

PROGRAM

- 9.00 h** **Registration**
- Opening of the 1st Arab-German Economic Conference North Rhine-Westphalia**
Moderation: Brigitte Büscher
TV-Journalist (WDR)
- 10.00 h** **Keynote**
H.E. Armin Laschet
Minister President of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), Germany
- 10.20 h** **Welcoming Speeches**
H.E. Dr. Mustapha Adib
Ambassador of the Republic of Lebanon / Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps, Germany
H.E. Marwan Al Sarkal
Executive Chairman, Sharjah Investment and Development Authority (Shurooq), UAE
Burkhard Landers
Vice-President of the IHK NRW and President of the IHK Duisburg-Wesel-Kleve, Germany
Abdulaziz Al Mikhlaifi
Secretary General of the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Germany
- 10.35 h** **Expo 2020 in Dubai**
Maha Al Gargawi
Vice President of International Participants, Expo 2020 Dubai, UAE
Dietmar Schmitz
General Commissioner German Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai, UAE
- 10.45 h** **Panel 1: Energy- Water- Waste Management: Identifying and Serving Future Markets**
Moderation: Jan Noether
Executive Director, German-Arab Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Egypt
Dr. Murad Daghles
Partner, White & Case LLP, Germany
Roland Damann
Managing Director, Envi-plan Ingenieurgesellschaft mbH, Germany
Michael Schenker
Managing Partner, becker Maschinenbau GmbH, Germany
- 11.30 h** **Networking Break**
- 11.45 h** **Panel 2: Health Care Industry: Market Overview and Planning & Optimization of Distribution Channels**
Moderation: Felix Neugart
Managing Director, IHK Düsseldorf, Germany
Christoph Keimer
Partner, SCHLÜTER GRAF Rechtsanwälte PartG mbH, Germany
Tim O. Knipps
Managing Director, COMED GmbH, Germany
Nizar Maarouf
Head of Sana International Business and Government Relations, Sana Kliniken AG, Germany
Andreas Schmitz
CEO, Clinic Bel Etage, Germany
Dr. Claus Biermann
Executive Vice President Global Healthcare Education of Area9 Lyceum & Board Member of Thieme/Area9, Germany

12.45 h Networking Lunch

**13.45 h Infrastructure, Industrialization and Digitalization in the Arab World: Potentials
for the Economy in NRW in Key Sectors**

Keynotes

H.E. Prof. Dr. Andreas Pinkwart

Minister for Economy, Innovation, Digitalization and Energy of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

H.E. Dr. Peter Ramsauer

President of the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce & Industry / Chairman of the
Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development / Federal Minister ret., Germany

Abdelbasset Ghanmi

General Manager of FIPA Tunisia, Tunis

Marita Mitschein

Senior Vice President Digital Skills EMEA South, Managing Director SAP Training &
Development Institute, SAP SE, UAE

Oliver Oehms

Managing Director, German-Emirati Joint Council for Industry & Commerce, UAE

Dr. Joerg Westphal

Executive Senior Vice President, Schüco International KG, Germany

14.45 h Networking Break

15.00 h Panel 4: Food Industry: High Demand of German Products, Machinery and Services

Moderation: Harald Grefe

Deputy Managing Director, IHK Ostwestfalen, Germany

Peter Ballon

Key Account Manager International, Melitta Professional Coffee Solutions GmbH & Co. KG,
Germany

Klaus Kunkemoeller

Sales Director, Riela Getreidetechnik Karl- Heinz Knoop e.K., Germany

Dr. Gabi Kratochwil

Book Author, Owner of Cross Cultures and Board Member of the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of
Commerce and Industry, Germany

Dr. Philipp Stompfe

Lawyer, Alexander & Partner, Germany

**15.45 h Workshop: Financing and Investment Promotion for Medium-sized Companies within the
Framework of the Initiative of the Federal Government AfricaConnect, DEG - Deutsche
Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH**

Alexander Klein

Senior Investment Manager AfricaConnect, Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft
mbH (DEG), Germany

Hajo Hebgen

Senior Consultant, Agentur für Wirtschaft & Entwicklung, Germany

16.30 h End of the Event

19.00 h Gala Dinner at Wirtschaftsclub, Blumenstraße 14, 40212 Duesseldorf

Ali Vezvaei

Global CEO, Ecolog International, UAE

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