

Under the patronage of the President of the Council of Ministers,
H.E. Najib Mikati

“Lebanon: The Road to Oil”

Preliminary Agenda

THURSDAY, 22 DECEMBER 2022

08:00-09:00 **Registration of participants at Phoenicia Intercontinental Hotel in Beirut**

09:00-10:00 - **OPENING SESSION:**

- **Mr. Raouf Abou Zaki**, CEO, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group
- **Mr. Sameer Nass**, President, Union of Arab Chambers and Chairman of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **H.E. Mr. Mohamad Choucair**, President, Lebanese Economic Organizations
- **H.E. Dr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit**, Secretary General, League of Arab States
- **H.E. Mr. Najib Mikati**, President of the Council of Ministers, Lebanon

- **AWARDS CEREMONY**

- **SIGNING MOU AGREEMENT: Between Union of Arab Chambers and Arab Organization for Agricultural Development “Arab Bureau for Agriculture Entrepreneurship”**

10:00-10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:30-11:30 **SESSION I: The Road to Oil**

After the historic marine borders’ demarcation agreement, how will Lebanon move into the next phases particularly into exploration, production and marketing of its potential oil and gas finds? How could the national oil and gas industry take shape? How could the oil and gas domestic supply chain develop? How to strengthen the governance framework of the oil and gas sector? What are the likely benefits the Lebanese economy could derive from the emergence of a national oil and gas industry? How to build robust national supply chains to the fledgling oil and gas industry? How to create business and investment opportunities for local companies and therefore help create new jobs?

Moderator: H.E. Dr. Walid Fayad, Minister of Energy and Water, Lebanon

Panelists:

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- **Eng. Wissam Al Dahabi**, Petroleum Administration Authority, Lebanon

- **Mr. Ghaby Daaboul**, Petroleum Administration Authority, Lebanon
- **Eng. Wissam Chbat**, Petroleum Administration Authority, Lebanon
- **Dr. Walid Khadoury**, Energy Writer
- **Mr. Ali Hamdan**, Lebanon
- **Dr. Fadi Jawad**, Lebanese Business Council, Kuwait

11:30-12:30 **SESSION II: The Challenge of Growth and Mobilizing Investments in The Arab Countries**

How can the Arab countries face the implications of the prevailing global economic and geopolitical risks? What are the needed reforms to safeguard growth and mobilize private capital and create jobs? How regional and global partnerships can help boost growth and accelerate capital flows into the region?

Moderator: H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafy, Secretary General, Union of Arab Chamber

Panelists:

- **H.E. Dr. Jihad Azour**, Director - Middle East and Central Asia, International Monetary Fund
- **Dr. Mazen Soueid**, Chairman and CEO, The Investment Development Authority of Lebanon (IDAL)
- **Eng. Fathallah Fawzy**, Chairman, Egyptian Lebanese Businessmen Association, Egypt
- **Mr. Jacques Sarraf**, Chairman, Global Lebanese Investors

12:30-13:15 **SESSION III: Lebanon in the Midst of the Economic Collapse: How and When We Can Get Out of the Crisis?**

Three years and more have passed, and the economic, financial and monetary crisis in Lebanon still defies a solution. Is it possible to get out of this crisis? When and how? Is it possible to implement reforms and reach a program with the International Monetary Fund that opens the doors of international financing and aid again? How can growth, confidence and investment be restored?

Moderator: H.E. Eng. Nicolas Nahas, Advisor to the President of the Council of Ministers in Lebanon

Panelists:

- **H.E. Dr. Yousef Al Khalil**, Minister of Finance, Lebanon
- **H.E. Mr. Amine Salam**, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Lebanon
- **H.E. Mr. George Bouchikian**, Minister of Industry, Lebanon
- **Mr. Nassib I. Ghobril**, Chief Economist, Head of Research and Economic Studies, Byblos Bank, Lebanon

13:15-14:15 **SESSION IV: Potential Role of Lebanese Immigrants in the Recovery and Future of Lebanon**

The Lebanese diaspora has always been the key driver of capital flows to Lebanon and a main pillar of the economic mainstay of the country. This has been more evident than ever during the current economic and financial crisis engulfing the country since 2019. What future Lebanese emigrants envision for the country? How do they see the way out of the current crisis? What reforms they seek to remedy the crisis?

Moderator: H.E. Ziad Makary, Minister of Information, Lebanon

Panelists:

- **Eng. Samir Al Khatib**, Chairman, Federation of Lebanese-Gulf Businessmen Councils
- **Lebanese Business and Investment Council** in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- **Mr. Rabih Al Amine**, President, Lebanese Executive Council, Saudi Arabia
- **Eng. Ali Al Khalil**, Chairman, Lebanese Business Council, Kuwait
- **Eng. Mohamad Bashar Al Abdallah**, President, Lebanese Businessmen Association in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- **Mr. Fouad Hodroj**, Deputy President, Egyptian Lebanese Businessmen Association
- **Dr. Fayssal El Hussein**, Owner of Many Medical Centers in France and Romania
- **Dr. Habib Jaafar**, Chairman, Apple And Pears Limited, Nigeria
- **Mr. Selim El Zyr**, Vice Chairman and Co-Founder, Rotana
- **Mr. Nidal Abou Zaki**, Secretary General, Lebanese Business Council in Dubai, UAE

14:15-15:15 **Lunch hosted by H.E. President of the Council of Ministers Mr. Najib Mikati (upon invitation)**