

# THE ARAB -GERMAN BUSINESS FORUM PROGRAM

Monday, June 8th, 2015

18.00 h **Reception**  
at The Palmenhof-Silbersaal  
Bellevuestraße 1, 10785 Berlin

Tuesday, June 9th, 2015

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

09.30 h **Opening Ceremony**

**Welcoming:**  
*Abdulaziz Al-Mikhlafi*  
Secretary General of the Ghorfa Arab-German  
Chamber of Commerce & Industry

*Dr. Volker Treier*  
Deputy CEO, Association of German Chambers  
of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)

**Speakers:**  
*Dr. Peter Ramsauer*  
President of the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber  
of Commerce & Industry and Federal Minister (ret.)

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

*H.E. Uwe Beckmeyer*  
Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal  
German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

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

*H.E. Mohamedou Ould Mohamed Mahmoud*  
President of the General Union of Chambers of  
Commerce, Industry & Agriculture for Arab Countries

10.30 h **Networking Break**

11.00 h **Session 1**  
*Infrastructure: Metro, Rail Projects  
and Highways in the Arab Countries*

11.00 h **Session 2**  
*Promising Fields of Cooperation:  
Security Technologies and ICT*

11.00 h **Session 3**  
*Financial Services & Insurance:  
Supporting Arab-German Business*

12.30 h **Networking Lunch**

13.30 h **Session 4**  
*Logistics as a Catalyst for Growth: Ports and Airports*

13.30 h **Session 5**  
*Supporting Industrialization:  
Challenges and Opportunities for Investment*

15.00 h **Networking Break**

15.45 h **Plenary**  
*Arab-German Cooperation:  
Economic and Political Outlook*

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**Keynotes:**  
*H.E. Sigmar Gabriel*  
Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for  
Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany

*H.E. Sheikh Ahmed bin Jassim bin Mohammed Al Thani*  
Minister of Economy & Commerce of the State of Qatar

*H.E. Dr. Tawfig Fawzan Alrabiah*  
Minister of Commerce and Industry, Saudi Arabia

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

Wednesday, June 10th, 2015

09.00 h **Session 6**  
*Free Zones: Gateways to Promising Markets*

09.00 h **Session 7**  
*EPC Projects: Raising Complexity and Demand  
for Competitiveness Calls for Innovative Solutions*

10.30 h **Networking Break**

11.00 h **Session 8**  
*Construction and Housing:  
Sustainable Urban Solutions*

11.00 h **Plenary Discussion**  
*Women as Drivers for Economic Change*

12.30 h **Plenary Discussion**  
*Perspectives of Arab-German  
Business Relations*

14.00 h **Networking Lunch**

Arab countries and Germany traditionally share close business ties. Trade volume has more than doubled since 2002, reaching around 50 billion euro in 2014. But full potential has not been tapped yet. Especially in the long term, the economic perspectives for the Arab countries are excellent and offer many opportunities. With more than 360 million inhabitants, the Arab world is a huge market for business and investment. German companies are highly welcome business partners and German products and services enjoy great popularity. With an economic growth of 1.6 percent in 2014, Germany is considered to be Europe's growth locomotive. Thanks to its central location in Europe, its first-class infrastructure and its excellent business climate, Germany is a perfect hub for companies entering the European market with 500 million potential customers. To further strengthen and enlarge these sustainable relations, the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host the 18th Arab-German Business Forum at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Berlin on June 08th-10th, 2015. The forum is held under the patronage of the German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy, H.E. Sigmar Gabriel and organized in cooperation with the General Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce (GUCCIAAC), the League of Arab States and the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK). More than 600 leading experts and decision-makers from business, politics and science will attend this high-ranking conference, which presents the essential networking platform to create new and enhance existing business relationships. The forum will address current and perspective Arab-German cooperation in the fields of infrastructure, security technologies, industrialization, free zones, financial services, EPC projects, construction & housing, and the role of women in business. More information on [www.business.ghorfa.de](http://www.business.ghorfa.de).

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