Dubai International Conference of Endowments on Innovative Sources to Finance Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises

Agenda

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InterContinental Dubai Festival City

Dubai

United Arab Emirates
DAY ONE: Tuesday 16-2-2010

10:00 -11:00 SESSION ONE: OPENNING CEREMONY

- REGISTRATION
- Awqaf & Minor Affairs Foundation Speech
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA) Speech
- Documentary Film On Awqaf & Minor Affairs Foundation
- Honoring His Excellency Khalaf Al Habtoor
- Exhibition

11:00-11:30 BREAK

11:30-13:00 SESSION TWO: SMEs in the Arab Region

Chair: Hussein Al-Qamzi, Chairman of Awqaf and Minors Affairs Foundation

- SMEs in the Arab Region: Challenges and Opportunities
  Ms. Lois Stevenson, Visiting Research Fellow, International Development Research Centre
- Khalifa Fund’s Role in Supporting SMEs
  Mr. Nizar Shnior, Director of training and development of Entrepreneurs, Khalifa Fund to develop projects
- The Development Role to support Entrepreneurship and SMEs: Case Study of Mohammed Ben Rashid Est. for SMEs Development
  Mr. Essam Omran Al-Dessi
- The Importance of creating a Junior Market for SMEs in Arab region
  Mr. Mohammed Omran, Vice Chairman, The Egyptian Exchange

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:30 SESSION THREE: The Role of Endowment Foundations and Islamic Banks in supporting the SMEs.

Chair: Dr. Hamad Al-Shaibani, General Manager of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities Department

- The role of the Awqaf and Arab development funds in the establishment of an Arab fund to finance small and medium enterprises.
  Mr. Adel Khalil, Economic Expert, Council of Arab Economic Unity
- The role of Awqaf in supporting of SMEs
  Mr. Hisham Dafterdar, Unicorn Investment Bank
• Islamic Finance to SMEs: The Experience of Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD)  
  Mr. Khaled Al-Aboodi, Chief Executive Officer, ICD  
• The Role of Monetary Endowments: Towards Endowment Institutions to Finance SMEs  
  Mr. Kamal Al-Mansouri

15:30 – 16:00  BREAK

16:00 – 17:30  SESSION FOUR: AWQAF EXPERIENCES  
Chair: Abdul Baset Al Janahi, General Manager, Association of Mohammed bin Rashid projects

• The Corporate Waqaf: A Malaysian Experience in Building Sustainable Business Capability  
  Mr. Muhammad Ali Hashim  
• Waqf Investments in South African  
  Mr.Zeinoul Cajee, Co-founder of Awqaf of South Africa  
• The role of Awqaf in supporting and financing of SMEs: Islamic Development Bank  
  Mr. Al-Ayashi Al-Sadik Fadad, Islamic Development Bank  
• The Role of Orphans’ Fund Development Association in Jordan in Financing Projects  
  Mr. Rateb AL-Haiemal, Coordinator for King Abdullah II Prize for Excellence in Governmental Performance and Transparency
DAY TWO: Wednesday 17-2-2010

9:00-11:00  SESSION FIVE: Recent Development in SMEs
Chair: Dr. Nabil Safwat, Chief, Economic Development & Globalization Division, UN-ESCWA

- The Impact of the Financial and Economic Crisis on SMEs
  Mr. Paul Vandenberg, Professor of Economics, International Management Institute
- Financing innovative SMEs in Europe
  Mr. José Palacín, First Economic Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Europe
- Business Incubation: Introducing a New Framework
  Ms. Doha Yacout, Mr. Aiman Ragab, Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport
- Financial Support for SMEs in Japan
  Mr. Hikar Fomaka, Economic Research Institute, Tokyo
- The Recent Development in the SMEs Sector in the UK
  Mr. David Dinsdale, Business Link

11:00-11:30  BREAK

11:30-13:00  SESSION SIX: The Role of International Organization to Support SMEs
Chair: Dr. Ahmad bin Hazim, General Manager of Dubai Courts

- UNDP Experience in Financing and Supporting SMEs in the Egypt
  Ms. Ghada Waly, Assistant Resident Representative, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)/ advisor to the chairman of the Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority EFSA for Micro Finance and Access to Finance
- Innovative Financing of SMEs: The Italian Experience
  Mr. Salvatore Zecchini, Chairman of the Italian Institute for Italian Promotion
- SMEs and the Future of Arab Economies
  Mr. Khaled Hussein, First Economic Affairs Office, UN-ESCWA
- Non - Banking Finance for SMEs in MENA
  Mr. Wafik Grace, Viveris Mashrek

13:00-14:00  LUNCH

14:00-15:00  SESSION SEVEN: RECOMMENDATION