

# PROGRAM

## 9.00 h Registration

### Opening of the 1st Arab-German Economic Conference North Rhine-Westphalia

**Moderation: Brigitte Büscher**

TV-Journalist (WDR)

## 10.00 h Keynotes

**H.E. Armin Laschet**

Minister President of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), Germany

**H.E. Eng. Mohammed Ahmed Al Shehhi**

Undersecretary for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Economy, United Arab Emirates

## 10.20 h Welcoming Speeches

**H.E. Dr. Mustapha Adib**

Ambassador of the Republic of Lebanon / Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps, Germany

**Burkhard Landers**

Vice-President of the IHK NRW and President of the IHK Duisburg-Wesel-Kleve, Germany

**Abdulaziz Al Mikhlafi**

Secretary General of the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Germany

## 10.35 h Presentation Expo 2020 in Dubai

**Najeeb Mohammed Al Ali**

Executive Director Bureau Expo 2020 Dubai, UAE

## 10.45 h Panel 1: Energy- Water- Waste Management: Identifying and Serving Future Markets

**Moderation: Jan Noether**

Executive Director, German-Arab Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Egypt

**Dr. Murad Daghles**

Partner, White & Case LLP, Germany

**Roland Damann**

Managing Director, Envi-plan Ingenieurgesellschaft mbH, Germany

**Michael Schenker**

Managing Partner, becker Maschinenbau GmbH, Germany

## 11.30 h Networking Break

## 11.45 h Panel 2: Health Care Industry: Market Overview and Planning & Optimization of Distribution Channels

**Moderation: Felix Neugart**

Managing Director, IHK Düsseldorf, Germany

**Christoph Keimer**

Partner, SCHLÜTER GRAF Rechtsanwälte PartG mbH, Germany

**Tim O. Knipps**

Managing Director, COMED GmbH, Germany

**Nizar Maarouf**

Head of Sana International Business and Government Relations, Sana Kliniken AG, Germany

**Andreas Schmitz**

CEO, Clinic Bel Etage, Germany

**Dr. Claus Biermann**

Executive Vice President Global Healthcare Education of Area9 Lyceum & Board Member of Thieme/Area9, Germany

## 12.45 h Networking Lunch

**13.45 h**      **Infrastructure, Industrialization and Digitalization in the Arab World: Potentials for the Economy in NRW in Key Sectors**

**Keynotes**

**H.E. Prof. Dr. Andreas Pinkwart**

Minister for Economy, Innovation, Digitalization and Energy of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

**H.E. Dr. Peter Ramsauer**

President of the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce & Industry / Chairman of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development / Federal Minister ret., Germany

**Abdelbasset Ghanmi**

General Manager of FIPA Tunisia, Tunis

**Oliver Hermes**

CEO, WILO SE, Germany

**Marita Mitschein**

Senior Vice President Digital Skills EMEA South, Managing Director SAP Training & Development Institute, SAP SE, UAE

**Oliver Oehms**

Managing Director, German-Emirati Joint Council for Industry & Commerce, UAE

**Dr. Joerg Westphal**

Executive Senior Vice President, Schüco International KG, Germany

**14.45 h**      **Networking Break**

**15.00 h**      **Panel 4: Food Industry: High Demand of German Products, Machinery and Services**

**Moderation: Harald Grefe**

Deputy Managing Director, IHK Ostwestfalen, Germany

**Peter Ballon**

Key Account Manager International, Melitta Professional Coffee Solutions GmbH & Co. KG, Germany

**Prof. Karl-Heinz Knoop**

Business Owner, Riela Getreidetechnik Karl-Heinz Knoop e.K., Germany

**Dr. Gabi Kratochwil**

Book Author, Owner of Cross Cultures and Board Member of the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Germany

**Dr. Philipp Stompfe**

Lawyer, Alexander & Partner, Germany

**15.45 h**      **Workshop: Financing and Investment Promotion for Medium-sized Companies within the Framework of the Initiative of the Federal Government AfricaConnect, DEG - Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH**

**Alexander Klein**

Senior Investment Manager AfricaConnect, Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH (DEG), Germany

**Hajo Hebgen**

Senior Consultant, Agentur für Wirtschaft & Entwicklung, Germany

**16.30 h**      **End of the Event**

**19.00 h**      **Gala Dinner at Wirtschaftsclub, Blumenstraße 14, 40212 Duesseldorf**

**Ali Vezvaei**

Global CEO, Ecolog International, UAE



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