has not been exploited so far, enormous opportunities are still arising from German-Arab business relations. To improve and enhance these relations, seek new opportunities and contacts, the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host the 15th German-Arab Business Forum from June 13th-15th, 2012 in Berlin in cooperation with the Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCI), the General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries (GUCCIAAC) and the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK). Held under the patronage of the German Federal Minister of Economics and Technology, Dr. Philipp Rösler, this Forum has established itself as the leading bilateral business platform between the Arab World and Germany with more than 600 decision-makers from politics, business and sciences.

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