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## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### First International Entrepreneurs Investment Forum on Entrepreneurship and Investment for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development

Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain  
Bahrain International Circuit  
19-21 January 2015

#### **Monday, 19 January 2015**

**08:00**      **Registration**

**09:30**      **Official Opening Ceremony**

#### **Welcome address**

HRH Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister of Bahrain (TBC)

#### **Speeches**

HRH Prince Al Hassan Bin Talal of Jordan, President of the Arab Thought Forum

Mr. Li Yong, UNIDO Director General

Mr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali, President of IDB

Mr. Yusuf Al Bassam, Chairman of the Board of BADEA

Mr. Adnan Al Kassar, President, General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture for Arab Countries

Mr. Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of AICEI

#### **Signing Ceremony between UNIDO and Intel Corporation**

**10:45**      **COFFEE/TEA BREAK**



**11:15 Innovative SMEs and Entrepreneurship****Speeches**

Prof. Christopher Pissarides, Nobel Prize winner (TBC)

Ms. Shaikha Hessa Saad Abdulla Al Sabah, President Arab Businesswomen Council and President Arab African Businesswomen Union

Mr. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Founder, Art of Living

**11:45 SESSION I: Fostering Entrepreneurship Development****Moderator:**

Mr. Jonathan Ortman, Director, Global Entrepreneurs Week, USA (TBC)

**Speakers:****Arab International Center for Entrepreneurship and Investment (AICEI)**

Mr. Hashim Hussein, Head, UNIDO-ITPO Bahrain

**The UNIDO productive work for youth approach**

Mr. Lamine Dhaoui, Director, Business, Investment and Technology Branch, UNIDO

Ms. Christin Pfeiffer, Secretary General International SME Network, Italy (TBC)

Speech by Intel Corporation Representative

**Intel Programme for Entrepreneurship Development**

(TBC)

12:30 Lunch Break

**13:30 SESSION II: Financial Mechanisms for Entrepreneurship Development****Moderator:**

Mr. Abdulatif Y. Al-Hamad, Director General and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (TBC)

**Financial Models for Supporting Entrepreneurs****Speakers:**

IDB

BADEA

EIB

Mr. Fadi Faqih, CEO, Bank Al Khartoum, Sudan



**15:00      SESSION III: Gender Dimensions on Entrepreneurship****Women Entrepreneurs****Moderator:**

Ms. Shaikha Hessa Saad Abdulla Al Sabah, President Arab Businesswomen Council, Kuwait and President Arab African Businesswomen Union (TBC)

**Speaker:**

Ms. Laura Frati Gucci, President Association of Women Entrepreneurs (AIDDA)

Ms. Yasmin Darwich, President, International Federation of Business and Professional Women

**16:00      SESSION IV: Support Institutions for Entrepreneurs****Role of Chambers****Moderator:**

(TBC)

**Speakers:**

Mr. Imad Shehab, Secretary General, General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture for Arab Countries

Mr. Serguei Ouattara, President & Executive Manager, EU-Africa Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Abdulrahim Naqi, Secretary General, Federation of GCC Chambers

**17:00      SESSION V: Role of Universities****Speaker:**

University of Bahrain

Ms. Anne-Marie Rouane, Managing Director, ISG Business School

17:30      Close

**Tuesday, 20 January 2015****09:30      SESSION I: Parallel Panels on Entrepreneurship Development by Regions****Introductory Remarks: Regional Perspective**

Ms Amita Misra, Director, Regional Programmes and Field Representation

**Entrepreneurship Development in the *MENA Region***

- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Recommendations



**Entrepreneurship Development in the *African Region***

- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Recommendations

**Entrepreneurship Development in the *Latin America and the Caribbean Region***

- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Recommendations

**Entrepreneurship Development in the *Asia and the Pacific Region***

- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Recommendations

**Entrepreneurship Development in the *Europe and Central Asia Region***

- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Recommendations
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**Entrepreneurship Development in the *BRICS Countries***

- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Recommendations

11:30 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

12:00 **Presentation on the recommendations and Adaption of the Bahrain Declaration on Entrepreneurship Development**

**Moderator:**

Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, Secretary Generals Envoy on Youth (TBC)

Ms. Laura Frati Gucci, President, Association of Women Entrepreneurs (AIDDA)

12:30 Lunch

13:30 **Closing Ceremony – Final Remarks**

HRH Prince Al Hassan Bin Talal of Jordan, President of the Arab Thought Forum

Mr. Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman Board of Trustees of AICEI, Bahrain (TBC)

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14:00 **Entrepreneur 2 Entrepreneur (e2e) Bilateral Meetings**

17:30 Close

