



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar
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The UCLA Center for Middle East Development
Enriching the Middle East's Economic Future Conference

12 — 13 November, 2019

Ritz Carlton Hotel | Doha, Qatar

Agenda

TUESDAY

12 Nov

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

Middle East Opportunities and Advances

AL WOSAIL 1-2-3

Keynote Speaker:

- HE Mr. Ali Shareef Al Emadi, *Minister of Finance of Qatar*

Moderator: Professor Steven Spiegel, *UCLA CMED*

Speakers:

- H.E. Joyce Banda, *Former President of Malawi*
- Minister Edward Scicluna, *Minister of Finance of Malta*
- Dr. Hani Findakly, *Potomac Capital*

10:00 - 11:30 Session 1

Major Challenges Facing the Region

AL WOSAIL 4

Moderator: Dr. Hani Findakly, *Potomac Capital*

Speakers:

- Ms. Alia Moubayed, *Jefferies International*
- Ms. Kirsten Fontenrose, *Atlantic Council*
- Dr. Sadek Owainati, *MENA Projects*
- Dr. Bingbing Wu, *School of Foreign Languages, Peking University*
- Dr. Kazuyuki Hamada, *Research Institute for Future Technologies*

The 2020 U.S. Election Campaign and the Potential Outcomes for the Middle East's Economic Future

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Moderator: Professor Steven Spiegel, *UCLA CMED*

Speakers:

- Mr. Steve Zipperstein, *UCLA CMED*
- Dr. Michael Doran, *Hudson Institute*
- Mr. Jay K. Footlik, *Global Policy Initiatives*
- Mr. Richard Smotkin, *Third Circle Inc.*

11:30-12:00

Networking Break

CMED Secretariat Desk Hours 7:00-17:00



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12:00-13:30 Session 2

AL WOSAIL 3

Major Challenges in Economic Transition

Moderator: Dr. Hani Findakly, *Potomac Capital*

Speakers:

- Dr. Yousuf Al Balushi, *Independent Senior Economist*
- Dr. Karen Young, *American Enterprise Institute*
- Dr. Amer Al Rawas, *Paradigms Consulting LLC*
- Dr. Andrew Parasiliti, *Al-Monitor*

AL WOSAIL 4

Iran vs. the US: What is the Impact on the Region Economically and Politically?

Moderator: Mr. Alan Makovsky, *Center for American Progress*

Speakers:

- Ms. Kristina Kausch, *The German Marshall Fund of the United States*
- Professor Nasser Hadian Jazy, *Tehran University*
- Dr. Michael Doran, *Hudson Institute*

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Megacities Will Change MENA

Moderator: Mr. Mickey Bergman, *The Richardson Center for Global Engagement*

Speakers:

- Ms. Nada Elfeituri, *Urban Researcher*
- Dr. Maha Al-Zu'bi, *Independent Consultant*
- Mr. Philip Davis, *Parliament of The Bahamas*

13:30-15:00

Lunch | AL MUKHTASAR



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15:00 - 16:30 Session 3

AL WOSAIL 3

Will Increased Asian Engagement Change the Middle East?

Moderator: Mr. Steve Zipperstein, *UCLA CMED*

Speakers:

- Professor Guangda Wang, *China-Arab Research Center on Reform and Development*
- Professor Satoshi Ikeuchi, *University of Tokyo*
- Ms. Tin Hinane El Kadi, *Chatham House*
- Professor S. Singh Somra, *Department of Economics, University of Rajasthan*

AL WOSAIL 4

Fostering Entrepreneurship in MENA: Panacea or Placebo?

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

- Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, *Keycorp Consulting*
- Dr. Denise Sumpf, *UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia*
- Mr. Abdulaziz Al Loughani, *Faith Capital*
- Mr. Marouan Aoudia, *Impact Group*

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Implications of Climate Change on Energy and Economy in the MENA Region

Moderator: Mr. Neeshad Shafi, *Arab Youth Climate Movement Qatar*

Speakers:

- Mr. Peter Schwartzstein, *National Geographic and Newsweek*
- Dr. Maha Al-Zu'bi, *Independent Climate Change Consultant*
- Mr. Walid Oraby, *Metito Overseas Qatar*
- Dr. Yousef Meslmani, *Eco Consulting & Engineering GmbH*
- Mr. Abdulhadi Nasser Almarri, *Ministry of Municipality and Environment of Qatar*

16:30-18:30

Extended Break before Dinner

19:00-20:30 Dinner | YASMINE 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

China-Middle East Economic Relations: Trends and Developments

AL WOSAIL 3

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

Speakers:

- Professor Yahia Zoubir, *KEDGE Business School*
- Dr. Changhui Zhao, *China Eximbank*
- Dr. Jiuzhou Duan, *Institute for International and Area Studies, Tsinghua University*
- Dr. Karen Young, *American Enterprise Institute*

The Impact of the Syrian Crisis on Economic Conditions in the Middle East and Europe

AL WOSAIL 4

Moderator: Ms. Emma Beals, *Independent Researcher, Analyst and Consultant*

Speakers:

- Dr. Joseph Bahout, *Carnegie Endowment and Sciences Po*
- Mr. Yury Barmin, *Moscow Policy Group*
- Ms. Sara Kayyali, *Human Rights Watch*
- Mr. Oubab Khalil, *Independent Consultant*
- Professor Ozlem Tur, *Middle East Technical University*
- Dr. Howard Shatz, *RAND Corporation*

Inclusive Growth and Job Creation in MENA

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

Speakers:

- Dr. Khalid Abu-Ismael, *UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia*
- Dr. Sonja Avlijas, *Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Evaluation of Public Policies, Sciences Po*
- Ms. Alia Moubayed, *Jefferies International*

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11:00 - 12:30 Session 5

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Turkey and its Economic Challenges

Moderator: Mr. Alan Makovsky, *Center for American Progress*

Speakers:

- Dr. Hakan Yurdakul, *Office of the President of Turkey*
- Mr. Timothy Ash, *Bluebay Asset Management*
- Mr. Cenk Sidar, *GlobalWonks*

AL WOSAIL 4

Artificial Intelligence for Good

Moderator: Mr. Mickey Bergman, *The Richardson Center for Global Engagement*

Speakers:

- Professor Ming Chiu, *The Education University of Hong Kong*
- Ms. James Keller, *Mozilla*
- Ms. Hila Lamm, *Firefly.ai*

**Changing European Policies toward the Middle East and the Implications for
the Region's Economy**

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Moderator: Professor Erzsebet N. Rozsa, *Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian
Academy of Sciences*

Speakers:

- Dr. Katarzyna Sidlo, *Center for Social and Economic Research*
- Mr. Adnan Tabatabai, *Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient*
- Mr. Jonathan Paris, *Chertoff Group*
- Dr. Steven Wright, *Hamad Bin Khalifa University*

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch | AL MUKHTASAR



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14:00 - 15:30 Session 6

AL WOSAIL 3

Africa's Economic Transformation through Women's Participation in the Economy: A Model for Others?

Moderator: Ms. Nabila Freidji, *Media Rep*

Speakers:

- H.E. Joyce Banda, *Former President of Malawi*
- Dr. Thelma Awori, *Liberian Consulate of Uganda*
- Ms. Hafsat Abiola, *Women in Africa Initiative*

Can Russia with a Weak Economy Replace the US as the Power Broker in MENA?

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Moderator: Ambassador Tomas Pojar, *Cevro Institute*

Speakers:

- Dr. Andrew Parasiliti, *Al-Monitor*
- Mr. Yury Barmin, *Moscow Policy Group*
- Ms. Micky (Malka) Aharonson, *Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security*
- Professor Hassan Ahmadian, *University of Tehran*

Co-Existence and Collaboration: Economic Drivers of a Regional Framework

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Moderator: Dr. Ranj Alaaldin, *Brookings Institution Doha*

Speakers:

- Dr. Howard Shatz, *RAND Corporation*
- Ambassador Ramón Blecua, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain*
- Dr. Nader Kabbani, *Brookings Doha Center*
- Minister Falah Bakir, *Office of the Kurdistan Region President*
- Dr. Susan Griffiths, *Global Partners Governance*

15:30 - 16:00
Networking Break



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16:00-17:30 Session 7

Nationalism vs. Globalism: Which Can Do More for MENA?

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Moderator: Mr. Steve Zipperstein, *UCLA CMED*

Speakers:

- Dr. Emman El-Badawy, *Tony Blair Institute for Global Change*
- Mr. Armin Seif, *AldwychGlobal*
- Hicham Alaoui, *Harvard University*
- Ambassador James Watt, *The Ambassador Partnership LLP*

The Political Economy of Informality across MENA: Causes and Consequences

AL WOSAIL 4

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

Speakers:

- Professor Frederic Lapeyre, *International Labour Organization*
- H.E. Ibrahim Saif, *Jordan Strategy Forum*
- Dr. Amal Boubekour, *European Council on Foreign Relations*
- Mr. Lotfi Ayadi, *Freelance Trade and Customs Consultant*

How Can the Middle East Transition to Clean Energy Sources, While Ensuring Universal Access, Energy Security, and Social Equity

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Moderator: Mr. Neeshad Shafi, *Arab Youth Climate Movement Qatar*

Speakers:

- Ms. Antonia Dimou, *Hellenic Parliament*
- Ambassador Mark Hambley, *The Next Century Foundation*
- Ambassador Carlos Hernandez, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina*

17:30 - 18:00

Networking Break

18:00-18:30 Closing Session

AL WOSAIL 1-2-3

Speakers:

- H.E. Sultan Bin Rashid Al-Khater, *Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry*
- Professor Steven Spiegel, *UCLA CMED*

18:30 Dinner and Departure | AL MUKHTASAR



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