



IBBC Autumn Conference 2024, Friday 13th December 2024
Growing Opportunities – at the Taj Hotel, Downtown Dubai

Business Day Agenda

Thursday 12th December Pre-Conference Evening Reception, 19:00-21:00
Treehouse. Taj Hotel, Downtown Dubai

Chairman of the day: Mr Vikas Handa, GCC Representative, IBBC

- 08:30** Registration & Coffee
- 10:00** Welcome Addresses
Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, President of IBBC
H.E. Dr Thani Bin Ahmed Al Zeyouidi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE tbc
Ambassador Stephen Charles Hitchen, His Majesty's Ambassador to Iraq
H.E Dr Abdulkareem Al-Faisal, Chairman, Prime Ministers Advisory Commission
- 10:40** **Session 1: Iraq and the Region**
Chairman: Mr Jon Wilks CMG, IBBC
Panellists: Ms Mina Al Oreibi, The National, Dr Norman Ricklefs, Namea Group;
Ambassador Stephen Charles Hitchen, His Majesty's Ambassador to Iraq;
- 11:20** Tea & Coffee/ Networking
- 12:00** **Allegro Room: KRG Roundtable Discussion chaired by Jon Wilks**
- 12:00** **Crescendo Room: Women's Group with SABIS Graduate Female High Achievers**
- 12:00** **Session 2: Infrastructure & Maritime**
Chairman: Colin Findlay, IBBC
Panellist: Mr Steve Alexander, Sardar Trading Agencies (tbc), Mr Tugrul Titanoglu,
CJ-ICM; Basrah Gateway Terminal (Tbc), Al Zaman Group
- 12.40** **Keynote by Professor Frank Gunter on Ease of Doing Business in Iraq**
- 12.50** **Session 3: Finance**
Chairman: Mr Mohammed Al-Delaimy, IBBC Advisory Council
Panellist: Mr Raed Hanna, Mutual Finance Ltd, Mr Bilal Al-Sugheyer, IFC,
Mr Jamil Choucair, Standard Chartered Bank, Professor Frank Gunter, Lehigh
University
- 13:30** Lunch
- 14:45** **Crescendo Room: Ease of doing Business in Iraq Roundtable Discussion with**
Professor Frank Gunter, Senior Economist, Lehigh University

14:45

Session 4: Energy

Chairman: Mr Vikas Handa, GCC Representative, IBBC

**Panellists: Mr Marfa Al-Asady, Basrah Gas Company; Mr Zaid Elyaseri, BP Tbc;
Mr Ellis Renforth, Wood Plc Tbc; Ms Dunia Chalabi, Total Tbc**

16.00

Closing Remarks, **Mr Christophe Michels, IBBC**

End of Conference

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