

الغرفة العربية اليونانية للتجارة والتنمية

ΑΡΑΒΟ-ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΕΠΙΜΕΛΗΤΗΡΙΟ ΕΜΠΟΡΙΟΥ & ΑΝΑΠΤΥΞΕΩΣ

ARAB-HELLENIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & DEVELOPMENT

180-182, Kifissias Avenue - 154 51 N. Psychico – Athens - Greece

Tel.: +30-210-6711210/+30-210-6726882/Fax.:+30-210-6746577

www.arabgreekchamber.gr / chamber@arabgreekchamber.gr-mail:



SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

1st Arab-Greek Economic Forum

14-15/09/2006 - Zappeion Megaron

Thematics of the Forum:

- Historical Relations-New Horizons for Cooperation
- Arab-Hellenic Economic Relations-Existing Conditions & Prospects.
- Investments & Mixed Enterprises.
- Greece as an Entrance Gate to the Balkans and Europe.
- Telecommunications & Information Technology.
- Trade & Free Zones
- Transport & Maritime Affairs.
- Energy & Renewable Sources.
- Tourism
- Public Works & Constructions.
- Health- Services & Treatment.
- Education & Training.

The 1st Arab-Greek Economic Forum covered twelve (12) Units with sixty-four (64) Speakers, representing various Governmental, Financial and Entrepreneurial Bodies.

Results of the Forum :

- A significant impact and a number of participants that exceeded four hundred (400) people from Greece and the Arab world, including several Business Missions from: -Saudi Arabia –Syria –Libya –Egypt –Jordan –United Arab Emirates –Qatar –Sudan –Tunisia –Kuwait –Sultanate of Oman.
- Promotion and advertising of products, services and investments from Greece and the Arab world, through the Trade Fair that took place as a parallel event to the bilateral meetings of the Forum.
Five (5) enterprises from the Arab countries and thirty-three (33) enterprises and organizations from Greece took part in the fair.
- Bilateral contacts between Greek and Arab entrepreneurs. Over two hundred and thirty-five (235) business meetings (B2B) took place, on a variety of topics such as Trade, Industry, Constructions, Health, Investments etc.

- Significant presence of distinguished, top-level guests and participants from Greece and the Arab world:
 - Arab Ministers (5), Deputy Ministers, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Greece and all Arab Ambassadors accredited to Greece and Rome. (U.A.E. & Sudan).
 - Greek Ministers (4), Deputy Ministers, General Secretaries and Chairmen of Chambers and other Bodies.
- Luncheons and receptions held with Arab and Greek Ministers and important figures from the Financial Sector, where the speakers highlighted the importance of the development and promotion of Arab-Hellenic economic relations and the need for the implementation of practical plans that will lead to fruitful collaborations. Furthermore, the increased volume of business transactions was pointed out and the Arab-Hellenic Chamber was congratulated on the initiative of organizing the 1st Arab-Greek Economic Forum.
- Signing of agreements during the bilateral meetings, between the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the United Arab Emirates, and the Athens Chamber of Commerce, with the assistance and support of the organizer, the Arab-Hellenic Chamber.
- Extensive promotion and coverage of the Forum by the Mass Media in Greece and the Arab Countries. Newspapers, magazines, radio broadcasts and Internet webpages conveyed the news of this event, underlining the fact that it was the first time such an initiative was undertaken in Greece.
- Proposal by the participants to establish the Forum as an annual institution and create a mechanism for the monitoring and exploitation of its results, a suggestion that was underlined by the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- Bilateral meetings between Ministers of Greece and the Arab countries on the development of relations in the sectors of Economy, Transport and Tourism.
- Issuing and publication for the first time of the Greek Economy in Arab printed material and of the Arabian Economy in Greek printed material respectively.
- Press Conference with the presence of distinguished persons from the diplomatic and business world, and the Media. During the press conference, the results of the Forum were assessed and tributes were paid to the Sponsors of the event.
- Significant sponsorships were made by eminent Arab and Greek companies, Credit Institutions, Chambers of Commerce and Organizations of Greece, which contributed greatly to the success of the Forum.
- Support and assistance to the Council of the honourable Arab Ambassadors in Greece, who proved the excellent level of coordination and cooperation with the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, for the benefit of their mutual objectives.

ARAB-HELLENIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & DEVELOPMENT

www.arabgreekchamber.gr