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Poland-EU-GCC Economic Forum

April 19th, 2016

Ministry of Economy

Pl. Trzech Krzyży 3/5, Warsaw

AGENDA

10:00-10:30 – Registration

10:30-11:00 – Official opening

11:00-12:00 – Panel 1 – The EU-GCC investment cooperation

During this panel speakers will discuss economic relations between the European Union and the GCC countries, including legislative framework of cooperation as well as free trade agreement negotiation process. It will also analyze the EU-GCC relations in the context of European Neighborhood Policy.

Presentation (15 min)

Adam Kułach | *The Ambassador of the European Union to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf*

Debate (15 min)

Christian Koch | *Director, Gulf Research Center Foundation*

Rym Ayiadi | *Director of the International Research Centre on Cooperative Finance.*

Q&A (15 min)

Moderator: TBC

12:00-12:15 – Coffee break

12:15-13:15 – Panel 2 – Polish investment activities in the GCC countries. Strategy for entrepreneurs

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During this panel speakers will discuss Polish economic policy in terms of Poland's private investment in the GCC countries. They will examine prospective benefits for Polish investors and Polish economy, and debate most convenient forms of involvement for Polish companies and available support instruments.

Presentation (20 min)

Aleksander Libera | *Advisor to the Board for Polish Investments Abroad, Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency*

Debate (25 min)

Krzysztof Dąbrowski | *Counsellor, Promotion and Bilateral Cooperation Department, Ministry of Development*

Małgorzata Panek-Kasińska | *President, MK Business Link*

Janusz Chojna | *Head of World Business Cycles Unit, Institute for Market, Consumption and Business Cycles Research*

Q&A (15 min)

Moderator: TBC

13:15-14:00 – Lunch

14:00-15:00 – Panel 3 – Business opportunities in the GCC countries (Panel organized by the Polish Institute of International Affairs)

During this panel speakers will discuss sectors with the highest investment potential for Polish entrepreneurs. It will also show benefits of Polish entities' involvement in the region and the GCC legislative and cultural environment (including the characteristics of negotiation process in the Gulf).

Presentation (20 min)

Krzysztof Płomiński | *Diplomatic Adviser to the Polish Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1999-2003) and Iraq (1990-1996)*

Debate (25 min)

Dr Wael Suleiman | *Chairman, Polish Business Group*

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Antoni Mielniczuk | *President of Management Board, Polish-Saudi Chamber of Commerce*

Moderator: Marek Tejchman, TVN CNBC

Q&A (15 min)

15:00-15:15 – Coffee break

15:15-16:15 – Panel 4 – Experiences of Polish entrepreneurs? How to do it in the Gulf (Panel organized by the Polish Confederation Lewiatan)

During the panel Polish entrepreneurs running businesses or trading in the GCC will discuss the motives behind their decision to invest in the region, provide advice on starting a company in the region, show the pros and cons of operating in GCC and discuss the legislative changes that should be implemented in order to strengthen the economic co-operation between Poland and the GCC countries.

Case study 1 (15 min)

Henryk Orfinger | *President of Management Board, Dr Irena Eris*

Debata (15 min)

Case study 2 (15 min)

Grzegorz Szczęśniak | *President of Management Board, SZCZĘŚNIAK Pojazdy Specjalne Sp. z o.o.*

16:15 – Summary

16:30 – Reception and charity auction

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