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The UCLA Center for Middle East Development  
**Enriching the Middle East's Economic Future Conference**

30 — 31 October, 2018

Ritz Carlton Hotel | Doha, Qatar

**Agenda**

**TUESDAY**  
30 Oct

**7:00-8:30**

**Check-in &  
Badge Pick-up**  
Ritz Carlton

*Tip: Check in  
on Monday  
10:00-20:00  
to avoid  
crowds  
Tuesday  
morning  
before the  
Opening  
Session*

**7:00-8:30**

**Breakfast**  
AL  
MUKHTASAR

*Tip: Enter  
conference  
floor/  
breakfast  
area no later  
than 8:00,  
in order to  
be seated in  
the Opening  
Session by  
8:45*

**9:00 - 9:45 Official Opening Plenary Session**

**AL WOSAIL 1-2-3**

**The Middle East's Economic Future**

**Keynote Speaker:**

- His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Saoud Al-Thani, The Governor– Chairman of the Board of Directors, Qatar Central Bank

**Moderator:** Professor Steven Spiegel, UCLA CMED

**Speakers:**

- Professor Din Syamsuddin, Centre for Dialogue and Cooperation Among Civilizations
- Ms. Amel Azzouz, Ennahda Shura Council
- Mr. Adel Hamaizia, Oxford Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies Forum
- Ambassador Charles Ries, RAND Corporation

**10:00 - 11:30 Session 1**

**Impact of Tariffs and Global Economic Trends on the Region's Economies**

**FATEH AL KHAIR**

**Moderator:** Dr. Hani Findakly, Clinton Group

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Sean Cleary, Strategic Concepts (Pty) Ltd
- Dr. Bingbing Wu, Institute for International and Strategic Studies, Peking University
- Mr. James Pickup, Middle East Investment Initiative
- Dr. Krishna Kumar, RAND Corporation

**The Upcoming American Elections**

**AL WOSAIL 4**

**Moderator:** Professor Steven Spiegel, UCLA CMED

**Speakers:**

- Attorney General Tim Fox, Montana Department of Justice
- Mr. Jay Footlik, Global Policy Initiatives
- Mr. Richard Smotkin, Comcast/NBCU

**11:30-12:00**

**Networking Break**

CMED Secretariat Desk Hours 7:00-17:00



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**12:00-13:30 Session 2**

**FATEH AL KHAIR**

**Regional Policy Response to Shifting Global Trade and Economic Challenges**

**Moderator:** Dr. Hani Findakly, Clinton Group

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Andrew Parasiliti, RAND Center for Global Risk and Security
- Dr. Sadek Owainati, Middle East and North Africa Projects, Toronto
- Dr. Amer Al Rawas, Paradigms Consulting Company

**AL WOSAIL 3**

**Great Powers in the Middle East**

**Moderator:** Mr. Tomas Pojar, Cevro Institute, Prague

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Konstantin Eggert, Russian Affairs Commentator, Deutsche Welle
- Ambassador Marc Sievers, US Embassy- Muscat, Oman
- Ms. Bitte Hammargren, Swedish Defence Research Agency

**AL WOSAIL 4**

**Cybersecurity and World Order**

**Moderator:** Mr. Steve Zipperstein, Private Practice

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Toby Simon, Synergia Foundation
- Ambassador Jüri Seilenthal, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr. Philippe Joseph Poullain, Opus Groupe
- Mr. Anthony Nash, CEO/Founder, Complete Intelligence

**13:30-15:00**

**Lunch | AL MUKHTASAR**



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TUESDAY  
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15:00 - 16:30 Session 3

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### Tackling Fake News

**Moderators:** Ms. Kahina Bouagache, Maghreb Counsel for Women Lawyers Groupe ME and Ms. Chloe de Preneuf, Independent MENA policy expert

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Mohamed Alyahyai, Oman Ministry of Heritage and Culture
- His Excellency Henrique Cymerman, IDC - Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya
- Ms. Karuna Kumar, UNICEF

AL WOSAIL 3

### The Economic Future of Asian Powers in the Middle East: Japan, India and China

**Moderator:** Mr. Anthony Nash, CEO/Founder, Complete Intelligence

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Kazuyuki Hamada, Research Institute for Future Technologies– Japan
- Dr. Niranjana Sahoo, Observer Research Foundation– India
- Dr. Changhui Zhao, China Eximbank

AL WOSAIL 4

### Youth Employment and Wellbeing in the Middle East and North Africa

**Moderator:** Ambassador Charles Ries, RAND Corporation

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Krishna Kumar, RAND Corporation
- Ms. Shahera Youssef, Director of Work, FHI360
- Mr. Bryan Schultz, University of Pittsburgh- College of Business Administration
- Dr. Nader Kabbani, Brookings Doha Center

16:30-18:30

Extended Break before Dinner

19:00-20:30 Dinner | YASMEEN PALACE

18:30 meet in hotel lobby

19:00 buses depart



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**WEDNESDAY**  
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7:00– 8:30 Breakfast | AL MUKHTASAR

9:00 - 10:30 Session 4

**Migration Policy, Bilateral or Multilateralism**

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**Moderator:** Dr. Naren Prasad, International Labour Organization

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Ryszard Cholewinski, International Labour Organization Regional Office for Arab States
- Professor Ray Jureidini, Hamad Bin Khalifa University
- Dr. Usamah Alfarhan, Sultan Qaboos University
- Ms. Zahra Babar, Georgetown University - Qatar

**AL WOSAIL 3**

**Post-War Reconstruction in Syria: War by Other Means?**

**Moderator:** Dr. Patrycja Sasnal, Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Yury Barmin, Russian International Affairs Council
- Mr. Oubab Khalil, Syrian Opposition
- Ms. Emma Beals, Independent Researcher/Analyst

**AL WOSAIL 4**

**Turkey's Challenges**

**Moderators:** Mr. Alan Makovsky, Center for American Progress, Washington, DC

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Mustafa Mente, Sur Corporate
- Professor Talip Kucukkan, Marmara University
- Dr. Sema Kalaycioglu, Yildiz Technical University

10:30 - 11:00

Networking Break

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11:00 - 12:30 Session 5

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**Entrepreneurship Economics Promoting Peace**

**Moderators:** Mr. James Pickup, Middle East Investment Initiative

- Ms. Nabila Freidji, CGEM
- Mr. Kian Saadat, CEO, Hassan's Optician Co.
- Mr. Sheikh A. Turay, Liberation Cocoa Farming
- Ms. Devaki Erande, Jesuit Refugee Service

AL WOSAIL 3

**How are President Trump's Policies in the Middle East Changing the Region?**

**Moderator:** Professor Steven Spiegel, UCLA CMED

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Zev Furst, First International Resources
- Dr. Joseph Bahout, Carnegie Middle East Program
- Dr. Michael Doran, Hudson Institute

AL WOSAIL 4

**Global Health Diplomacy: An Effective Foreign Policy Tool for the Middle East**

**Moderator:** Dr. Zied Mhirsi, Global Health Strategies

**Speakers:**

- Ambassador Jüri Seilenthal, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Dr. Batool Al-wahdani, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations
- Ms. Hala Sarraf, Iraq Health Access Organization
- Dr. M. Walid Qoronfleh, World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH)

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch | AL MUKHTASAR



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14:00 - 15:30 Session 6

**Beyond the Classroom: Education's Effects on Extremism, Security and Development**

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**Moderators:** Dr. Attaullah Wahidyar, Ministry of Education– Afghanistan

**Speakers:**

- Professor Hamid Ahmed, Prime Minister's Advisory Commission– Iraq
- Ms. Cindy Forde, Planetari– Education Platform
- Professor Ming Chiu, The Education University of Hong Kong
- Dr. Nirit Ofir, Haifa University

**Which are More Effective: Big or Small States?**

AL WOSAIL 3

**Moderator:** Mr. Sean Cleary, Strategic Concepts (Pty) Ltd

**Speakers:**

- His Excellency Frederick Mitchell, Opposition Leader, Bahamas Senate
- Ambassador Charles Ries, RAND Corporation
- Dr. Kadira Pethiyagoda, Candidate for Australian Parliament, Brookings Doha Centre
- Ms. Antonia Dimou, Diplomatic Advisor, Hellenic Parliament

**How International Understanding Can Help Economic Success**

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**Moderator:** Mr. Steve Zipperstein, Private Practice

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- Professor Din Syamsuddin, Centre for Dialogue and Cooperation Among Civilizations
- Professor Ole Austvik, Norway University
- Mr. Eival Gilady, Chairman, Western Galilee College

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16:00-17:30 Session 7

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**The Political Dynamic of Economic Transformation in MENA: Diagnosis and Developments**

**Moderator:** Mr. Adel Hamaizia, Oxford Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies Forum

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Ali Hameed, Governor, Anbar Province- Iraq
- Mr. Jean Tawile, Kataeb Economic and Social Council, Lebanon
- Ms. Amel Boubekour, EHESS, Paris

AL WOSAIL 3

**Investing in Women's Economic Empowerment: What Does that Actually Mean in the MENA Region?**

**Moderators:** Ms. Kahina Bouagache, Maghreb Counsel for Women Lawyers Groupe ME and Ms. Chloe de Preneuf, Independent MENA policy expert

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Siham Matallah, Economics Department at the University of Oran 2, Algeria
- Dr. Ibtisam Ali, Council of Ministers– Iraq
- Dr. Batool Al-wahdani, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations

AL WOSAIL 4

**Future Foreign Fighter Mobilizations in the Islamic World**

**Moderators:** Mr. Nate Rosenblatt, Oxford University

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Matthew Levitt, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy
- Professor Mohamed Mahmoud Mohamedou, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
- Dr. Haroro Ingram, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism, the Hague

17:30-18:00 Closing Session

AL WOSAIL 1 & 2

**Speakers:**

- His Excellency Dr. Ahmad Hassen Al-Hammadi, Secretary General- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Professor Steven Spiegel, UCLA CMED

18:00 Dinner and Departure | AL MUKHTASAR



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