

The Private Sector in the Middle East—How Can It Contribute More to Growth?

A Conference on Economic Growth, Government Policies, and the Private Sector

December 3, 2013
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

*Hosted by the IMF's Middle East and Central Asia Department, the World Bank,
and the Council of Saudi Chambers*

AGENDA

Tuesday, December 3rd

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| 8:00-8:45 | Registration |
| 8:45–9:15 | Welcoming Remarks

Eng. Abdullah Al-Mobty, <i>Chairman of the Council of Saudi Chambers</i>
(Confirmed)

Dimitris Tsitsiragos, <i>Vice President for Europe, Central Asia, Middle East & North Africa regions, International Finance Corporation (IFC), the World Bank</i> (Confirmed)

Min Zhu, <i>Deputy Managing Director, IMF</i> (Confirmed)

H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Al-Assaf, <i>Minister of Finance, Saudi Arabia</i>
(Confirmed) |
| 9:15- 9:30 | Honoring Sponsors |
| 9:30–10:45 | Session 1: The Private Sector in the Middle East—Identifying the Opportunities and Challenges

<i>Session Chair:</i> H.E. Dr. Muhammad Sulaiman Al-Jasser, <i>Minister of Economy and Planning</i> (TBC)

Speakers: |

Ms. Fatin Bundagji, *Board Member, Jeddah Chamber of Commerce & Industry* **(Confirmed)**

Mohammed Khamis, *Oriental Weavers, Egypt* **(Confirmed)**

Khaled Al-Aboodi, *President, Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD), IDB.* **(Confirmed)**

Dr. Emad Shehab, General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture for Arab Countries **(Confirmed)**

Open Discussion

10:45–11:15

Coffee Break

11:15–12:30

Session 2: The Role of Macroeconomic and Financial Policies in Private Sector Development

Session Chair: Dr. Hamad Al-Bazie, *Vice Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance* **(Confirmed)**

Speakers:

Mohamed El Kettani, *President, Attijariwafa Bank Group, Morocco* **(TBC)**

Mr. Michael Grifferty, *President of The Gulf Bond and Sukuk Association (GBSA)* **(Confirmed)**

Abdulmohsen Al-Fares, *CEO of Alinma Bank* **(Confirmed)**

Alfred Kammer, *Deputy Director, Middle East and Central Asia Dept, IMF* **(Confirmed)**

Open Discussion

12:30–1:30

Lunch

1:30–2:45

Session 3: International Experiences in Developing the Private Sector

Session Chair: Tim Callen, IMF **(Confirmed)**

Speakers:

Joe Saddi, Chairman, *Booz & Company* **(Confirmed)**

Daniele Vecchi, *Senior Vice President – Treasury, Majid Al Futtaim Group* **(Confirmed)**

Dimitris Tsitsiragos, *Vice President for Europe, Central Asia, Middle East & North Africa regions, (IFC)* **(Confirmed)**

Tayfun Bayazit, *Bayazit Consulting Services and Vice Chairman of TUSAID, Turkey* **(Confirmed)**

Kwon Hyung Lee, *Korean Institute for International Economic Policy* **(Confirmed)**

Open Discussion

2:45–4:00

Session 4: The Private Sector and Inclusive Growth

Session Chair: Dr. Raja Almarzoqi, *Advisor, Middle East and Central Asian Department, IMF* **(Confirmed)**

Speakers:

Mohamed Al-Mady, *Vice Chairman & CEO, SABIC, Saudi Arabia* **(TBC)**

Samir Radwan, *Former Finance Minister, Egypt* **(Confirmed)**

Usama M. Fayyad, *Executive Chairman, Oasis500* **(TBC)**

Erik Berglof, *Chief Economist, EBRD* **(Confirmed)**

Abdulaziz Al Loughani, *Vice Chairman & Executive Director, Kuwait National Fund for SMEs Development* **(TBC)**

Open Discussion

4:00–4:30

Coffee break

4:30–6:00

Session 5 (Policy Panel): Toward a Stronger Private Sector in the Middle East

Session Chair: H.E. Abdulatif Al-Othman, *Governor & and Chairman of the Board of Directors of SAGIA* **(Confirmed)**

Speakers:

Min Zhu, *Deputy Managing Director, IMF* **(Confirmed)**

H.E. Dr. Madani Alaqi, *Former State Minister – Saudi Arabia & Chairman, Shuqaiq Water and Electricity Company (SqWEC) – an ACWA Power project company* **(Confirmed)**

Dr. Nasser Saidi, *Deputy Chairman, Eureeca Capital* **(Confirmed)**

Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Zamil, *Chairman of the Board, Zamil Group, Saudi Arabia* **(Confirmed)**

Fadi Ghandour, *founder and CEO, Aramex, Jordan* **(Confirmed)**

Open Discussion.