



**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, 18:00-20:00*  
*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**  
**Iraqi Minister (Tbc)**  
**SABIS Graduate Female High Achiever (tbc)**
- 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** **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), 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, BP Tbc, Wood Plc Tbc, Total Tbc**

16.00

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

**End of Conference**

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