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Mr. Emmanuel Macron  
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France-Arab countries Economic Summit 2023  
A partnership to be consolidated in a world in crisis

March 15, 2023

Grand auditorium, Medef, avenue Bosquet, Paris

Proposed program as of February 7, 2023



**Program:**

**9 a.m.:** Welcome by Mr. Frédéric Sanchez, President of Medef International

**9.10 am:** Opening remarks by **Vincent Reina\***, **President of the Joint French Arab Chamber of Commerce** and **Sameer Abdulla Nass\***, **President of the Union of Arab Chambers, President of the CCI of Bahrain**

**9.30 a.m.:** Keynote: speech by Mr. Ahmed Abou El Gheit, Secretary General of the Arab League: the Arab world, its transformation, its challenges, its prospects in a new globalization, introduced by HE. Mousseid Yahya, Ambassador of Djibouti, Dean of Arab Ambassadors and HE. Naji Abi-Assi, Ambassador Head of Diplomatic Mission of the League of Arab States in Paris

**9:50 a.m.:** Speech by the Minister of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, Mr. Bruno Le Maire, or Mr. Olivier Becht, Minister Delegate to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs in charge of Foreign Trade, Attractiveness and French People Abroad, introduced by Mr. Vincent Reina and Mr. Frederic Sanchez

**10:10-11:30 a.m.:** **First sectorial session: water and the environment: worrying prospects, but solutions, and French solutions exist!**

**Keynote address: Estelle Brachlianoff\*, CEO Veolia**

Round table with:

- Veolia: Mr. Philippe Bourdeaux\*, Vice-President Africa-Middle East
- Antea France: Mr. Pascal Voyeau\*, Managing Director
- Cabinet Merlin: Mr. Laurent Julvez\*, Managing Director
- Morocco: Mr. Mohamed Benchaaboun, President of the Fund Mohammed VI for investment or Mr. Hussein Alioui, FCCIM, President
- United Arab Emirates: Mr. Ahmed Misfer, FUEACCI, President

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**11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.: Second sectorial session: For a renewed joint French Arab economic relationship: a new approach to industrial partnerships**

**Keynote address: Dr Khaled Hanafy\*, Secretary General – Union of Arab Chambers**

Round table with:

- CCI France\*: Mr. Alain di Cresenzo, President
- CPME: Mr. JL Blachier, Confederal Secretary
- Algeria: Mr. Mohammed Zerrouki, Vice-President, Algerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Tunisia: Mr. Samir Majoul, President Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts
- Egypt: Mr. Ibraheem Al Arabi, FCCE
- Iraq: National Investment Commission
- Jordan: Mr. Khalil Mohammad ElHaj Tawfiq, Jordan Chamber of Commerce, President

**12:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m.: lunch cocktail**

**2.30-3.30 p.m.: Third sectorial session: urban developments and big projects of tomorrow.**

**Keynote address: Thierry Mallet\*, Transdev, new forms of mobility.**

Round table with:

- International Sustainable Cities Federator with the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs: Mr. Gérard Wolf\*, President of the Medef International Sustainable Cities Task Force.
- Egis: Mr. Olivier Bouvart\*, Director
- Transdev: Antoine Grange\*, Managing Director Europe
- Eiffage Génie Civil: Mr. Edgar Coulomb, Managing Director Africa, Marine, Environment.
- Saudi Arabia: Dr. Raafat Samman, FCCIS
- Oman Chamber, Mr. Faisal Abdullah Al-Rawas, President
- Qatar: Sheikh Khalifa Al Thani, Qatar Chamber, President
- HE Mr. Jean-Baptiste Faivre, Ambassador of France to Qatar

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**3:30-4:30 p.m.: Fourth sectorial session: feeding, caring for, and sharing medicines and food resources.**

Round table with:

- French HealthCare, Mr. Jean-François Gendron\*, President
- Sanofi, Ms. Daphné Richet-Cooper\*, Director of Bilateral Relations, Government and Public Affairs, France
- ClinGroup, Dr. Nadia Cheaib\*, President
- Libya: Mr. Mohamed Raied, UCCIAL, President
- Mauritania: Mr. Ahmed Eleya, CCI of Mauritania, President
- Palestine: Mr. Jamal Jawabreh, ICC of Palestine, President

**4:30 p.m.: Focus on Arab sovereign funds: what use? Access for the private sector?**

**Keynote address: Mr. Laurent Saint-Martin\***, Business France, Managing Director

Round table with:

- Bpifrance, Mr. Simon Beauroy\*, Director of Development in charge of strategic investment partnerships with sovereign wealth funds and major private and public institutional investors
- Union of Arab and French Banks, Mr. Jean-Claude Gelhaar\*, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Europe Arab Bank, Mr. Ziad Ghosn\*, Managing Director
- Union of Arab Banks, M. Anwar Sayah\*, UAB Director
- Me Amel Makhoulf\*, Lawyer, Doctor of Law
- HE Ms. Claire Le Flécher, Ambassador of France to Kuwait

**5:45 p.m.: Closing keynote: Mr. Patrick Pouyanné**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, TotalEnergies

**6:15 p.m.:** Closing by Mr. Bruno Le Maire, Minister for the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, or Mr. Olivier Becht, Minister Delegate to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs in charge of Foreign Trade, Attractiveness and French people living abroad, introduced by Mr. Vincent Reina and Mr. Frédéric Sanchez

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