

10TH AUSTRIA CONNECT GULF

EXPO 2020 AND BEYOND - ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND GROWTH

18TH NOVEMBER 2021 | JW MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL | DUBAI

10.00-11.00	REGISTRATION	
	JW Marriott Marquis Hotel - Ballroom "Dubai"	
11.00	WELCOME AND FAMILY PHOTO	Moderator
	WELCOME AND FAMILY PHOTO	Ms. Amandeep Bhangu
11.05	Video Clip "ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA"	
11.07	OPENING ADDRESS	
	Video Message: Federal President of the Republic of Austria	H.E. Mr. Alexander Van der Bellen
	Austrian Federal Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs	H.E. Ms. Margarete Schramböck
	Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry	H.E. Mr. Abdullah M. Al Mazrui
	VIDEO CLIP "Austria @ Expo"	
	Vice President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber	H.E. Mr. Richard Schenz
	Vice President Int. Relations Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Mr. Hassan Al Hashemi
11.35-11.50	FIRESIDE CHAT	
	Economic Growth & Prosperity in the UAE through transformational visions and sustainable policies	
	Executive Director UAE Clusters - Mubadala	H.E. Mr. Badr Al-Olama
	Head of Organizing Committee GMIS	
11.50-12.10	MACROECONOMIC OUTLOOK	
	The Middle East after Al Ula and the Abrahamic Accord	
	MEED - Middle East Economic Digest	Mr. Richard Thompson
	Award-winning business journalist and Middle East expert	
	Question & Answers	



12.10-12.20	PRESENTATION The role of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA in supporting Austrian Businesses	Mr. Michael Otter, Director General ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA
12.20-12.25	JUBILEE BOOK PRESENTATION	Mr. Richard Bandera, Head of
	Austria and the UAE – 45 years of partnership	ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Abu Dhabi
12.25-12.50	PANEL DISCUSSION	Moderator
	Austrian Businesses in the UAE – experience & insights	Richard Bandera
	Regional Director OMV in the UAE	Mr. Peter Zeilinger
	Managing Director PKE Gulf Abu Dhabi	Mr. Philipp Peischl
	General Manager Waagner-Biro Emirates Contracting	Mr. Jason Wilson
	Managing Director ILF Consulting Engineers Abu Dhabi	Mr. Klaus Schick
	Question & Answers	
12.50-14.00	LUNCH	
14.00-14.10	KEYNOTE: Operation 300bn: Make it in the Emirates and National ICV	Mr. Hamad Saif Belmahaina, Chairman of the ICV Committee Ministry of Industry & Advanced Technology
14.10-14.30	PANEL DISCUSSION Industrial diversification and In-Country-Value	Moderator Mr. Abdulrahman Abdi Economic Advisor ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Abu Dhabi
	Chairman of MBG Corporate Services Global	Mr. Mayur Batra
	Managing requirements and expectations of ICV in the UAE	,
	Team Leader EU-GCC Dialogue on Economic Diversification Geo-economic commentary and effects of ICV in the UAE & GCC	Mr. Douglas Aitkenhead
	Founding Partner emltc Ltd. The legal and commercial meaning of UAE ICV for global companies	Mr. Constantin Frank-Fahle
14.30–15.00	PANEL DISCUSSION What will the future hold for foreign businesses in the UAE?	Moderator: Mr. Gordian Gaeta Director and Investor in multiple companies
	Daburon & Partners Legal Consultants LLP	Mr. Clemens Daburon
	Liberalisation of Foreign Ownership	Founding Partner
	Strohal Legal Consultants UAE	Mr. Jakob Kisser
	Implications of the Transition of Free Zones to Economic Zones	Managing Partner
	Austrian Business Council Experiences and Expectations of the Austrian Business Council	Mr. Werner Baumgartner President
15.00-15.20	COFFEE BREAK	
15.20-16.10	THE REGIONAL VIEW	Moderator:
	Country presentations by ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA in the Middle East	Mr. Andreas Pfleger
	Bahrain, Pakistan and Oman	Mr. Richard Bandera
	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Yemen	Mr. Christoph Pfeifer
	Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq	Mr. Herwig Neuper
	Iran and Afghanistan	Mr. Christoph Grabmayr
	Israel and Palestine	Mr. Markus Haas





	Qatar and Kuwait	Ms. Caroline Adenberger
16.10-17.00	BREAK OUT SESSION – Individual coaching & regional advice	
	by ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA in the Middle East	
Ballroom	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Yemen	Mr. Christoph Pfeifer
Al Safa 1	Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq	Mr. Herwig Neuper
Al Safa 2	Israel and Palestine	Mr. Markus Haas
Al Safa 3	Iran and Afghanistan	Mr. Christoph Grabmayr
Al Safa 3	Qatar	Ms. Caroline Adenberger
	Kuwait	Mr. Fred Abou Saada
Al Safa 4	UAE and Bahrain	Mr. Andreas Pfleger
	Oman	Ms. Hajir Abubakr
	Pakistan	Mr. Usman Mohiuddin
17.00	END OF CONFERENCE	
18.30-19.00	SHUTTLE SERVICE TO AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DAY	
	Hotel Main Entrance – Ground Level	
19.30-23.00	AUSTRIAN NATIONAL DAY – Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Terrace 1st Floor	
22.00-23.00	SHUTTLE SERVICE TO JW MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL EVERY 30 MIN	
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