



35th Anniversary



**35th Anniversary Celebration
together with the
14th Arab-Austrian Economic Forum & Exhibition**

Wednesday, 23rd October 2024



LOCATION:

**Vienna City Hall (Rathaus), Festival Hall (Festsaal)
Friedrich-Schmidt-Platz 1, 1010 Vienna
ENTRANCE: Lichtenfelsgasse**

ORGANISER:

**Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC),
Union of Arab Chambers (UAC)
And
League of Arab states (LAS)**

In celebration of the **35th founding anniversary of the AACC** as a central reference institution for promoting economic, cultural, and scientific cooperation between Austria and the Arab countries, our chamber will commemorate this special historical occasion with a **full-day event** program supported by **H.E. Dr. Michael Ludwig, Mayor of the City of Vienna**, in the **Festsaal of the Vienna City Hall**.

We are pleased to announce the participation of prominent representatives from **politics and business from Austria and the EU**, along with **high-ranking decision-makers** and personalities from business, trade, and diplomacy from Arab countries, including ministers, officials, and

representatives of official bodies, chambers of commerce, ambassadors, and international organizations.

Among the expected guests are:



- **H.E. Dr. Alexander Van der Bellen**, President of Austria, Video Message
- **H.E. Dr. Heinz Fischer**, Former President of Austria (TBC)
- **H.E. Former Federal Minister Dr. Werner Fasslabend**, President of Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce
- **H.E. Dr. Martin Kocher**, Federal Minister for Labor and Economy of Austria
- **H.E. Dr. Said bin Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Saqri**, Omani Minister of Economy (TBC)
- **H.E. Haitham Al Ghais**, Secretary General of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
- **H.E. Abdulhamid Al Khalifa**, President of the OPEC Funds for International Development
- **H.E. Khalil El Haj Tawfiq**, President of the Jordan Chamber of Commerce
- **H.E. Hassan Moejeb Alhwaizy**, Chairman of the Federation of Saudi Chambers
- **H.E. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Jassim Al Thani**, Chairman of the Qatar Chamber of Commerce
- **H.E. Sameer NAS**, Chairman of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce
- **H.E. Former Minister Dr. Khaled Hanafy**, Secretary General of the Union of Arab Chambers

Program:

Opening Ceremony 11:00-11:30

- **Austrian National Anthem**
- **Video Message** from the President of Austria, **Dr. Alexander Van der Bellen**
- **Speech** from the former President of Austria, **Dr. Heinz Fischer** (TBC)
- **Welcome Speech** by the President of the AACC, **Dr. Werner Fasslabend**
- **Speech** by the Mayor of Vienna, **Dr. Michael Ludwig**
- **Speech** by the President of the Arab Ambassadors Council, **H.E. Magdi Ahmed Mofadal Elnour**
- **Speech** by the Federal Minister for Labour and Economy of Austria, **Dr. Martin Kocher**
- **Speech** by the Federal Minister for European and International Affairs, **Mag. Alexander Schallenberg** (TBC)
- **Speech** by **H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafy**, Secretary General of the Union of Arab Chambers

Moderator: The entire opening ceremony will be moderated by **S.G. Mouddar Khouja**.

Keynote Speech 11:30-11:40

- **Keynote Address** by **Mr. Said Taufik Ridha**, OPEC Fund
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Investments in Energy in Arab Countries - Panel 11:40-12:30

- **Panel Discussion** with the Representatives of the Countries:
 - **Republic of Algeria / Imane Khechai**
 - **Republic of Iraq**
 - **Sultanate Oman**
 - **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**
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Topic: Energy / Renewable Energy 13:30-14:45

- **Video Message** by **H.E. Haitham Al Ghais**, Secretary General of OPEC
1. **Carbon / Iraq National Company for Carbon Economy**
 2. **Obrist / Sustainable, emission reducing innovations** (TBC)
 3. **Daclab / Cooperation between a US Fund and the TU-Vienna**
 4. **Royal Hydrogen Marketing Research & Consultancies / Gas to Hydrogen**
 5. **Emerald Horizon / Modern Nuclear Power**

Showcase of a Selected Arab Country 14:45-16:00

- **Presentation**

AACC Annual General Assembly:

The AACC Annual General Assembly is a pivotal gathering for Austrian and Arab members of board to discuss, strategize, and shape the future directions of Austro-Arab collaboration and the Arab Ambassador Council.

Austro-Arab Business Exhibition:

An exhibition showcasing businesses and innovations related to the energy sector from both Austria and the Arab world. This exhibition will provide attendees with opportunities to network, explore new business partnerships, and gain insights into the latest market trends in energy. Exhibitors will present their products, services, and technological advancements in fossil energy, renewable energy, and energy efficiency, facilitating knowledge exchange and collaboration.

14th Austro-Arab Economic Forum and Exhibition:

As part of the day's program, the **14th Austro-Arab Economic Forum** will take place. With this successful event series, the AACC offers a unique platform for high-profile speakers and the interested public to present, contribute, and discuss specific topics focused on Austria and the Arab countries. This year's thematic focus will be on "**Fossil Energy, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency.**"

In the adjacent **exhibition area**, a diverse range of Austrian, Arab, and international companies and organizations will be on display, with a special focus on Arab nations. This arrangement allows visitors to connect directly with key players in the Austro-Arab sphere. Moreover, the Arab countries will showcase their vibrant culture through **musical and cultural performances, providing an authentic glimpse into their rich heritage.**





Exclusive Gala Dinner:

The centerpiece of the program is the **Gala Dinner**, a grand celebration marking the **35th anniversary of the AACC**. This elegant event will bring together esteemed leaders from both the business and political arenas, offering an evening of sophistication and festivity. Attendees will

enjoy a gourmet dinner complemented by lively entertainment and inspiring speeches. The evening will honor the chamber's significant achievements and look ahead to future goals, creating a memorable tribute to its 35 years of success.



