



**IBBC Autumn Conference 2024, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**Growing Opportunities – at the Taj Hotel, Downtown Dubai**

**Business Day Agenda**

*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Abdullah Al Saleh, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Economy UAE**

**H.E. Mohammed Al Darraji, Senior Technical advisor to the Iraqi Prime Minister and the President of Sovereign Guarantee Initiative**

**H.E. Dr Mohammed Shukri, Chairman of the Kurdistan Investment Board**

**Mr Sardar Al Bebany, CEO & Chairman, Sardar Group & President Toyota Iraq**

**Ms Azheen Falah Mustafa, SABIS® Schools Iraq Region Alumni**

**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;**

**11:20** Tea & Coffee/ Networking

**12:00** **Crescendo Room: Women in Business, Driving Economic Empowerment chaired by Ghadeer Haider**

**12:00** **Session 2: Infrastructure & Maritime**

**Chairman: Mr Colin Findlay, IBBC**

**Panellist: Mr Tugrul Titanoglu, CJ-ICM; Mr Ahmed Shaban, Chairman of the IBBC Maritime Committee; Dr Abduladheem Kareem Khalil, Iraq Supreme Maritime Authority; Mr Amar Shubar Management Partners; Mr Ahmed Jasim Nadeem Al-Asady, General Maritime Transport Company**

**12.40** **Keynote by Professor Frank Gunter on Ease of Doing Business in Iraq**

**12:40** **Allegro Room: KRG Roundtable Discussion chaired by Jon Wilks**

**12.50** **Session 3: Finance**

**Chairman: Mr Raed Hanna, Mutual Finance Ltd**

**Panellist: Mr Mohammed Al-Delaimy, IBBC Advisory Council Mr Bilal Al-**

**Sugheyer, IFC, Mr Jamil Choucair, Standard Chartered Bank, Professor Frank**

**Gunter, Lehigh University; Mr Ahmed Al-Haidary, Management Partners; Dr Samir**

**Fakhri Naama, Central Bank of Iraq**

13:45 Lunch

14:50 **Crescendo Room: The Challenge of making Business easier in Iraq for International Investors & Operators: Roundtable Discussion** with Professor Frank Gunter, *Senior Economist, Lehigh University* **Panellist: Mr Jon Wilks CMG, IBBC; Ms Lena Ali Kadhim, Toyota; Dr William Page, 1001Media; Ms Mina Al Oreibi, The National; Mr Amir Al Bebany, Sardar Group**

14:50 **Session 4: Energy**  
**Chairman: Mr Vikas Handa, GCC Representative, IBBC**  
**Panellists: Mr Marfa Al-Asady, Basrah Gas Company; Mr Ellis Renforth, Wood Plc; Mr Zaid Elyaseri, BP; Mr Rasheed Al Janabi GE Vernova; Mr Neil Beauchamp, British Embassy Baghdad; Mr Hassan Heshmat, Hydro-C; Mr Laith Al Shaher, IBBC Advisory Council**

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

### End of Conference

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