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RUSSIAN-ARAB BUSINESS FORUM
COOPERATION IN FOOD SECURITY.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT
18th NOVEMBER 2020 at 12:00 – 14:30 (MSK)

Join us for what will be a timely and informative discussion:

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AGENDA

12:00 – 12:10 – OPENING CEREMONY

Moderators:

H.E. Khaled Hanafy, Secretary General, Union of Arab Chambers

Ms. Tatiana Gvilava, Director, The Russian-Arab Business Council, Russia

Welcome speech:

Mr. Jean-Marc Faurès, Regional Programme Leader, FAO Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa, Egypt

Ms. Oksana Luth, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation

Mrs. Veronika Nikishina, CEO of the Russian Export Center JSC, Russia.

WORKING SESSIONS

12:10 – 12:40 – FOOD SECURITY

The state of food security reveals capability of agro-industrial complex not only to provide nutrition for population but also maintain sustainability and balance of domestic production and import of food. Development of agro-logistics and distribution infrastructure, organization of interregional and international cooperation in food sector are the key components of food security.

SPEAKERS:

H.E. Dr. Ali Moselhi, Minister of Supply & Internal Trade, Egypt

Mr. Sergey Levin, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation

H.E. Eng. Abdel Qadir Turkawi, Minister of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Sudan

Mr. Vyacheslav Lashmankin, CEO of Association of Confectionary Manufacturers “ASKOND, Russia

H.E. Mohamed Bin Obaid Al-Mazroui, Chairman, Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment & Development, UAE

Mr. Victor Nauruzov, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Resource Group of Companies, Russia

12:40 – 12:50 – Q&A SESSION

12:50 – 13:20 – TRADE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Russia has significantly developed its agri-food sector that has become one of the most steadily developing of the national economy. It is a top 10 in terms of export of crops and a world champion for export of wheat, while the Arab world imports around a quarter of the global wheat exports. The country exports livestock products and value-added food products, and the past 10 years have seen a significant progress in the food quality and safety. According to conventional indicators applied to food security, the country keeps a consistent place amongst the top three in the world. There are great opportunities to expand trade, especially that the Arab demand for food and food products is strong and will remain strong in the medium and long terms given the natural limitations of water and arable land. According to International Cooperation and Export National Project, Russia intends to increase non-resource and non-energy exports by 2024.

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Saad Nassar, Consultant of Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt

Mrs. Veronika Nikishina, CEO of the Russian Export Center JSC, Russia

Dr. Ahmed Al-Tijani Abdel Rahim Al-Mansouri, General Manager of Al-Rawabi Company, UAE

Mr. Artyom Belov, CEO of National Dairy Producers Union, Russia

Dr. Haytham Jaffan, President of the Arab Federation for Food Industries, Syria

Mr. Evgeniy Gromyko, Advisor to the Chairman of the Board of Agricultural Complex n.a. N.I. Tkachev, Russia

Mr. Munir Bin Fahd Al-Sahly, General Manager of the Saudi Agricultural Development Fund, Saudi Arabia, represented by Mr. Sattam Al-Mazyad, head of Agricultural Investments Abroad

13:20 – 13:30 – Q&A SESSION

13:30 – 14:00 – LIFTING TRADE BARRIERS AS AN EFFICIENT TOOL FOR BOOSTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Slowdown in global economic growth and deepening relations between commodity dependence and food security have a negative influence on sustainable food production. In the context of intensive globalization of the world community the significance of food security is becoming increasingly important. International trade

facilitates economic growth. Lifting trade, customs and domestic non-tariff restrictions will accelerate trade flows, contribute to building strategic alliances and ensure continuous supply chains for all.

SPEAKERS:

H.E. Mohamad Ali Musabeh Al-Nuaimi, Chairman of Ras Al Khaimah Chamber of Commerce & Industry, UAE

Mr. Sergey Dankvert, Head of Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation

H.E. Al-Sharif Munzir Al-Aharithi, President of Arab Beverages Association, Saudi Arabia

Mr. Alexey Novoselskiy, General Director of LLC " Agroholding "STEPPE" Trading Company", Russia

Mr. Ahmed Al-Saqr, Vice President of Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Egypt

Mr. Suren Vardanyan, Vice President of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Russia

14:00 – 14:10 – Q&A SESSION

14:10 – 14:30 – CLOSING CEREMONY & NETWORKING