Under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor of the Central Bank of Qatar Sheikh Bandar bin Mohammed bin Saud Al Thani





Arab Banking Conference - 2024

Sustainable Development Requirements and The Role of Banks

10-11 September, 2024

Sheraton Doha Hotel

Doha, Qatar

Agenda & Timetable

Monday 09/09/2024

12:00-19:00 Conference early registration

First day of the conference proceedings - Tuesday 10/09/2024

08:00-09:15 Conference Registration

09:15-09:30 Entering the conference main Hall

09:30-10:30 **Conference Official Opening Ceremony**

Official Opening Addresses:

- H.E. Sheik Bandar Bin Saoud Al-Thani, Governor of Qatar Central Bank
- Mr. Mohamed El Etreby, Chairman, Union of Arab Banks

Keynote Addresses:

- H.E. Dr. Fahad M. Alturki, Director General / Chairman of the Board, Arab Monetary Fund
- H.E. Dr. Rola Dashti, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary (ESCWA)

10:30-10:45 **Speech of Dr. Wissam H. Fattouh,** Secretary General – Union of Arab Banks Honoring:

The Governor of Qatar Central Bank

Memorial Photo - The Arab Banking Conference for 2024

10:45-11:15 Visit to the Exhibition accompanying the conference & Networking

11:15-12:30 <u>Session 1</u>: **"Sustainable Development Requirements and the Financing Gap in the Arab Region"**

- -Overview of Development Challenges in the Arab Region and Assessment of Needs and Priorities
- -Key Trends in Development Financing in the Arab World and the Regulatory Environment for Sustainable Development
- -Government Approaches to Financing Sustainable Development and National Development Strategies
- -Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development Projects

Keynote Speeches:

- **H.E.Mr. Nasser Kamel,** Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (tbc)
- H.E. Dr. Rania Al-Mashat, Minister of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation, Egypt
- **Mr. Issam Abousleiman,** Country Director for the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries-World Bank, Riyadh (tbc)
- Mr. Mahmoud Shawa, Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Palestine
- Mr. Vito Intini, Regional Chief Economist, UNDP, Jordan
- **Mr. Jerome Vacher**, Senior Economist, Gulf Cooperation Council Division Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF

<u>Moderator</u>: **Dr. Cornelia Meyer**, Chief Economist - LBV Asset Management, and CEO - MRL Corporation, Switzerland

12:30-12:45 Coffee Break & Networking

12:45-14:00 <u>Session 2</u>: "The Role of Financial Markets, Institutions, and Instruments in Financing Development"

- The Role of the Banking Sector in Financing Sustainable Development
- Investment Opportunities in the Healthcare Sectors
- The Role of Islamic Finance in Sustainable Development
- Green Bonds, Social Bonds, and Sustainability-Linked Loans

Keynote Speeches:

- H.E. Dr. Firass Abiad, Minister of Public Health, Lebanon
- Mr. Hisham Ezz Al-Arab, Chairman, Commercial International Bank, Egypt
- Mr. Rami El Dokany, Secretary General, Arab Federation of Capital Markets, Lebanon
- Dr. Hashim Hussein, Head UNIDO ITPO, Bahrain
- Mr. Ali Al Mohannadi, Exec. Director of Business Finance, Qatar Development Bank
- Mrs. Marion Hoenicke, Head of Financial Inclusion, EU Enlargement & Neighborhood Department, European Investment Bank (EIB), Belgium (tbc)

<u>Moderator:</u> **Dr. Cornelia Meyer,** Chief Economist - LBV Asset Management, and CEO - MRL Corporation, Switzerland

14:00-15:30 Lunch in honor of the participants

Gala Dinner & Golden Jubilee celebrations on the occasion of the Union of Arab Banks 50th Anniversary



Wednesday 11/09/2024 (Second day Conference Proceedings)	
08:30	UAB General Assembly Registration
10:00	Opening of UAB 48th General Assembly Meeting
11:30-11:45	Coffee Break & Networking
11:45-12:45	Session 3: "Fintech for Sustainable Finance" - Leveraging Technology for Sustainable Finance - Digital Inclusion and Access to Information for All - Fintech Solutions for Sustainable Finance - Fintech and Access to Finance for SMEs & Entrepreneurs
	Moderator: H.E. Dr. Ismail Abdul Ghaffar Ismail, President, Arab Academy for Science Technology & Maritime Transport (AASTMT)
	 Keynote Speeches: Eng. Salem Itani, Chairman & CEO - Touch Lebanon Dr. Natalia Carrillo, CEO, HEDERA, Italy Mr. Halil Ozcan, Executive Vice President/ Digital Banking, Burgan Bank, Türkiye Mr. Suleiman Barada, President of Lebanon Chapter, Global Innovation Institute Mr. Dinos Constantinides, Chief Strategy & Digital Officer, Qatar Islamic Bank, Qatar (tbc)
12:45-13:00	Coffee Break & Networking
13:00-14:15	Session 4: "Climate Financing and Environmental Sustainability" - Addressing the Challenges of Climate Change and Environmental Degradation - Mobilizing Resources for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Infrastructure and Promoting Green Finance Initiatives in the Arab Region - Integrating ESG Elements in Investment Decisions and in Legislation - Islamic Banking as a tool for Environmental Sustainability
	Speakers – Keynote Speech:
	 Mr. Iyad Asali, General Manager, Islamic International Arab Bank, Jordan Mr. Walid Oueslati, Head of Climate, Biodiversity and Water Division, OECD Environment Directorate, France Dr. Noura Y. Mansouri, Chair of Think 20 (T20) Climate Change and Environment Task Force Research Fellow- King Abdullah Petroleum Studies & Research Center/ KSA (tbc) Mr. Eslam Mahdy, Managing Consultant, Energy and Sustainability, Guidehouse Germany
	Moderator: Dr. Antoine Sfeir, Lecturer at the American University of Beirut, Attorney at Paris & Beirut Bar Associations. Affiliated Partner in Montreal & Washington
14:15-14:30	Conference Declaration & Award Distribution to Cooperating & Sponsoring Institutions
14:30	Lunch in honor of the participants