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– Ministry of Economy and Finance

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM*

Vision Golfe 2026: France – Gulf Strategic Summit

THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH

- 8:00 am Welcome Coffee
- 9:00 am Opening Remarks
Daleen HASSAN, Master of ceremonies
- Louis MARGUERITTE**, CEO, Business France
Roland LESCURE, French Minister for the Economy, Finance and Industrial, Energy and Digital Sovereignty, France
Nicolas FORISSIER, French Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and France's Attractiveness
- 9:15 am **Ministerial Keynote Speech:** Shaping the Future of Mining: Policy Momentum and Sovereign Ambitions in Saudi Arabia
H.E Eng. Khalid bin Saleh AL-MUDAIFER, Vice Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources for Mining Affairs in Saudi Arabia
- 9:30 am **Keynote Speech:** **Jean-Yves LE DRIAN**, Former French Minister, Special Envoy of the President of the French Republic for Lebanon and the Middle East, President of AFALULA
- 9:45 am **Fireside chat** "Investing in France and Saudi Arabia – Opportunities, Perspectives and Business Insights moderated" with:
Sophie SIDOS, President of the Foreign Trade Advisors of France
Eng. Sultan AL MUSALLAM, Secretary General of The Federation of Saudi Chambers

Moderator: **Rachid BOULAOUINE**, Country Director of Business France Saudi Arabia
- 10:00 am Gulf in Transition: Strategic France – Gulf Partnerships for Investment and Growth

Martin TRICAUD, Group Head of Wholesale Banking – UAE, First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB)
Julien POUGET, President, MENA Exploration & Production, TotalEnergies
Basel SHADDAD, Holding CEO – Estithmar
Dr. Mohamed BEN LADEN, President, Saudi French Business Council (CAFS)
Khalid SHARAF, Senior Director – Corporate Sales & Business Development, DMCC
Yousef AL SANEH, CEO, Yaqoub Al Saneh & Partners Law Firm

Moderator: **Aby THOMAS**, Editor-In-Chief Inc. Arabia



- 10:45 am** Water security, Decarbonation and sovereignty: integrated strategies for circular models management
- Luis DE LOPE**, CEO, SAUR International
Iheb TRIKI, Co-founder & CEO, KUMULUS WATER
Abdullah BIN TUWAYM, Chief Transaction Officer, Saudi Water Partnership Company (SHARAKAT)
Mohammed AL-ZUABI, CEO, Marafiq
- Moderator: **Zeina ZBIBO**, Website Editor & Journalist - Arab News en Français
- 11:35 am** **Keynote Speech: Xavier PEREIRA**, Chief Growth Officer, Quandela & **Bara' SAMI**, Group General Manager, Mekdam Holding Group QPSC
- 11:45 am** AI and Emerging Tech: Building Franco-Gulf Leadership in the Global Innovation Race
- Julien MALAURENT**, Associate Dean of ESSEC for Executive Education and Corporate Relations, ESSEC EXECUTIVE EDUCATION
Inge KERKLOH-DEVIF, Senior executive director Institut Innovation & Entrepreneuriat HEC Paris
Eng. Anas ALQAHTANI, CEO, Wa'ed Ventures
Xavier PEREIRA, Chief Growth Officer, Quandela
Massimo MORETTI, CEO & Co-founder, SOLAYA
Paul SAYAR, Project Management Officer, Campus IA
- Moderator: **Sarah SADDOUK**, Director of Innovation Entrepreneur Middle East
- 12:30 pm** Cocktail & Networking Lunch
- 2:00 pm** Strategic resilience in space and defence: France-Gulf perspectives
- Olivier BADARD**, CEO, Armada Technology
Major General Christophe HINTZY, Major General, NATO MISSION COMMANDER
Marc CHIESA, CEO, CGX AERO
Olivier GUILBERT, Export Sales Vice President, Thales Alenia Space
Adel HADDOUD, CEO, INFINITE ORBITS
Dr. Hamdullah MOHIB, Acting CEO, Orbitworks
- Moderator: **Oscar WENDEL**, MEA Lead for Karrier One & Founder and Chairman of GLOBAL STRATALOGUES



- 2:40 pm** Strategic corridors: enhancing connectivity and resilience in global logistics
- Gérard MESTRALLET**, Special Envoy to the President of the Republic of France, India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)
Charles-Emmanuel DE BEAUREGARD, Head of Corporate & Institutional Banking, Qatar National Bank (QNB)
Poul HESTBAEK, CEO, Folk Maritime Services Company
Alexandre JOSEPH, Vice President, BAHRI
- Moderator: **Ali ITANI**, Region Head Arab News Japan & France
- 3:20 pm** **Fireside chat** “Reindustrializing at Scale: KSA as a Global Manufacturing Powerhouse” with:
Eng. Saleh ALSOLAMI, CEO, National Industrial Development Center NIDC
Daleen HASSAN, MC
- 3:35 pm** France–GCC: Forging partnerships for global manufacturing
- Olivier MATHEY**, CEO, SPARE PARTS 3D
Nasser AL KUWARI, CEO, MBK GLOBAL
Eric SIMON, CEO, APAVE International
Christophe LEBRUN, EMEA Sales Director, EVOLIS
Eng. Majed AL-ARGOUBI, CEO, MODON
- Moderator: **Silvia LAMBIASE**, Director of Strategic Partnerships, The Business Year
- 4:15 pm** Shaping Human Capital: French–Gulf Partnerships in Skills, Education and Lifelong Learning
- Julien MALAURENT**, Associate Dean of ESSEC for Executive Education and Corporate Relations, ESSEC EXECUTIVE EDUCATION
Nathalie MARTIAL-BRAZ, Vice-Chancellor, SORBONNE UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI
Prof. Omar KNIO, Vice President, Academic Affairs, KAUST (King Abdullah University of Science and Technology)
Xavier PEREIRA, Chief Growth Officer, QUANDELA
Marc CHIESA, CEO & Chairman, CGX AERO
Thierry CLOUTET, Head of Business Growth, Africa & Middle East, Airbus
- Moderator: **Lionel RABIN**, Founder and Managing Director HALTIQA – Bridging Energies
- 5:00 pm** Closing Remarks
- 7:00 pm** Exclusive networking cocktail “French Night” – Palais Galliera



B2B Meetings will take place on Thursday, June 18th from 10:40 am to 5:00 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH

08:00 am Welcome Coffee

09:00 am Opening Remarks
Daleen HASSAN, Master of ceremonies

Didier BOULOGNE, Chief Operating Officer, Export Division, Business France
Paul TEBOUL, Head of the Business Attractiveness and Internationalization Department - French Treasury, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty
Damien LORAS, Director for Economic Diplomacy, Ministry of Europe & Foreign Affairs
Alexandre RATLE, Vice-President and Chair of the Southern Mediterranean, Near East and Middle East Commission, Foreign Trade Advisors of France

09:20 am **Fireside chat** “Advancing Strategic Partnerships: Strengthening Economic Ties Between the UAE and France” with:
H.E Mohammed Abdulrahman AL HAWI, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Investment in the UAE
Daleen HASSAN, MC

09:30 am **Keynote Speech:** Bahrain’s Financial Leadership in the Gulf: Partnerships, Innovation, and Future Opportunities
HE Mr. Khalid Ebrahim HUMAIDAN, Governor of Central Bank of Bahrain

09:35 am **Keynote Speech: Basel SHADDAD**, Holding CEO – Estithmar

09:45 am Unlocking Bilateral Trade and Investment Between France and the GCC

Flavie PAQUAY, Middle East Country Manager, ALTIOS
Azza Al HABSI, VP, Economic Research & Emerging Trends, Ominvest
Khalifah AL-YAQOUT, Managing partner, AL YAQOUT & AL-FOUZAN LEGAL GROUP
Marc LHERMITTE, Senior Partner, EY
Mael MBAYE, Head MENA, Turkey & Central Asia, Bpifrance

Moderator: **George EID**, Head of News at Al Mashhad TV and Digital Platform

10:30 am **Fireside chat with:**
Stéphane LAYANI, CEO, Semmaris
Jens MICHEL, CEO, Abu Dhabi Food Hub

Moderator: **Daleen HASSAN**, MC



- 10:45 am** Food Security and Agri Supply Resilience: Strengthening Franco-Gulf Value Chains
- Dr. Suleiman ALRUSHUDI**, CEO, Gulf Union
Hassan HALAWI, CEO, ELITE AGRO HOLDING
Jens Michel, CEO, Abu Dhabi Food Hub
- Moderator: **Raffaele TRAPASSO**, Senior Advisor, MENA Competitiveness Programme Middle East and Africa Division, Global Relations and Co-operation, OECD
- 11:30 am** Smart Cities and Urban Resilience: Designing the Cities of Tomorrow Together
- Dr. Mohamed ALJARALLAH**, VP of Real Estate Development, KING SALMAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (KSIA)
Ramez ALFAYEZ, Chief Information Technology Officer, King Abdullah Financial District (KAJD)
Mohammed Ahmad ALSHARIF, Senior Director of Business Development, Royal Commission for Riyadh City
Aurélien CLÉDIÈRE, Strategy and Development Manager, RATP DEV
- Moderator: **Jack DUTTON**, Chief Business Correspondent, Al-Monitor
- 12:10 pm** Healthcare Excellence and Mobility: Building Trust and Value Between France and the Gulf
- Stéphane RAHARIJAONA**, Sales Development Middle East and Africa – Sr Manager, BD PHARMA
Joseph HAZEL, CEO, Apex Health
Dr. Fadi ALBUHAIRAN, CEO, LIFERA
Stephan BARTH, Global Franchise Head Pneumo, Meningo Travel & Endemic Vaccine, SANOFI
- Moderator: **Johanna LERFEL**, Regional Counsellor for Global Health in the Middle East
- 12:55 pm** Cocktail & networking lunch
- 1:45 pm** Crafting the Future of Luxury: France Meets Gulf Innovation in Retail
- Rony MOURANI**, CEO, Assets Property Management
Florence LAFRAGETTE, President & Artistic director, Petrusse
Pierre-François LE LOUËT, President & CEO, NellyRodi
Muhammad AFIFI, CEO, Onyx Global Partners
Yasser ZEIN, Group Chief Executive Officer, Aura Group
Emilie VIARGUES METGE, President, French Touch Middle East/Auditoire Luxe
- Moderator: **Jonathan SIDONI**, Founder & CEO, LUXURYNSIGHT
- 2:30 pm** Culture as Soft Power: Franco-Gulf Synergies in Heritage and Creative Economies
- Nabil BOUHAJRA**, Director, TV5 MONDE Maghreb-Middle East
Mohamed A. AL AYED, Vice-Chairman of Athar Festival, and CEO of TRACCS
Adam OUBUIH, CEO, Atout France
Christophe PIETTE, CEO, NOVELTY



Jacques MAIRE, President, COMPAGNIE FRANCAISE DES EXPOSITIONS (COFREX)
Samuel TAIEB, Secretary General, France Muséums

Moderator: **Richard BARNES**, Editor-in-Chief, SAFE

3:10 pm Closing Remarks

Axel BAROUX, Managing Director Near & Middle East, Business France

5:00 pm End of the event

B2B Meetings will take place on Friday, June 19th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

* This is a tentative program subject to modifications



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