أكد رئيس الاتحاد العام للغرف التجارية المصرية ورئيس الاتحاد الافريقي لغرف التجارة والزراعة محمود العربي، خلال الكلمة التي ألقاها افتراضيا في افتتاح القمة الاقتصادية الافريقية - الصينية، على “أهمية الشراكة بين دول القارة والصين في تحقيق أمال أبناء القارة في التنمية الاقتصادية والتجارية، حيث تعد الصين الشريك التجاري الرئيسي بما يقارب من تجارة القارة الخارجية، كما تعد الشريك الاستثماري الرئيسي خصوصا في مجال البنية التحتية الذي تنامي من خلال مبادرة الطريق والحزام”.

وشدد العربي على أن “اتحاد الغرف الأفريقية قد بادر إلى مد جسور التعاون مع كافة البلدان والتكتلات في العالم لاستغلال كافة الفرص المتاحة لتنمية العلاقات الاقتصادية للفارة”， معتبرا أنه "على الرغم من التحديات التي يواجهها الاقتصاد العالمي خلال الفترة الراهنة، في مجالات الطاقة والبيئة والتغيرات المناخية ومواجهة الآثار الاقتصادية لجائحة كورونا، إلا أن مجتمع الأعمال الإفريقي ينظر للوجه الآخر للعملة من خلال الفرص الاستثمارية والتجارية المستحقة، وتحدد بناءً فصل واعدة للتنمية التجارية للبيئة بين أفريقيا والصين وفرصة هامة للتنمية الاستثمارية المشتركة".

Ibrahim El-Araby: The Challenges Necessitate Cooperation to Develop Global Intra-Regional Trade & Joint Investments

The President of the General Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce and President of the African Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture Ibrahim Mahmoud El-Araby, during his virtual speech at the opening of the African-Chinese Economic Summit, confirmed the "importance of partnership between the countries of the African continent and China in achieving the aspirations of the people of the continent in economic and trade development, as China is the main trading partner, accounting for nearly 20 percent of the continent’s foreign trade, and is the main investment partner, especially in the field of infrastructure, which is growing through the Belt and Road Initiative.

El-Araby stressed that “the Federation of African Chambers has taken the initiative to extend bridges of cooperation with all countries and blocs in the world to exploit all available opportunities to develop the economic relations of the continent,” noting that “despite the challenges facing the global economy during the current period, in the areas of energy, environment, climate change and facing the inflationary effects of the Corona pandemic, the African business community looks at the other side of the currency through the new investment and trade opportunities, and finds it as promising opportunities for the development of the intra-African trade and China and an important opportunity to develop joint investments,” noting that “the current challenges facing the global economy require us to focus on our joint cooperation to develop intra-regional trade and joint investments, and this will only be achieved through the development of transportation and logistics, and the exploitation of the African Free Trade Area with its huge purchasing power of more than 1.4 trillion dollars.”

Source (FEDCOC Website, Edited)
The World Bank expects the Gulf Economies to Grow by 2.6%

The World Bank expected that the economies of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries will return to the growth path, achieving an overall growth of 2.6 percent in 2021. This came in the latest edition of the World Bank report on the latest economic developments in the Gulf region under the title "Seizing the opportunity for a sustainable recovery," where the report noted that the strong recovery in the countries of the region, which is due to the growth of the non-oil sectors and the rise in oil prices, will accelerate during 2022 in parallel with the gradual cancellation of oil production cuts in accordance with the OPEC Plus agreement, improving confidence in business enterprises, and attracting investments additional.

The report showed that the favorable conditions in the oil market reduced the imbalances that affected the public financial and external accounts of these countries, with the recovery of their export revenues. Noting that the medium-term future outlook remains subject to risks arising from the slowdown in the pace of global recovery, the renewed outbreak of the Coronavirus, and fluctuations in the oil sector.

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