

3rd WORKSHOP "Doing Business in the Arab World" 21st March 2019 – Athens, Greece

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Thursday, 21 March 2019, at Divani Caravel Hotel, Ilissos Hall

08:30	Registration & Coffee
09:30	Introduction by Rashad Mabger, Secretary General, AHCCD
09:35	Welcome Address by Harris Geronikolas , Chairman of the BD, AHCCD
09:40	Keynote Addresses:

- Mr. Tawfic Said Khoury, Executive Vice Chairman, Consolidated Contractors Company S.A., Greece
- H.E. Mr. Markos Bolaris, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece

10:00-11:30 Session 1 - Presentation about the Arab Countries

Some of the Arab Ambassadors in Greece will address the audience in this session on the tradition and culture of business and investment opportunities with preference to sectors of interest for partnership with the Greek side.

<u>Moderator</u>: **Dr. Saleh S. Jallad**, Financial Consultant, Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC), Publisher of Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) & Board Member of AHCCD*

Speakers:

- **H.E. Mr. Marwan Emile Toubassi**, Ambassador the State of Palestine, Greece
- H.E. Dr. Lassaad M'hirsi, Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia, Greece
- H.E. Mr. Mohamed Alraeesi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, Greece
- H.E. Dr. Hamed Sidi Mohamed, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to Italy, with parallel accreditation to Greece
- H.E. Mr. Shorsh Khalid Said, Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq, Greece
- H.E. Mr. Mohamed Younis Menfi, Ambassador of the State of Libya, Greece

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11:30 Coffee Break & Networking

11:45 Presentation of the Arab Delegations for the B2B meetings

Brief introductions by the Heads of Arab Delegations on the business sectors that will be covered during the B2B meetings.

12:00-12:15

Special presentation on the city of MONASTIR in Tunisia with regard to its diverse traditional and light industries and tourism.

- **Mr. Moustafa Ben Tekaya**, President of the Regional Union of Monastir, Tunisian Union for Industry, Trade & Handicraft
- **Dr. Nejia Ben Helal**, Founder of Manchester Academy and Oxford House College & President, Union of the Tunisian Businesswomen

12:15-13:30

Session 2 - "Investment Opportunities and Business Practices in the Arab World"
Six Greek Economic & Commercial Counsellors accredited to the Arab Countries will communicate to the participants the wealth of their knowledge in business practices and related issues and they will explore the best Investment opportunities available with a special emphasis on sectors of interest for Joint Ventures, as well as the means and ways to increase the balance of trade.

Moderator: Mr. Spyros Xanthis, General Manager, Eurosol P&M GmbH (MENA region) & Board Member, AHCCD

Speakers:

- **Mr. Athanasios Makrandreou**, Head of the Office, Plenipotentiary Minister Economic & Commercial Affairs, Embassy of Greece, Egypt
- Mr. Ioannis Katsaras, Head of Commercial Office, Embassy of Greece, Algeria
- **Mr. Evangelos Dairetzis**, Head of the Regional Section for Economic & Commercial Affairs, Embassy of Greece, Erbil, Iraq
- Mr. Iakovos Rafael Kollaros, Head of Commercial Office, Embassy of Greece, Lebanon
- **Mr. Nikolaos Thomopoulos**, Head of Commercial Office, Embassy of Greece in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (also covers Oman & Yemen)
- **Mr. Georgios Sakoufakis**, Head of Commercial Office, Embassy of Greece, Tunisia

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13:30 Coffee Break & Networking

14:00-16:00

<u>B2B meetings in all business sectors between the visiting Arab</u> delegates and their Greek counterparts

In these meetings the Greek Economic & Commercial Counsellors as well as the Arab Commercial Counsellors will participate to provide information and answer any inquires.

16:00 Finger food & Networking

16:30 End of 3rd Workshop's works

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