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World Investment Forum – WIF 2023

Ministry of Economy The UAE 2031: Growing Beyond Borders

Concept Note & Agenda

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) stands at a momentous juncture in its economic journey, with a resolute vision to double its economy by the year 2031. As the world enters an era of unprecedented challenges and remarkable opportunities, the UAE is poised to take its place among the leading global economies, embracing transformational changes and catalyzing growth across various sectors.

The UAE 2031 is an event that convenes an esteemed gathering of visionaries, economists, industry experts, government officials, investors, and entrepreneurs. With its focus on accelerating UAE's aspirations for economic growth and innovation, this event aims to uncover the multifaceted strategies and endeavors that will propel the nation towards achieving its ambitious goal.

The driving force behind this ambitious endeavor lies in the power of openness and global partnerships, both within the UAE and beyond its borders. As a vibrant and cosmopolitan nation, the UAE has cultivated a culture of collaboration, inviting global leaders, investors, and businesses to participate in the nation's growth story. This event will showcase the significance of global partnerships as essential pillars that bolster economic growth, facilitate knowledge transfer, and unlock new avenues of progress.

The UAE 2031: Growing Beyond Borders

17th of October, 2023

Agenda

Master of Ceremony: Imad Eddine Oubiri, Knowledge Partner, International Business Advisor, UAE

10:00 - 10:05

Opening Remarks

H.E. Abdulaziz Alnuaimi, Entrepreneurship and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Economy

10:05 - 10:30

Presentation: Accelerating Ambitions: UAE's Path to Doubling its Economy by 2031

1. Fatima Ghanem Alhajri, Ministry of Economy



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10:30 – 11:30

Panel Discussion: The UAE 2031: Catalyzing Growth through Global Partnerships

" The UAE 2031: Catalyzing Growth through Global Partnerships " aims to inspire the global business community to recognize the potential in the UAE's trade liberalization agenda and consider the country as a strategic partner for their international growth endeavors. Attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of the UAE's commitment to openness and innovation amidst a challenging global trade landscape.

Global Partnerships: The discussion will showcase businesses that have expanded their operations from the UAE to international markets, illustrating the advantages of embracing the country as a launching pad for global growth.

Confirmed Speakers

1. Salem Al Shamsi, Dubai Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of Global Market
2. Toby Dixon, Endava, Managing Director
3. Miray Zaki, Gulf Capital, Managing Director - Head of Sustainability & Head of Africa
4. Simon Storesund, Emirates Global Aluminium, EVP Supply Chain & Business Development
5. Moderator: Lauren Holtmeier, Global Data, Editor

11:30-12:00

Fireside Chat: The New Economy: the Role of IPA's

Key to the UAE's appeal as an investment destination is the invaluable role played by its Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs). These dynamic entities serve as catalysts offering tailored support to businesses looking to expand their horizons in the UAE's vibrant New Economy. The fireside chat with the IPAs will delve into the intricacies of their strategic approaches, the incentives they provide, and the nation's dynamic and transformative sectors.

Confirmed Speakers:

1. H.E Mohamed Al Musharakh, Chief Executive Officer, Invest in Sharjah
2. Dushyant Thakor, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA), Deputy Executive Director
3. Massimo Falcioni, Chief Competitiveness Officer, ADIO
4. Moderator: Matthew Stepenson, World Economic Forum, Head Investment Policy & Practice

12:00 – 13:00

Panel Discussion: The Intersection of Digital and Physical Infrastructure – a Magnetic Force of Foreign Direct Investments

At the core of the UAE's journey towards doubling its economy is the convergence of digital and physical infrastructure. As technology continues to revolutionize industries and reshape economies, the UAE stands at the forefront of harnessing this transformative potential. By building world-class digital infrastructure and sustainable physical



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developments, the nation aspires to become a magnet for Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs), enticing cutting-edge industries and forward-thinking entrepreneurs.

The panel discussion aims to explore how the convergence of digital and physical infrastructure in transforming the financial industry. Understanding how the complementarity between these infrastructural elements can create a compelling value proposition for potential investors.

Confirmed Speakers:

1. Nameer Khan, MENA Fintech Association, Chairman
2. Mariam AlHabshi, Standard Chartered Bank, Director – Financial Institution
3. Vinit Shah, VARA, General Manager
4. Lawrence Paramasivam, Abu Dhabi Global Market, Senior Executive Director - Policy & Legal, Financial Services Regulatory Authority
5. Moderator: Glenn Barklie, Investment Monitor, Principal Economist & Global Data, Head of FDI Services