



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 Mikhlafi

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

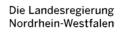
Executive Vice President Global Healthcare Education of Area9 Lyceum & Board Member of

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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