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6th Workshop "Doing Business in the Arab World"
ورشة العمل السادسة "نفقة العمل والأعمال في العالم العربي"
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Under the Auspices:



Introduction:

"Meet the Arab Ambassadors" Roundtable Discussion and "Doing Business in the Arab World" Workshop aim to introduce and engage Greek business leaders with investment opportunities, highlighting optimal sectors for trade and cooperation, addressing business culture, tradition, and procedures for establishing companies in the Arab world.

Thursday, 12 February 2026
Divani Caravel – Olympia Hall

09:00 Reception and Registration

10:00 Opening Ceremony

Introduction: Rashad Mabger, Secretary General, Arab-Hellenic Chamber

Welcome Addresses:

- ✓ **Harris Geronikolas**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Arab-Hellenic Chamber & CEO, City Unity College
- ✓ **Suheil Hassib Sabbagh**, President, Group HR, CCC and Vice President, Arab-Hellenic Chamber

Guests of Honor:

- ✓ **Mouayed Saleh**, Dean of the Council of Arab Ambassadors & Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq, Greece
- ✓ **Harry Theoharis**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece

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7th Roundtable Discussion “Meet the Arab Ambassadors”

Introducing Greek businesses to investment opportunities in the Arab world and getting acquainted with tradition and business culture.

10:30 Discussion: Part A

Moderator: Rashad Mabger, Secretary General, Arab-Hellenic Chamber

Speakers:

- ✓ **Mouayed Saleh**, Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq, Greece
- ✓ **Mohammed Sbihi**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco, Greece
- ✓ **Omar Amer Youssef**, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Greece
- ✓ **Yussef Victor Dorkhom**, Ambassador of the State of Palestine, Greece
- ✓ **Zuhair Ensour**, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Greece
- ✓ **Souad Trabelsi**, Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia, Greece

11:45 Discussion: Part B

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Haris Lambropoulos, President, Hellenic Development Bank of Investments SA (HDBI ex TANEO) and Board Member, Arab-Hellenic Chamber.

Speakers:

- ✓ **Ali Khalfan Al-Mansouri**, Ambassador of the State of Qatar, Greece
- ✓ **Ali Bin Yousef**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Greece
- ✓ **Kenj El Hajal**, Ambassador of the Republic of Lebanon, Greece
- ✓ **Firas Al Rashidi**, Chargé d' Affaires, Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic, Greece
- ✓ **Dr. Amjd N. Elyas**, Chargé d' Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of The Sudan, Greece
- ✓ **Abdulla Alothinah**, Chargé d' Affaires, Embassy of the State of Kuwait, Greece
- ✓ **Abdelwedoud Beddad**, First Counsellor, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Italy, accredited to Greece

13:00 Networking and light lunch

6th Workshop “Doing Business in the Arab World”

The Workshop aims at providing first-hand insights and information on the Arab markets potential, priority and preferable sectors of trade, and the practical steps required to establish and expand businesses in the Arab world, emphasizing on the cultural characteristics of the region that should be taken into account when venturing there. This Workshop is basically considered for providing initial information about these aspects.

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13:45 Keynote Speaker: Dimitris Skalkos, Secretary General for International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece



14:00 Part 1: Greek Economic & Commercial Counsellors accredited to the Arab Countries

Moderator: Spyros Xanthis, Managing Director EUROSOL Hellas S.A. (EUROSOL GROUP) and Board Member, Arab-Hellenic Chamber, Greece.

Speakers:

- ✓ **Evangelos Dairetzis**, Head of Office for Economic and Commercial Affairs, Embassy of Greece in Cairo, Egypt
- ✓ **Christina Argiropoulou**, First Counsellor for Economic and Commercial Affairs, Head of the Office for Economic and Commercial Affairs, Embassy of Greece, Lebanon
- ✓ **Maria Moraki**, Third Secretary of Economic and Commercial Affairs, B5 Directorate for Bilateral and Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (handling Saudi Arabia)
- ✓ **Stamatios Zachariadis**, Second Secretary of Economic and Trade Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (will cover Tunisia)
- ✓ **Kanakis Filippos Mandalios**, CEO, LEAD Engineering S.A., President of the Greek Community in Libya

15:00 Part 2: Presentation on the Cultural Characteristics that influence the act of conducting business in the Arab World & Success Stories from Greek Entrepreneurs

Moderator: Damianos Efthymiadis, Business Development Director, Archirodon NV, Greece and Board Member, Arab-Hellenic Chamber

Speakers:

- ✓ **Prof. Dr. Prokopis K. Theodoridis**, Professor of Marketing, Dean of School of Social Sciences, Hellenic Open University, Greece
- ✓ **Takis Kakayannis**, Trade Commissioner and Former President of the Greek Community in Morocco, Morocco
- ✓ **Yiannis Chaloupis**, Exports Consultant, Founder Fine Goods, Greece
- ✓ **Nikolaos Stratigeas**, President & Managing Director, Anapla Consulting Engineers S.A., Greece

15:45 Networking with the Greek and Arab Commercial Attachés

16:30 End of the works of the 6th Workshop

17:00 Members' Get-Together

The Members' Gathering is an annual tradition of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber which offers its members the opportunity to participate in an exclusive celebratory event, renew their contacts, exchange views and ideas, and win valuable gifts in the lottery raffle.