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EUROPE AND THE ARAB WORLD:

STRENGTHENING POLITICAL, BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT TIES

MAY 5th-6th 2014, ATHENAEUM INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, ATHENS


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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – MAY 5TH, 2014**10:00** Registration / Refreshments**10:30** Chairmen's welcome:
THE ECONOMIST'S FORECAST ON THE ARAB WORLD

- Political developments
- Business and investment outlook

* **Xan Smiley**, Middle East and Africa Editor, *The Economist*

* **John Andrews**, Consultant Editor, *The Economist*

11:00 Discussion**11:30** **OFFICIAL OPENING**
EUROPE AND THE ARAB WORLD:
STRENGTHENING POLITICAL, BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT TIES

Keynote addresses:

* **Evangelos Venizelos**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece

* **Dr Nabil Elaraby**, Secretary General, League of Arab States

12:10 Discussion**12:20** **THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION IN CONNECTING EUROPE**
AND THE ARAB WORLD

* **Fathallah Sijilmassi**, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean, Spain

* **Dora Bakoyannis**, MP & Chairperson of the Committee of Political Affairs and Democracy to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

12:50 Discussion**13:00** **Networking Luncheon****14:20** **STRENGTHENING BUSINESS TIES WITH THE ARAB WORLD TO REVIVE THE GREEK ECONOMY**

Kostis Hatzidakis, Minister of Development and Competitiveness, Greece

14:30 Discussion**14:50** **ENERGY STRATEGY: A KEY PILLAR FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

* **Ioannis Maniatis**, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Greece (acceptance in principle)

15:00 Discussion

15:20 THE OUTLOOK FOR ENERGY IN THE REGION

- Oil
- Gas
- Renewable Energy
- Economic & Energy Diplomacy

• EUROPE 2050: WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK FOR EUROPEAN – ARAB COLLABORATION FOR ENERGY?

Günther Oettinger, European Commissioner for Energy

* **Abbas Ali Al-Naqi**, Secretary General, Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, State of Kuwait

Mohammed bin Hamad Al Rumhi, Minister of Oil and Gas, Sultanate of Oman

Omar Kittaneh, Chairman, Palestinian Energy Authority

Nasser Khalil Al-Jaidah, Chief Executive Officer, Qatar Petroleum International

Essa bin Hilal Al-Kuwari, President, Qatar General Electricity & Water Corporation “Kahramaa”, State of Qatar

Abdul Munim Saif Al-Kindy, Chief Executive Officer, Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, UAE

Hamas Rashid Al Mohannadi, Chief Executive Officer, RasGas, State of Qatar

Abdelhamid Zerguine, Chairman and CEO, Sonatrach, People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

* **Makis Papageorgiou**, Deputy Minister of Environment, Energy & Climate Change, Greece (acceptance in principle)

* **Panagiotis Mihalos**, Secretary General for International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece

* **Niki Tzavela**, MEP, Rapporteur, Committee on Industry, Research, and Energy, European Parliament

- The business perspective

Name to be advised

17:30 Discussion

18:00 End of day sessions

20:00 Reception

20:30 OFFICIAL GALA DINNER

Guests of honour and keynote speaker:

Antonis Samaras, Prime Minister of Greece and President of the Council of the EU

DAY 2 – MAY 6TH, 2014**09:30** Arrival of delegates / Refreshments**10:00** Chairmen's introductory remarks:
* **Xan Smiley**, Middle East and Africa Editor, **The Economist**
* **John Andrews**, Consultant Editor, **The Economist**

Keynote speech:

* **Dimitris Kourkoulas**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Greece****10:20** Discussion**10:30** **BANKING & FINANCE OUTLOOK FOR THE REGION**

- Arab funds
- Investment Banking
- Financial Markets

Dr Hany Dimian, Minister of Finance, **Arab Republic of Egypt****Nidhal Ouerfelli**, Minister to the Prime Minister for Coordination and Economic Affairs, **Republic of Tunisia*** **Sidi Ould Tah**, Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, **Islamic Republic of Mauritania****Nicolas Nahas**, fmr Minister of Economy, **Republic of Lebanon****Dr. Saad Eddin Ali Salem Bin Taleb**, Minister of Industry and Trade, **Republic of Yemen****Dr Abdulrahman Al Hamidy**, Chairman of the Board, Director General, **The Arab Monetary Fund, UAE*** **Mohamed Kamal Al Din Barakat**, Chairman of the Board, **Union for Arab Banks, Arab Republic of Egypt*** **Isam Zabalawi**, President, **Arab Academy for Banking and Financial Sciences, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

- **Large scale project funding & its significance for the region**

* **Flavia Palanza**, Director, Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP), **European Investment Bank, Luxembourg**

- The Business Perspective

Name to be advised

12:00 Discussion**12:20** Break

12:40 ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE AND THE ARAB WORLD

- Agriculture and food security in the Arab world
- Water accessibility
- Climate change

THE EU'S STRATEGY FOR AGRICULTURAL POLICY UNTIL 2020

Dacian Cioloș, *Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission*

* **HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan**, *Chairman, United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation*

Dr Fadi Georges Comair, *Director General, Hydraulic and Electrical Resources of Lebanon, Director of the Water, Energy and Environment Research Center, Notre Dame University*

Mohamed Bin Obaid Al - Mazrouei, *Chairman, Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development, Republic of the Sudan*

Dr Tariq Al-Zadjali, *Director-General, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, Republic of the Sudan*

- The Business Perspective
- Name to be advised

13:50 Discussion

14:10 Networking Luncheon**15:10 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND TRANSPORTATION**

- Infrastructural development
- Sustainable development in infrastructure
- Transport facilities

* **Hadi Farhan Al-Amiri**, *Minister of Transportation, Republic of Iraq*

Dr Jubarah bin Eid Al-Suraysiri, *Minister of Transport, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*

Dr Nabil Dmaid, *Minister of Transportation, Palestine*

Noureddine Zekri, *Secretary of State for International Cooperation, Republic of Tunisia*

* **Dr Ismail Abdel Ghafar**, *President, The Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport, Arab Republic of Egypt*

Saif Mohammed Al Suwaidi, *President of the Executive Council, The Arab Civil Aviation Commission, Kingdom of Morocco*

- The Business Perspective
- Name to be advised

16:10 Discussion

16:30 **TOURISM**

- Visa facilitations for the business and economic communities
- Organizing joint functions in the European and Arab Capitals of tourism and culture
- Large projects

Representative, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, UK

Olga Kefalogianni, *Minister of Tourism, Greece*

Liwa Smaisim, *Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, Republic of Iraq*

Amel Karboul, *Minister of Tourism, Republic of Tunisia*

Bandar bin Fahd Al Fahid, *President, Arab Organisation for Tourism, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*

Issa Bin Mohammed Al Muhannadi, *Chairman, Qatar Tourism Authority*

- The Business Perspective
- Name to be advised

17:30 Discussion

18:00 End of conference sessions

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