

**Under the High Patronage
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**Arab-African Economic Conference
"Strategic investments and sustainable partnerships"
December 20-21, 2023
Dakhla, Kingdom of Morocco**

Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday 20/12/2023	
8:30 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:30	<p><u>Opening Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lahoucine Alayoua, President of the Federation of Moroccan Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Services • Mr. Aziz Akhenouch, Prime Minister of Morocco • Mr. Riad Mazour, Minister of Industry and Trade • Mr. Governor of the Dakhla-Oued Eddahab region • Dr. Khaled Hanafy, Secretary General of the Union of Arab Chambers • Mr. Ahmed El-Wakil, President of the African Union of Chambers, President of the General Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce • Dr. Hashim Hussein, Head of the Investment and Technology Promotion Office, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO-Bahrain) • Professor Dr. Ibrahim Adam Al-Dukhairi, Director General of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development • Head of the Dakhla-Oued Eddahab region • President of the Federation of Traditional Industry Chambers • President of the Federation of Fisheries Chambers
10:30 – 12:00	<p><u>Session 1: The Business Climate in the Kingdom of Morocco: Reality & Prospects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The new investment charter and its role in motivating investment in Morocco

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ghita Mahfoudi, Adviser to the Minister for Investment, Prevention and Public Policy Assessment ❖ Promising Investment Opportunities in the Kingdom of Morocco • Mr. Mounir El Hawari, Director of the Regional Investment Center: Dakhla-Oued Eddahab ❖ The foreign trade policy of the Kingdom of Morocco • Mr. Yousef Al-Zahwi, Director of Foreign Trade
12:00 – 12:30	Coffee break
12:30 – 14:00	<p>Session 2: Regional integration and sustainable Arab-African investment (investment in infrastructure)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Sarah El-Gazzar, Advisor to the Union of Arab Chambers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Regional integration in logistics and industry centres to promote trade and Arab-African investments • Mr. Mohamed Kasem, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Exporters Association • Engineer Ibrahim Gani Abdul Ghaniu, First Vice President of the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture • Mr. Jean-Robert Esifuwa, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services - Democratic Republic of the Congo ❖ Infrastructure development to promote and develop the Arab-African Investments • Engineer Mohamed Saada, Chairman of the Port Said Chamber and Flutex Group for Contracting and Horizontal Drilling • Mr. Papi Ibrahima, Vice President, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Senegal • Mr. Aruna Camelio, Vice President, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Benin ❖ Governmental policies and free trade agreements as key actors in promoting transport and African-Arab trade • Ms. Douja Gharbi, CEO of Redstart Accelerator • Mr. Patrick Kimathi, CEO Skynotch Energy (Virtual) • Professor Sharif Al-Kettani Muhammad Dafer, Director of the Institute of African Studies
14:00 – 15:30	Lunch Break
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Session 3: Investment opportunities in promising productive sectors and achieving food security (manufacturing of primary and raw materials)</p>

	<p>Moderator: Dr. Alaa Ezz, Secretary General, General Union of Egyptian Chambers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Investment opportunities in industry, services and industrial inputs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abdinasir Jimale Mohamed, Deputy Director, Somali Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Ms. Keita Mananka, Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Handicrafts of Guinea (Conakry) ❖ The strategic importance of using green energy sources in Arab and African countries to cover the deficit in traditional energy sources and preserve the environment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Suwaih Ahmed, Regional Director of the Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development • Mr. Jani Ibrahim, Vice President, Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mining and Agriculture, Nigeria • Mr. Busojo Mousavu, Vice President, Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Agriculture, Industry, Mining and Crafts, Gabon ❖ Arab-African food security and exploring opportunities for Arab investment in the development of the African agricultural sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Ibrahim Adam Al Dukhairi, Director General of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development
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<p>Day 2: Thursday 12/21/2023</p>	
<p>9:30 – 11:00</p>	<p>Session 4: The Role of financing institutions in supporting trade, investment, and small enterprises</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Hashim Hussein, Head of the Investment and Technology Promotion Office, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) – Bahrain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The role of banks in financing Arab-African trade and investment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Achraf Trabelsi, International expert, representative of the German Fund in Tunisia • Mr. Omar Al-Dulami, Regional Director of the Real Estate and Tourism Credit Bank ❖ Initiatives to support small and medium-sized enterprises and digitization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Youssef Al-Rami, expert in charge of the Pole Support and Rehabilitation for Enterprises, Morocco Empowerment and Rehabilitation Association • Mr. Afif Al-Barhoumi, Investment Promotion Expert, Investment Promotion Office (UNIDO - Bahrain)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Abdel Nasser AbouZkeh Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Fund for Small and Medium Enterprises • Mr. Madeo Simbara, President of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mali ❖ Investment funds and Islamic sukuks and their role in financing Arab-African investment • Dr. Engineer Salman Al-Sabbar, CEO of Innovation Group Holding
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	<p><u>Session 5:</u> The role of the Arab-African Chambers of Commerce and Industry in achieving economic development</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Dr. Khaled Hanafy, Secretary General of the Union of Arab Chambers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chambers as a key factor in creating investment and stimulating the economy in Arab and African countries • Hassan Al-Barakani, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services in the Casablanca-Settat region • Dr. Alaa Ezz, Secretary General of the General Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce • Mr. Hashim Duale MBE, Senior Advisor to the President and Board of Directors of the Somali Chamber of Commerce and Industry ❖ The role of the Arab-African chambers in enhancing cooperation and advancing economic development • Ms. Sonia Janahi, BOD Member, Bahrain Chamber • Mr. Moussa Sidi Mohammed, Vice President, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Niger • Ms. Antonia Coker Caramba, President of Business & Professional Women Sierra Leone (Virtual)
13:00 – 13:30	<p><u>Closing session:</u></p> <p>Conference Recommendations</p>
13:30	Lunch Break