

Under the Patronage of the President of the Council of Ministers of Lebanon,
H.E. Mr. Saad Hariri

THE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY: MAY 25, 2011

17:00-19:30 **Registration of participants at Intercontinental Phoenicia Hotel, Beirut**

20:30 **Cocktail Reception hosted by Bank Audi sal -Audi Saradar Group at Villa Audi, Sofil Gardens**

DAY ONE: THURSDAY MAY 26, 2011

08:30-09:30 **Registration of participants at Intercontinental Phoenicia Hotel, Beirut**

09:30-10:30 **Opening Session:**

- **Mr. Raouf Abou Zaki**, Chief Executive Officer, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group
- **Dr. Joseph Torbey**, President, Association of Banks in Lebanon
- **H.E. Adnan Kassar**, Minister of State and President of GUCCIAAC, Lebanon
- **H.E. Riad Salamé**, Governor, Central Bank of Lebanon
- **H.E. Fouad Siniora**, Former President of the Council of Ministers represent **H.E. Saad Hariri**

10:30-11:00 **Lifetime Achievements Award Ceremony:**

- **H.E. Yousef Hussein Kamal**, Minister of Economy and Finance, Qatar
- **H.E. Sheikh Mohamad Al-Ammoudi**, Chairman, Al-Amoudi Group, Saudi Arabia
- **Mr. Mohamed H. Al Mady**, Vice Chairman and CEO, SABIC, Saudi Arabia
- **Honoring the Late Mr. Nasser Al-Kharafi**, Chairman of Mohamed Abdulmohsin Al-Kharafi Group, Kuwait received by his son **Mr. Marzouk Al-Kharafi**, Vice Chairman of the Group

11:00-11:15 **Opening of the Exhibition and Coffee break**

11:15-12:00 **Session 1: Needed Policies to Stabilize the Region's Economies Amidst Sweeping Political Transformation**

- How will the regional upheaval affect economic and fiscal policies?
- Needed reforms and policies to best support the region's economies in this period ?
- How can the IMF and the World Bank help in supporting countries affected by the present unrest?

Moderator: H.E. Mrs. Raya Al Hassan, Minister of Finance, Lebanon

Panelists:

- **H.E. Yousef Hussein Kamal**, Minister of Economy and Finance, Qatar
- **H.E. Dr. Ali Aldabbagh**, State Minister and Official Spokesman for Iraq Government

12:00-13:15 **Session 2: Building the Future in an Era of Change in the Arab World**

- Lessons learned from political transformations underway in the Arab world.
- Challenges of transition.
- Options for building new political system.

Moderator: Dr. Shafic Al Masri, Professor, American University of Beirut

Panelists:

- **H.E. Dr. Ali Aldabbagh**, State Minister and Official Spokesman for Iraq Government
- **H.E. Dr. Samir Makdisi**, Honorary Professor of Economics and Founding Director of the Institute of Financial Economics, American University of Beirut
- **Dr. Hassan Nafaa**, Professor of Political Science - Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt
- **Mr. Samir Aita**, President of Circle of Arab Economists, and Editor-in-Chief and Director General, Le Monde Diplomatique – Arabic Edition, France

13:15-14:30 **Session 3: Outlook Arab Economies in Light of Ongoing Political Changes**

- Assessing the economic impact of ongoing political change.
- Prospects and challenges of the transition.
- Needed economic policies to overcome the impact of political changes on growth, investment and overall economic activity.
- Outlook of oil in light of global and regional events.
- Dealing with economic imbalances and unemployment, and achieving sustainable growth.
- Reassessing and promoting inter-Arab economic relations in the coming phase.

Moderator: Mr. Faysal Abou Zaki, Deputy CEO, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group

Panelists:

- **H.E. Dr. Jihad Azour**, Former Minister of Finance, Lebanon
- **Dr. Majed Al-Moneef**, Secretary General, Arab Energy Club
- **Dr. Henry Azzam**, Chairman, Middle East & North Africa, Deutsche Bank
- **Mr. Mouhamed Choucair**, President, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Agriculture in Lebanon

14:30 **Lunch hosted by BANKMED at Phoenicia Intercontinental Hotel**

DAY TWO: FRIDAY MAY 27, 2011

09:30-10:15 **Open Discussion with H.E. Riad Salamé, Governor, Central Bank of Lebanon**

10:15-11:00 **Session 4: The Road Ahead for Banking and Financial Markets**

- Challenges of 2011 and beyond.
- Risks and opportunities arising from political changes.
- Outlook of financial markets.

Moderator: H.E. Dr. Saad Andary, Second Vice Governor, Central Bank of Lebanon

Speech of Dr. Abdullah El-Kuwaiz, Economist and Former Ambassador, Saudi Arabia

Panelists:

- **Mr. Hussein Al-Uzri**, Chairman and President, Trade Bank of Iraq
- **Mr. Rami Al Nimer**, Chairman and General Manager, First National Bank, Lebanon
- **Dr. Mazen Soueid**, Chief Economist, BankMed, Lebanon

11:00-11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15-12:30 **Session 5: Building a New Investment and Business Environment**

- Economic reforms required to improve the investment and business environment.
- Do recent developments necessitate a change in policies on foreign investment?
- Affirming policies towards private sector.

Moderator: H.E. Sami Haddad, Former Minister of Economy and Trade, Lebanon

Panelists:

- **Mr. Thomas J. Jacobs**, Senior Country Officer – Lebanon, Middle East & North Africa, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- **Eng. Nabil Itani**, Chairman and Managing Director, Investment Development Authority of Lebanon (IDAL)
- **Mr. Ibraheem Baghdadi**, President, Iraq National Business Council
- **Dr. Hüseyin Aslan**, Deputy President, Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)
- **Dr. Nabil Sukkar**, Managing Director, The Syrian Consulting Bureau for Development & Investment
- **Mr. Nasser Al Nowais**, Chairman, Rotana Group

12:30-13:30 **Session 6: Arab Youth: From Making Change to Building the Future**

- Will Arab youth be able to play a decisive role in remaking the political order?
- Is there a clear transition of political leadership to a new generation?
- Does Arab youth have a clear vision of the post-revolution political and economic systems?

Moderator : H.E. Dr. Jihad Azour, Former Minister of Finance, Lebanon

Panelists:

- **Mr. Ghassan Hajjar**, Editor in Chief, Annahar, Lebanon
- **Mr. Salah-Eddine Kandri**, Manager of Consumer Services - Europe, Central Asia, Middle East, and North Africa (EMENA), International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- **Eng. Yahya Mawloud**, President, Youth Economic Forum, Lebanon
- **Mr. Abdul Ghani Attar**, Vice President, Attar Group, Syria

13:30-14:30 **Open Discussion with H.E. Najeeb Mikati, Prime Minister-Designate, Lebanon**

14:30 **Lunch hosted by Association of Banks in Lebanon at Phoenicia Intercontinental Hotel**