

# 4<sup>th</sup> WORLD ISLAMIC ECONOMIC FORUM

## “Islamic Countries: Partners In The Global Development”

29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008

**Hosted by:**

The Government of the State of Kuwait

**Organized by:**

The World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation

### **29<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

<p>10.30 am – 12.00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Venue:</u></b> <b><i>Bayan Palace</i></b></p>	<p><b>OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY</b> <i>(by invitation only)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recital of the Quran</li> <li>- Welcoming Speech by HE Faisal Al-Hajji, Chairman, Kuwait National Organizing Committee for WIEF</li> <li>- Opening Keynote Address by HH Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, The Emir of the State of Kuwait</li> <li>- Special Addresses by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HM King Abdullah II of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</li> <li>• H.E. Abdoulaye Wade, President of Senegal &amp; Chairman, OIC</li> <li>• H.E. Hamid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan</li> <li>• H.E. Dr. Haris Silajdzic, President of Bosnia and Herzegovina Republic</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Speech by the Hon. Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman, WIEF &amp; former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia</li> </ul>
<p>12.15 pm - 12.45 pm</p>	<p>Refreshments / Informal Networking / Prayers</p>
<p>12.45 pm – 2.15 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Venue:</u></b> <b><i>Bayan Palace</i></b></p>	<p><b>LEADERSHIP PANEL: “Islamic Countries In A Competitive World”</b> <i>(by invitation only)</i></p> <p>In what way do Islamic values propel Islamic countries forward in an ever-competitive world? Can Islamic precepts be used to create an efficient work culture among the countries in the Muslim world? How critical is leadership in the Islamic world in steering into the right direction? What are the important traits of Islamic leadership that is crucial to compete in the contemporary world?</p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Leaders:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.H. Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait</li> <li>• H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa , Prime Minister of Kingdom of Bahrain</li> <li>• H.E. Guillaume Kigbafori Soro, Prime Minister of the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire</li> <li>• H.E Dr Ahmed Mohamed Ali, President, Islamic Development Bank</li> </ul>
2.15 pm – 4.00 pm	Lunch Break
<p>4.00 pm – 6.30 pm</p> <p><b><u>Venue:</u></b> <b><i>Sheraton Hotel</i></b></p>	<p><b>PARALLEL SESSIONS &amp; MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The aim of each of these parallel sessions is to garner ideas and exchanges related to the particular industry, bringing together the leaders, the small and medium companies to interact with each other. Each session will also showcase selected projects around the Muslim world, seeking for funding or joint venture collaborations across borders.</p> <p>- <b>SMEs</b>  <u>Moderator:</u> Dr Atef Obaid, Former Prime Minister , Egypt  <u>Country Overview:</u>  Mr. Tariq Sayeed, President, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and  Mr. Tanri Abeng, Chairman and Founder, Executive Centre for Global Leadership</p> <p>- <b>Telecommunications, Transport &amp; Logistics</b>  <u>Moderator:</u> Eng. Abdulrahman Al-Gunaim , Former Telecommunication Minister , The State of Kuwait  <u>Global Industry Overview:</u> Mr.Bahjat El-Darwiche, Booz Allen Hamilton, Middle East  <u>Country Overview:</u> Mr. Salahuddin Kasem Khan, Chairman, Aktel Bangladesh</p> <p>- <b>Infrastructure &amp; Real Estate Development</b>  <u>Moderator:</u> Eng.Saeed Dashti – Chairman &amp; MD – KGL, Kuwait  <u>Global Industry Overview:</u> Mr. Mohd Anwar Yahya, Senior Executive Director, Markets Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Malaysia  <u>Project Presenter:</u> Dato' Ikmal Hijaz Hashim, Managing Director, Iskandar Development Region Authority, Malaysia</p> <p>- <b>Tourism &amp; Travel</b>  <u>Moderator:</u> Mr.Khaled Abdullah Al-Ghanim - CEO , Touristic Enterprises Company , Kuwait  <u>Global Industry Overview:</u> Mr. Richard Shediak, Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton, Middle East  <u>Country Overview:</u>  H.E. Nan Sy, Ambassador of Kingdom of Cambodia to Brunei Darussalam &amp; Mr. Muniruddeen Lallmahamood, Director, Global Management &amp; Business Consulting Ltd, Mauritius</p>

8.30 pm – 10.30 pm	Formal Dinner at Bayan Palace ( <i>by invitation only</i> )
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### **30 April 2008:-**

<p>9.30 am – 11.00 am</p> <p><b><u>Venue:</u></b> <b><i>Sheraton Hotel</i></b></p>	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION:</b> <b>“The Muslim World As A Burgeoning Market”</b></p> <p>Perception is all that matters to make or break an economy. Perception fuels speculation, which in turn determines FDI flows into the region and also capital flight out of the region. This session seeks to address the idea of changing the perception of the Muslim world, from a conflict zone to a booming market of 1.3 billion people with a huge potential to grow into a burgeoning and lucrative market. How can we promote the Muslim world as a lucrative bloc?</p> <p><u>Chairman:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ali Mohammed Thunayan Al-Ghanem, Chairman, Kuwait Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry , State of Kuwait</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Bader Mishari Al-Humaidhi, Former Minister of Finance, Kuwait</li> <li>• Mr. Toyoo Gyohten, President, Institute for International Monetary Affairs, Japan</li> <li>• H.E. Dr. Mohammad Al-Tuwaijri, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs, The League of Arab States</li> <li>• Dr. Izzat Dajani, Head Key and Priority Clients, Goldman Sachs International and former MD, Ras Al Khaimah Investment Authority</li> </ul>
<p>11.00 am – 11.30 am</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>11.30 am – 1.00 pm</p> <p><b><u>Venue:</u></b> <b><i>Sheraton Hotel</i></b></p>	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION:</b> <b>“The Future of Energy In A Changing World”</b></p> <p>Energy has become a central pillar of most Muslim countries in the Middle East and the Central Asia Republics, and has spurred great interest in these regions. Higher spending leads to better investment opportunities. There is also a surge of interest in exploring alternative energy sources in the Muslim world. Such developments provide new partnership opportunities between the Middle East and the developing countries in the Muslim world as well as large energy consuming countries like China, Japan and India. What are the identified sectors of interest? What are the possibilities of partnership? How will oil prices impact on business? What is the outlook for oil prices over the next few years?</p> <p><u>Chairman:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mohammed Abdullah Al-Aleem Minister of Electricity &amp; Water, and Acting Minister of Oil, State of Kuwait</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Gholam Hossein Nozari, Minister of Oil, Islamic Republic of Iran</li> <li>• H.E. Souot Mynbayev, Minister of Energy &amp; Mineral Resources, Kazakhstan</li> <li>• Dr. Adnan Shihab Eldin, Former Acting Secretary General, OPEC</li> <li>• Mr. Jamal Al-Nouri, Planning Managing Director, Kuwait Petroleum Cooperation , Kuwait</li> </ul>
1.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Official Lunch ( <i>by invitation only</i> )
4.00 pm – 5.30 pm  <u>Venue:</u> <i>Sheraton Hotel</i>	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION:</b>  <b>“Economic Partnership between The Gulf Cooperation Council Countries &amp; The Muslim World ”</b></p> <p>The Middle East is blessed with natural reserves that have translated into huge revenues on oil proceeds for many decades. There is a need to forge business collaboration in the Muslim world to capitalize on this promising development. To date, there is a vast array of promising investment opportunities in the GCC countries that can turn out to be promising ventures for the Muslim world. Can a platform be established to facilitate this business collaboration?</p> <p><b>Chairman:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mustafa Jasim Al-Shamali- Minister of Finance, State of Kuwait</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Abdullah Bishara - Former Secretary General – The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.</li> <li>• Dr. Jassim Al-Mannai, Director General Chairman of the Board, Arab Monetary Fund</li> <li>• Mr. Youssef A Nasr , Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd</li> <li>• Dato’ Azman Mokhtar, Managing Director, Khazanah Nasional , Malaysia</li> </ul>
5.30 pm – 6.00 pm	Refreshments / Informal Networking
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm  <u>Venue:</u> <i>Sheraton Hotel</i>	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION:</b>  <b>“The Role of Investment In Poverty Reduction ”</b></p> <p>The most important issue yet in the Muslim world at this moment is the existence of a wide poverty gap between nations. A sizeable proportion of Muslim societies live in abject poverty, despite the presence of immense wealth in other parts of the Muslim world. This begs the question of whether social welfare on its own is enough to alleviate poverty, or does the Muslim world need a more structural approach towards tackling poverty? How does investment factor into the closing of the poverty gap? Does investments into</p>

	<p>sanitation, electricity, and education make a difference?</p> <p><b>Chairman:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HE Sheikh Dr.Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister &amp; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kuwait</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Tony Blair, Former Prime Minister , UK</li> <li>• Mr. Bob Hawke, Former Prime Minister of Australia</li> <li>• H.E. Sofyan Djalil, State Minister of State Enterprises, Indonesia</li> <li>• Mr. Abdulatif Al-Hamed, Director General &amp; Chairman of the Board, Arab Fund for Economic &amp; Social Development</li> <li>• Dato' Timothy Ong, Chairman, Brunei Economic Development Board</li> <li>• Dr. Amadou Boubacar Cisse, Vice President-Operations, Islamic Development Bank</li> </ul>
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**1 May 2008 :-**

<p>9.00 am – 10.30 am</p> <p><b><u>Venue:</u></b> <b><i>Sheraton Hotel</i></b></p>	<p><b>PARALLEL SESSION A:</b> <b>“Education &amp; Development In The Islamic World”</b></p> <p>As the saying goes, “An open mind is the best way to look at the world”. Education is the most important factor in shaping a successful civilization. The values that inform a particular education system invariably determine how its people would view the world around them. A sound education and training system impresses upon its people the importance of living a civilized life, of fully embracing its many institutions and seeking to enhance the capabilities of science and technology. It is only with such educational and technical experience that people can fully embrace the sciences and implement it to its fullest capacity. Is the educational corpus in the Muslim world conducive to this view of the world? What are the ways in which we can regain the technological prowess and intellectual tradition of the past? How can such education and training be introduced in our human capital development programmes?</p> <p><b>Chairman:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HE Mrs.Noureya Sabeeh Al-Sabeeh, Minister of Education &amp; Higher Education, the State of Kuwait</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Abdel Moneim M.Osamn – Director UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States , UNESCO representative to Lebanon &amp; Syria</li> <li>• Dr Hasan Ali Al-Ebraheem , President – Kuwait Society for the Advancement of Arab Children</li> <li>• Dr Farhan Nizami, Director, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, UK</li> <li>• Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Wan Mohd Zahid Mohd Noordin ,Chairman,University Technology MARA &amp; Chairman , WIEF Education Trust</li> </ul>
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<p>9.00 am – 10.30 am</p> <p><b><u>Venue:</u></b> <b><i>Sheraton Hotel</i></b></p>	<p><b>PARALLEL SESSION B:</b> <b>“The Private Sector Role In Development”</b></p> <p>The private sector is crucial as actual prime movers of economic development. Are the structures and frameworks in place to allow for their natural growth, especially taking into account the SMEs? What are the possibilities of public-private partnerships in the Muslim world and what are the challenges facing this arrangement? What are the challenges impeding the growth of the private sector in the Muslim world?</p> <p><b>Chairman:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ian Buchanan, Senior Advisor, Booz Allen Hamilton (Australia) &amp; member of WIEF International Advisory Panel</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Tarek Abdulaziz Al-Sultan, Chairman, Agility, The State of Kuwait</li> <li>• Mr. Adnan Abdulaziz Al-Bahar , Chairman &amp; Managing Director, the International Investor, Kuwait</li> <li>• Mr Ibrahim Shukri Dabduob, Chief Executive Officer, National Bank of Kuwait</li> <li>• Mr. Shafik Gabr, Chairman, Artoc Group, Arab Republic of Egypt</li> <li>• Mrs. Olive Zaitun Kigongo, Chairman, Uganda Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> </ul>
<p>10.30 am– 11.00 am</p>	<p>Refreshment / Informal Networking</p>
<p>11.00 am– 12.00 pm</p> <p><b><u>Venue:</u></b> <b><i>Sheraton Hotel</i></b></p>	<p><b>CONCLUDING SESSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keynote Address by the Patron of WIEF Foundation – <b>HE Dato’ Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia</b></li> <li>- Speech by Representative to <b>H.E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia</b></li> <li>- Declaration of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Islamic Economic Forum by <b>H.E. Faisal Al-Hajji, Chairman, Kuwait National Organizing Committee</b></li> <li>- Closing Remarks &amp; Vote of Thanks by the <b>Hon. Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman, WIEF</b></li> </ul>
<p>12.00 pm</p>	<p><b>Press Conference</b> HE Faisal Al-Hajji &amp; The Hon. Tun Musa Hitam</p>

28 April 2008

Events prior to WIEF official opening :

<p>All Day</p> <p>9.00 am – 1.00 pm</p> <p><u>Venue:</u> <i>Sheraton Hotel</i></p> <p><u>Venue:</u> <i>JW Marriott Hotel</i></p> <p><u>Venue:</u> <i>Arab Organizations HQ Building</i></p> <p><u>Venue:</u> <i>Kuwait Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry Building</i></p>	<p><b><i>Arrival &amp; Registration of Participants</i></b></p> <p><b>PARALLEL MEETINGS :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. WIEF Young Leaders Meeting</b> <u>Chairman:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HE Jamal Ahmad Al-Shihab ,Minister of Justice &amp; Social Affairs &amp; Labor, State of Kuwait</li><li>• Dato Mohd Nazir Tun Abdul Razak, Chairman, WIEF Young Leaders Network &amp; Group CEO, CIMB Group, Malaysia</li></ul></li><li><b>2. WIEF Businesswomen Forum</b> <u>Chairperson:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.H. Sheikha Hissah Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salim Al-Sabah, Chairman, President of Council of Arab Business Women, Kuwait</li><li>• Dato Dr, Norraesah Mohamed, Chairman, WIEF Businesswomen Network &amp; Executive Chairman, Embunaz Ventures, Malaysia</li></ul></li><li><b>3. Development &amp; Finance In The Islamic World: Between Islamic Development Agencies, Kuwaiti &amp; International Financial Institutions</b> <u>Chairman:</u> Mr.Abdul Majeed AlShatti -Chairman- Kuwait Banks Association</li><li><b>4. Meetings for the Chairmen &amp; Presidents of Islamic Chambers of Commerce &amp; Business Leaders</b> (Hosted by Kuwait Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry )</li></ol>
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5.30 pm

**4<sup>th</sup> WIEF Exhibition Opening by :** HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Sabah - Prime Minister of The State of Kuwait .  
***Venue:*** *Sheraton Hotel*