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## Connecting Businesses Together

The Federation of GCC Chambers (FGCCC) in collaboration with the Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services will convene the 1st Switzerland – GCC Economic Forum & Expo under the theme «Opportunity – Business -Investment» on the 28th and 29th of June 2022 at the Hotel President Wilson in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Forum is supported by the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC-SG), the Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CASCI), and the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting (GOIC).

## ORGANIZERS



### The Federation of the Gulf Chambers (FGCCC)

The Federation of GCC Chambers and Industry - FGCCC  
FGCCC comprise of the six GCC National Chambers of Commerce which include The Federation of United Arab Emirates Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Council of Saudi Chambers, Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Qatar Chamber and Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry.



### The Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services - Member of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Switzerland

The Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services – known as the CCIG –, a private and independent organization, works towards a strong economy, conducive to local businesses sustaining their activities long-term.

*This translates into a four-fold mission for the CCIG:*

- To advocate for economic and political framework conditions which enhance business performance also from a social and environmental point of view.
- To promote its members by facilitating business opportunities.
- To support its members by providing services which will enable them to make progress in the fields of sustainability and digitalization, among others.
- To constitute a model of societal responsibility by incorporating good practices within CCIG.



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### **The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)**

The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) is a regional organization, with six members: The Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Kuwait, the Sultanate of Oman, the State of Qatar, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. Set up in 1981, its objectives are to enhance coordination, integration, and inter-connection among its members.



# CASCI

### **ARAB-SWISS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (CASCI)**

The vital trade link for doing business between Switzerland and the Arab World.

The Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CASCI) was created in 1974. According to the Statutes, the Chamber is a non-profit organisation, established to promote the economic and cultural relations between Switzerland and the Arab Countries members of the League of Arab States.

The objectives of the Chamber are to promote and expand relations between Switzerland and the Arab Countries, members of the League of Arab States, and particularly:

- To co-ordinate, develop and facilitate the commercial, industrial, and financial relations between Switzerland and the Arab Countries, in both ways, by making known on a reciprocal basis their economic potentialities;
- To improve and extend opportunities for industrial and technical co-operation between Switzerland and the Arab Countries, in close collaboration with private or public organizations with similar objectives;
- To encourage the transfer of technology, professional training and the creation of joint ventures in industry and agriculture;
- To provide information and advice, at the request of the members;
- To offer on request its good offices in case of dispute;
- To supply information, with the help of competent authorities, about touristic, cultural, scientific and artistic potentialities in Switzerland and the Arab Countries;
- To endorse visas on commercial and other documents.

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**The Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting (GOIC)** was founded in 1976 by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states: The United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, and Kuwait, and in 2009, Yemen joined the Organization. The Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting endeavors to provide clients with quality professional services, added value research and unique consulting services regarding industrial and economic development issues in GCC countries and Yemen.



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## INTRODUCTION

The economic diversification in the Arab States of the Gulf will provide new opportunities for Swiss enterprises that produce specialized technical solutions in various sectors such as sustainable farming, water stewardship, healthcare, etc. The continuous cooperation between the GCC Countries and Switzerland in fields of education, artificial intelligence, high technology, solar technologies, and economy, in addition to exchanging views over several regional and international issues are in mutual interest.

### **GCC in the year 2022: Resources for the Future**

Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) are undertaking a variety of measures to ensure long-term sustainable growth. These include introducing energy efficiency measures, investing in clean fuel and renewable energy supplies, improving water efficiency, investing in new water desalination capacity, and buying or leasing agricultural land abroad. Although GCC governments have recognized the challenges involved in boosting resource supply security in the long term, much remains to be done to ensure the success of policy initiatives.

# مجلس التعاون لدول الخليج العربية - الأمانة العامة

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المحترم

سعادة الدكتور / سعود بن عبدالعزيز المشاري  
الأمين العام لاتحاد غرف دول مجلس التعاون الخليجي  
الدمام - المملكة العربية السعودية

الموضوع : المنتدى الاقتصادي الخليجي السويسري الأول .

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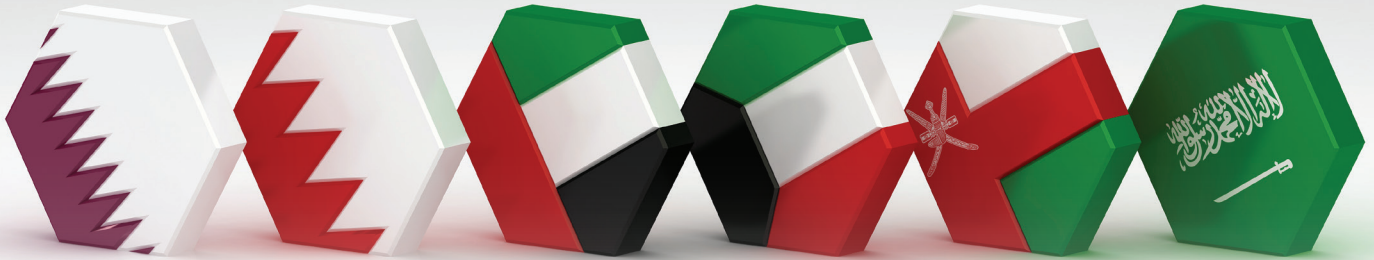
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بموفور الصحة والعافية .

بالإشارة الى التحضير للمنتدى الاقتصادي الخليجي السويسري الأول والمزمع عقده  
خلال الفترة 28 - 29 يونيو 2022م في مدينة جنيف السويسرية، يسر الأمانة العامة لمجلس  
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العلاقات الاقتصادية الخليجية السويسرية. كما يسر الأمانة العامة تقديم الدعم اللوجستي  
بما يخص توجيه الدعوات للمسؤولين في القطاع الحكومي في دول المجلس.

وتفضلوا سعادتكم بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام ،،،

خليفة بن سعيد العبري

الأمين المساعد للشؤون الاقتصادية والتنمية



*Translation*

**H.E. Dr. Saud Bin Abdulaziz AlMashari**

*Secretary General, Federation of GCC Chambers*

Dammam- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

***Subject: The First GCC Switzerland Economic Forum***

May Peace, Mercy and Blessings of Allah be Upon You

I would like to extend to Your Excellency my warm greetings, accompanied by my best wishes for good health and well-being.

In reference to the preparations of the First GCC -Switzerland Economic Forum, which will be taking place during the 28-29<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 in Geneva, Switzerland. The General Secretariat of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf congratulates the organization of the Forum, which will have a great impact in strengthening the economic cooperation between the Gulf Countries and Switzerland. The Secretariat is pleased to provide logistical support through inviting GCC officials from the public sector to take part in the event.

Please accept our highest esteem and respect.

**Khalifa Bin Saeed Al-Abri**

*Assistant Secretary General for Economic and Development Affairs*



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### Objectives of the Forum

- Discuss and evaluate regional and global economic developments
- Find ways and means to utilize the vast resources in both Switzerland and Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)
- Diagnose the potential areas for development in Switzerland and GCC Countries
- Explore the potential trade and investment areas open to Switzerland to the GCC business community
- Enhance economic and commercial relations

### Invitees to the Swiss GCC FORUM & EXPO 2022

It is anticipated that a thousand plus participants will take part in the “Swiss GCC Economic Forum & Expo 2022” both physically and via hybrid.

- » The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (SG GCC)
- » Concerned Ministries in the GCC countries and Switzerland
- » The European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
- » The State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)
- » GCC Organization for Industrial Consulting (GOIC)
- » Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CASCI)
- » Businesswomen organizations in the GCC countries and Switzerland
- » GCC countries Embassies in Switzerland and Business Attaches,
- » Swiss Embassies in GCC countries and Commercial attaches
- » Switzerland Industrial and Trading Associations
- » GCC Countries Banks in Switzerland
- » Federation of UAE Chambers and its local member Chambers
- » Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- » Federation of Saudi Chambers and its local member Chambers
- » Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- » Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- » Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- » Business Clubs and Organization leaders, Seniors Executives, Consultants, Professionals Associations & Organizations, C-Level and M-D management of private sector

### SECTORS

Healthcare, Medicine and Health Tourism - Technology and Informatics - FinTech & Innovation - GCC New projects (Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE, Kuwait, Sultanate of Oman) - Education - Industry & Logistics - SMES - Entrepreneurs and Start-ups - Infrastructure and Technical Consultancy - Logistics - Banking and Finance - Energy - Food and Food Processing - Tourism - Jewelry and Diamond







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# Agenda Swiss GCC Forum - Expo

The member countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) (Arab States of the Gulf, consisting of United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sultanate of Oman, State of Qatar, and State of Kuwait) are expected to post robust growth over the next decade both in terms of population and GDP.

By 2020 the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) population is forecast to reach 53.5m, a 30% increase over the level in 2000.

Over the same period, the region's real GDP is expected to grow by 56%. Nominal GDP, which was US\$341.6bn in 2000, is forecast to soar to over US\$1trn in 2010 and US\$2trn in 2020. Although the economic forecast is positive, it carries a risk: that unmanaged growth will bring negative side effects such as power shortages and soaring prices for food.

Some GCC states are already experiencing sporadic shortages of electricity and gas, while water supplies are already strained and food shortages loom as risks for an import dependent region.

A key challenge for the Gulf in the next decade therefore will be to manage energy, water, and food resources to ensure both high living standards and sustainable growth in the long term.

Aware of these challenges, Gulf Arab states are undertaking a variety of measures to ensure long-term sustainable growth.



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## Program

### Day One

#### Tuesday 28 June 2022

*Time 8:00 – 8:50 am:*

**Registration** – Sanitary Measures (15 mins)

*Time 8:50 – 09:00 am:*

**Forum Introduction**

*Time 09:00 – 09:30 am:*

**Opening Ceremony** – **Swiss authorities and GCC countries Ministers and dignitaries** are part of our guests and speakers of the forum.

#### **Introduction :**

*The Swiss trade balance remained stable for Switzerland, with Swiss exports reaching about \$20 billion and Swiss imports reaching about \$5 billion. Switzerland has the economic and financial resources and has sufficient experience in the field of services in education, banking, health, and technology, especially in watches and jewelry, not to mention the agricultural and food special capacities. Therefore, Gulf businessmen have great opportunities to benefit from these elements and to establish strategic partnerships that serve the interests of the Gulf.*

*Time 09:30 – 10:30 am*

**Session 1: High level dialogue: Switzerland GCC Economic Cooperation** “Building Bridges Between Strong Partners.” / Dialogue and Q&A

- What are the main sectors attracting investment in the GCC countries in the coming years?
- How does GCC countries see cooperation between the Gulf area and the Swiss side on the innovative projects and startups?
- GCC countries have noticed that there are many areas of cooperation in the fields of invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship. What are the main sectors attracting investment in the GCC countries in the coming years?

*Time 10:30 – 10:50 am:*

**Coffee Break & Exhibition for Fine Jewelry & Watches**



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Time 10:50 – 11:50 am

**Session 2:** **United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia** /5 min video on each country – “High Potential for Swiss Exporters and Investors” / Presentation and Q&A

**Introduction:**

- **The United Arab Emirates (UAE)** is Switzerland first trade partner with imports from Switzerland worth \$3.78B (package medicaments, blood, antisera, vaccines, toxins, cultures, jewelry, diamond, gold, precious and watch metal, high voltage protection equipment & more) and exports of \$15.1B (jewelry, gold, raw aluminum & more).
- **Saudi Arabia** is the second trade partner with imports of \$1.95B (package medicaments, blood, antisera, vaccines, toxins, cultures, jewelry, gold, precious and watch metal, high voltage protection equipment & more) and exports of \$524M million (gold, jewelry, aluminum plating, raw aluminum & more). The Switzerland entrepreneurs could benefit from the vision of Saudi Arabia 2030, which includes many opportunities through the privatization of important sectors such as health, education, infrastructure, entertainment, and tourism.
- **Bahrain** export to Switzerland \$101M (raw aluminum, jewelry & more) and import from Switzerland \$336M (base metal and precious metal, packaged medicaments, high voltage protections, gas turbines, rolled tobacco, jewelry & more).

Time 11.50 – 12:50 pm

**Session 3:** **Oman, Qatar, Kuwait**, 5 min. video on each country – “High potential for Swiss Exporters and Investors” /Presentation and Q&A

**Introduction:**

- Qatar imports from Switzerland \$1.16B (jewelry, gold, base and precious metal, package medicaments, blood, antisera, vaccines, toxins, cultures & more) and export to Switzerland \$454M (jewelry, Sulphur, precious metal & more).
- Kuwait imports from **Switzerland \$61.3M** (jewelry, gas turbine, clocks, metal, precious metal & more) and import from **Switzerland \$512M** (base metal and precious metal, jewelry, flavored water, package medicaments, blood, antisera, vaccines, toxins, culture & more). Oman imports from **Switzerland \$256M** (precious and base metal, gas turbines, refined petroleum, jewelry, military weapons, package medicaments, blood, antisera, vaccines, toxins, cultures & more) and export to **Switzerland \$10.1M** (gas turbines, navigation equipment, aircraft parts, raw plastic sheeting, gold, perfumes, raw aluminum, base and precious metal, compasses, fish fillet & more).

Time 13:00 – 14:30 pm:

**Networking Lunch, Partners Speeches**

Time 14:30 – 15:00 pm:

**Session 4:** **Presentation by the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting (GOIC)**

*Industrial opportunities in the GCC Countries – Q&A*



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Time 15:00 – 15:30 pm:

**Presentation by the Arab Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

*Role and mission to promote and expand relations between Switzerland and the Arab Countries, members of the League of Arab States.*

Time 15:30 – 16:00 pm:

**Coffee Break & Exhibition for Fine Jewelry & Watches**

Time 16:00 – 17:30 pm:

**Business 2 Business matchmaking**

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Time 14:30 – 15:30 pm:

**Session 5: Swiss – GCC Businesswomen** “Opportunities and Development, FinTech & Innovation” -Presentation & Dialogue -” & Exhibition for fine Jewelry & Watches

**Introduction :**

*Our goals are partnerships between countries, business organizations, and women’s organizations. Education, trade missions, investor relations, start-up and SME development, cultural and scientific cooperation including workshops for business about local culture, language, business culture and support for innovation projects, organizing joint events, taking part in international events, cooperation with governments, NGOS, technology parks, business incubators, and universities.*

Time 15:30 – 16:00 pm:

**Coffee Break & Exhibition for Fine Jewelry & Watches**

Time 16:00 – 17:30 pm:

**Swiss – GCC Businesswomen** “Opportunities and Development, & Women success stories

Time 20:00 – 22:00 pm

**Swiss GCC Economic Forum & Expo – Gala Dinner**



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## Day Two

### Wednesday 29 June 2022

*Time 8:00 – 9:00 am:*

Registration – Sanitary Measures (15 mins)

*Time 9:00 – 10:00 am:*

**Session 1:** “Building the Future with Technology.” – “GCC Current Projects and Prospects Potential Offers”  
/ Presentation and Q&A

#### Introduction:

Hundreds of Swiss companies operate in GCC markets in the areas of logistics, infrastructure, hydraulic systems, groundwater and well drilling, equipment, coatings and chemicals, engineering systems for energy, water, environment, technology, hospitality, logistics, communications, banks, investment funds, pharmaceuticals, robots, machinery & export development, office & mobile rooms, power generation & industrial metal production, education, consulting & quality control, chemical products, foodstuffs, agricultural development and trade shows.

*Time 10:00 – 10:45 am*

**Session 2:** Clean-tech Business – Presentation and Q&A

#### Introduction:

A key challenge for the Gulf Arab State in the next decade therefore will be to manage energy, water, and food resources to ensure both high living standards and sustainable growth in the long term. Aware of these challenges, Gulf Arab states are undertaking a variety of measures to ensure long-term sustainable growth. These includes introducing energy efficiency measures: investing in clean fuel and renewable energy supplies; improving water efficiency; investing in new water desalination capacity; and buying or leasing agricultural land abroad.

#### Challenges:

- GCC states look beyond their present-day fossil fuel riches
- Industrial diversification boosts demand for oil and gas as feedstock
- Managing domestic demand remains a key challenge
- Significant investment in solar and nuclear technology is planned
- Minerals: the new frontier
- Water demand is outstripping supply
- The food price spike of 2008 has had strong policy reverberations
- Sharing the gains with food producing countries

*Time 10:45 – 11:00 am*

Coffee Break & Exhibition for Fine Jewelry & Watches



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Time 11:00 – 12:00 am

### Session 3: Health-tech – Med Tech Presentation and Q&A

#### Introduction:

In 2021, there was a tremendous focus on wellness and prevention to curb chronic diseases. The other big trend is more private sector participation. In fact, private sector participation is set to increase by almost 30 to 50 percent. The next trend will be in insurance-based healthcare financing and the insurance system, resulting in growth opportunities, especially in virtual health. Localization of manufacturing and localization of the workforce is another big area of growth. For the region, it is expected that 30 percent of medical devices and 40 percent of pharmaceutical products will be manufactured locally by 2025. Local manufacturing is set to increase from 2 percent to almost 30 percent in the next four years. Moreover, digitalization by way of home to hospital is where the infrastructure is going to be built. Today, 50 percent of hospitals in the UAE and KSA use some level of digital solutions and IT based access. Also, it has been observed that 80 percent of doctors are using tablets, smartphones, and medical applications.

- How to obtain validation of product, how to keep high health system for major events such Dubai Expo, Qatar FIFA 2022?
- Other strategy for health cooperation and medical agreements in GCC?
- What are the needs for next 10 years investment in GCC for medical factory, laboratory?

Time 12:00 – 12:45 pm

### Session 4: Investing in Switzerland – Business Opportunities, Infrastructures and Banking. Presentation and Q&A

#### Introduction :

Switzerland is the best location for innovation. It offers stable political, economic, and financial framework conditions combined with the highest standard of life. We help innovative companies from all over the world to establish their business in Switzerland, on behalf of the Swiss Confederation and the cantons.

Switzerland is the most competitive business center in the world. There are numerous good reasons to locate a business in Switzerland: innovation and technology, a liberal economic system, political stability, close links with foreign markets, excellent education and healthcare systems, an outstanding infrastructure, a high standard of living and a competitive tax system.

#### INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Three of Switzerland's strengths are especially prominent: high degree of innovation, supremely educated workforce and first-class scientific research organizations. Cutting edge technologies and a business-friendly climate also contribute to our country's productivity.

#### WORLD CLASS UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH

Switzerland invests almost 3.4% of its GDP in research and development, one of the highest percentages in the world. More than 60 universities help to ensure the highest level of professional work. They work closely with the international research community and takes part in scientific partnerships. They connect with industry through the exchange of knowledge and technology, support innovative start-ups and establish strong spin-offs. Organizations and companies from Switzerland and abroad value the country's excellent research platform and its role as an international innovation hub.

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Time 12:45 pm:

Recommendations of the forum

The Swiss analysts continued to say that economic cooperation will be Switzerland's first- priority in the bilateral relations with the GCC in the next years. Innovation, new technologies and sustainable development will be among priorities.

Time 12:45 pm – 17h30:

Exhibition

A Parallel Exhibition will be held to the Economic and Investment Forum. The objective of the exhibition is to provide opportunities to major GCC countries and Swiss businesses and traders to showcase their services and products to potential clients and Forum participants in Switzerland and the GCC countries.

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#### Exhibition

An exhibition will be held in parallel to the Economic and Investment Forum. The objective of the exhibition is to provide opportunities to major GCC and Swiss businesses and traders to showcase their services and products to potential clients and forum participants in Switzerland and the GCC countries.

#### Digital connection:

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## What are the main sectors attracting investment in the GCC countries in the coming years?

There is no doubt that the Swiss private sector has a valuable opportunity to benefit from the infrastructure projects, such as the railway project, which is more than 2,200 kilometers and is expected to provide more than 80 thousand jobs for the GCC citizens and expatriates, as well as opportunities derived from the localization of the railway industry, and thus the Geneva Chamber can benefit from this plan for example by calling the experts in this industry to build a center for sustainability, training and rehabilitation of specialists of GCC in order to build a real railway industry.

There are many opportunities in the industrial sector, in this side the Swiss investors can benefit from the opportunities offered by the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting (GOIC). Also, Geneva Chamber of Commerce can benefit from the vision of Saudi Arabia 2030, which included many opportunities through the privatization of important sectors such as health, education, infrastructure, entertainment, and tourism. Other important opportunities are available through Expo 2020 in Dubai and the importance of Switzerland's presence in this exhibition, as well as the World Cup 2022 to be organized in Doha, and other opportunities in Bahrain through the Vision of the Kingdom of Bahrain 2030, which has achieved many positive results so far, in addition to industrial sectors opportunities and logistics services in the region of Duqm in the Sultanate of Oman, which is located in the most strategic areas and launched in 2008.

There is the possibility to benefit as well from partnerships with the Kuwaiti private sector and the government sector through the establishment of partnership projects between the private and public sectors in Kuwait. Swiss companies can establish joint ventures in the United Arab Emirates, especially in the areas of energy, banking and various services and benefit from a large and promising market.

In the Federation of Chambers, we can provide more information on the investment opportunities and other related regulations and legislations. We have an excellent and sophisticated legislative environment that is undergoing many reforms in order to facilitate the investment environment for the foreign investors.



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## Federations and Chamber Members - FGCC



غرف الإمارات  
UAE Chambers

### Federation of the UAE Chambers of Commerce

The UAE Federation of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FCCI) was established in 1976. The federation has gone a long way to represent the business sector and the chambers of commerce and industry in socio-economic life. The UAE FCCI has adopted several mechanisms in its work such as:

- Promoting the FCCI's activities on internal and external levels.
- Consolidating organic ties between the FCCI and the member chambers.
- Supporting the chambers' capabilities since the efficiency of the federation is eventually the total efficiency of the chamber's members.
- Improve administrative, technical, and financial capabilities using modern technology.
- Promoting joint agreements between the UAE and other countries.
- Increasing cooperation with the Gulf, Arabic, and international organizations.
- Publishing research and studies of the UAE economy and specialized bulletins and publications.

غرفة البحرين  
BAHRAIN CHAMBER

### Bahrain Chamber of Commerce

Since its inception in 1939, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) played a prominent role in shaping the national economy of Bahrain and creating a vigorous private sector.

It has kept abreast of the fast-paced economic and social developments and consolidated its efforts to stimulate the growth and expansion of the private sector and empower its role in the economic development of the country alongside the public sector.



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اتحاد الغرف السعودية  
Federation of Saudi Chambers

### Federation of Saudi Chambers of Commerce

The Federation of Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry is the official federation for the 28 Saudi Chambers. The Council was formed as per the Royal Decree # R/6 dated 30/04/1400 Hijri (March 1980) with its head office in Riyadh. Its main objective is to observe the common interests of the Saudi Chambers, represent them on local and international levels and assist in the enhancement of the private sector's role in the development of the national economy.

When the Council formed its executive arm, the General Secretariat of the Council, it started its actual tasks as of 1401 H (1981). Since then, the Council took good strides towards the realization of the objectives assigned to it.

The key role of the Federation is to serve the common interests of the Saudi Chambers, support the development of the private sector and enhance its role in the national development. The Council managed, through the support of the Chambers and relevant government authorities, to realize a large portion of its objectives in different fields.



عمارة وصناعة عمان  
Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry

### Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Established on 15th May 1973 as a public utility organization that aim at regularizing the business interests, develop, defend and represent them at the different fields. OCCI has its own juristic personality with its head office in Muscat and branches in all governorates. Vision: OCCI seeks to develop the Omani private sector and make it a partner in sustainable economic development. Mission: OCCI is the representative of the private sector in the local and international events and in all decision of interest for the sector. OCCI is keen on developing the private sector using the available resources and potentials.



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### Qatar Chamber

Established in 1963 by virtue of the Law No (4), Qatar Chamber of Commerce & Industry (QCCI) is one of the oldest chambers in the GCC countries. Its main role is to organize business interests and represent the Qatari private sector locally and globally as well as support the country's economic actors and productivity.



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KUWAIT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

### Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Non-profit, self-financed private institution, established by Ameri decree issued in 1959.

- Currently the registered members exceed 79000 and represents the general assembly.
- The general assembly elects 24 members for the Board of Directors for a period of 4 years, half of whom are elected every two years.
- Subscriptions and authentication fees are the main resources of income.
- The President and the Board Members are considered volunteers for public services.
- The Chamber is a consultative entity in all economic affairs.



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