



Agricultural and Food Security Forum & Expo

Consultative Meetings for Arab and European Officials & Businessmen

Cairo City, Egypt.

02-04 February 2025

Introduction:

Within the framework of the Arab Program for Sustaining Food Security, the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, in cooperation with the Union of Arab Chambers, the Union of Arab Banks, and Green Hub & EGYZONE, is organizing the Food Security Forum and Expo under the title “Arab-European Partnership in Food Security”, in the city of Cairo, during the period 02- 04 February 2025.

The similarities and challenges between the Arab and European agricultural sectors constitute a strong starting point for effective partnership. The agricultural sector in Europe in general has many advantages that make it important and attractive to investors, as it has a long agricultural heritage that has contributed to the development of advanced agricultural technologies and the possession of the necessary expertise to achieve productivity and quality.

Europe also has the necessary infrastructure to support agriculture, modern technology and advanced agricultural equipment. The internal European market also provides opportunities for marketing agricultural products, in addition to export possibilities to international markets. It also has great potential to meet the demand for organic products due to the fertile nature of the soil and the growing interest in sustainable agricultural practices.

Arab countries and Europe share a common interest in enhancing the ability to produce food and achieve food security for citizens. However, the Arab-European cooperation in the field of agriculture contributes to enhancing joint Arab-European food security. This cooperation is represented in several areas, including:

- Exchanging experiences and technology in areas such as crop cultivation, agricultural water management, and the use of modern technologies in agriculture.
- Commercial cooperation in agricultural equipment and technology.



- Organizing joint training programs for farmers and researchers in the field of agriculture, as well as exchanging scientific and technical expertise through scientific visits and seminars.
- Developing joint investments in the field of agriculture and food processing and attracting financing for them.
- Promoting trade exchange in agricultural products,
- Strengthen cooperation in agricultural research and development, leading to the development of more sustainable technologies and practices in agriculture.

Time and place of the Forum and Expo:

The first forum and expo will be held during the period 02-04 February 2025, in the Egyptian capital, Cairo. The event will bring together senior officials and business leaders from across the Arab world and Europe to discuss challenges and opportunities in the field of food security and showcase agricultural machinery and equipment.

Objectives of the Forum and Expo:

The forum will represent a platform for formulating and concluding many understandings to enhance integration between the Arab public and private sectors in the areas of food security. It also aims to:

1. **Strengthening international cooperation:** Highlighting the opportunities and challenges that Arab countries face in the field of food security and how the private sector can contribute to achieving it through its investments and efforts in sustainability, innovation and cooperation with global partners.
2. **Exchange of expertise and technology:** cooperation in areas such as crop cultivation, agricultural water management, and the use of modern technologies in agriculture.
3. **Strengthening investment partnerships:** developing joint investments in the field of agriculture and food processing and attracting financing for them.
4. **Developing human capabilities:** organizing joint training programs for farmers and researchers in the field of agriculture, as well as exchanging scientific and technical expertise through scientific visits and seminars.



The exhibition will also be held at the Egypt International Exhibitions Center and will include modern agricultural machinery and equipment manufactured in Europe and the Arab world, with the aim of introducing the latest technologies and machinery and highlighting the latest innovations in the agricultural field.

Participants to the Forum & Expo:

- Ministers and Senior officials and businessmen in the agricultural and food security fields.
- Arab Chambers and Joint Arab Foreign Chambers.
- Arab and European Agricultural Research Centers
- Arab and European organizations, institutions and companies concerned with agriculture and food.
- Leaders of banking and financial institutions.
- Concerned small and medium enterprises.
- Experts in modern agriculture and food security.

Issues of Interest

- Trading and Exchange of Experiences on Field Crops and Horticulture (eg. Cereals, Olives, Citruses, Apples, ...)
- Trading and Exchange of Experiences on Dairy and Beef (eg. Cattle, Sheep and Goats...)
- Trading and Exchange of Experiences on Fisheries.
- Modern Agri-technologies and Agriculture 4.0.
- Food Industries.
- SME development and Agripreneurship,
- Green Finance.

Organizers:

- Union of Arab Chambers.
- Arab Organization for Agricultural Development.
- Union of Arab Banks.
- GreenHub & EgyZone.



Conference language:

The language of the conference is Arabic, with simultaneous translation into English and Bulgarian.

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Proposed Program

10:00 – 11:30	<p><u>1st Day: Sunday 02 February 2025</u></p> <p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech of the organizing committee (Mr. Ahmed Nasr) • Speech of an official from the European side (TBD). • Speech of an official from the Arab side (TBD) • Speech of H.E. Mr. Wissam Fattouh, the Secretary General of the Union of Arab Banks, • Speech of H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafy - Secretary General of the Union of Arab Chambers. • Speech of H.E. Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Al-Dukheri - Director General of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development • Speech of H.E. Ambassador Dr. Ali bin Ibrahim Al-Maliki - Assistant Secretary-General, Head of the Economic Affairs Sector, League of Arab States • Speech of the Guest of Honor Minister <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Group Photo of the heads of delegations.</u></p>
11:30 – 12:00	Opening of the Expo
12:00 – 13:00	Break
13:00 – 14:30	<p><u>Main Working Session: Food Security in the Arab World & Europe</u></p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Dr. Khaled Hanafy, Secretary General – Union of Arab Chambers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Keynote Speech about the Arab Program for Food Security</u> (H.E. Professor Dr. Ibrahim El-Dukheri, Director General of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development) • (TBD) Presentation on the Agricultural Sector in Europe.
10:00 – 11:15	<p><u>2nd Day: Monday 03 February 2025</u></p> <p><u>Second working session: Investment Opportunities In Food Security</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Investment strategies in the agricultural sector</u> • <u>Success Stories</u>



	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Hashem Hussein (Head UNIDO ITPO Bahrain) • Dr. Haitham Al-Jaffan (President of Arab Federation for Food Industries) • Prof. Dr. Kamel Mustafa (AOAD) • H.E. Rihab Izzeldeen (LAS) • Mr. Salih A. Lootah (Lootah Holding) • (TBD EU) • (TBD Banking Sec)
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:45	<p><u>Third working session: Green innovation in agriculture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sustainable Farming Techniques</u> • <u>Innovations In Agricultural Production</u> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Abdelmajid Ben Amara (Secretary General of Union of Arab Scientific Research Councils)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Salman Al-Sabbar (CEO Holding Group for Innovation - Kuwait) • Prof. Dr. Sarah Aljazar (UAC) • Dr. Ali Musa (AOAD) • Dr. Nisreen Laham (AOAD)(EU TBD) • (EU TBD)
12:45 – 13:45	Break + Noon prayer
13:45 – 15:00	<p><u>Fourth Working Session: Business (B2B) Panel Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Meetings between Arab and European businessmen and investors</u>
10:00 – 11:30	<p><u>3rd Day: Monday 04 February 2025</u></p> <p><u>Fifth Working Session: Arab-European Cooperation in The Field of Agricultural Technologies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Exchanging agricultural experiences and techniques</u> • <u>Discussing strategic partnerships</u> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Osama Abdel Wahab Rayis (AOAD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Prof. Dr. Mamoon Daoalbait (Ex Minister of Ag.) (CTC Group) • Prof. Dr. Amr Farog (ASRT)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU (TBD) • EU (TBD) • ARABSAT (TBD)
12:00 – 13:00	<p><u>Sixth working session: Dialogue session of senior officials with businessmen</u></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Khaled Hanafy</p> <p>Guest of Honor: (Lebanese Minister)</p> <p>Podium (A) Senior Officials:</p> <p>Podium (B) Businessmen:</p> <p>The invitation is sent to Arab countries through the Union of Chambers, the Business Federation and the Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the participation of the audience
13:00 – 14:00	<u>Break + noon prayer</u>
14:00 – 14:30	<u>Closing session</u>
	<p>Signing MOU's /Agreements on the sidelines of the conference</p> <p>Adopting the final statement of the conference</p>



About The League of Arab States



The League of Arab States (LAS) is regional organization of Arab states in the Middle East and North Africa, formed in Cairo on March 22, 1945, following adoption of the Alexandria Protocol in 1944. It aims to be a regional organization of Arab states with a focus to developing the economy, resolving disputes and coordinating political aims. The founding member states were Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Transjordan (now Jordan), Saudi Arabia, and Yemen. Other members are Libya (1953); Sudan (1956); Tunisia and Morocco (1958); Kuwait (1961); Algeria (1962); Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates (1971); Mauritania (1973); Somalia (1974); the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO; 1976); Djibouti (1977); and Comoros (1993). (When Yemen was a divided country, from 1967 to 1990, the two regimes were separately represented.) Each member has one vote on the League Council, decisions being binding only on those states that have voted for them.

www.leagueofarabstates.net

About the Union of Arab Chambers



It was decided to establish the General Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries during the first conference held at the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce in the city of Alexandria on May 8, 1951, and the basic statute of the union was drawn up at the second conference held in Beirut on December 16, 1951 where the establishment of the Union was announced, which has since then taken the city of Beirut as the headquarters of its General Secretariat.

The Union represents an independent, non-governmental, non-profit, regional legal entity. Its name was changed to the Union of Arab Chambers - UAC, at the 120th session of the Union Council, which was held in the city of Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, on March 26, 2016.

The primary motivation for establishing the Union was the awareness of Arab businessmen about the importance of regional cooperation as a means to advance Arab economic development. The Union was the first Arab economic institution working at the non-governmental level to promote the idea of cooperation and economic integration between Arab countries. The Union has played an important role in advancing trade cooperation between Arab countries at the commercial and investment levels. The Union was also the first to call for



the establishment of the Arab Common Market and to set the general principles that must be implemented in order to achieve economic unity among the Arab countries.

<https://uac-org.org/>

About the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development



Upon the desire of the Arab countries the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD) was established in 1970 and started operating in 1972., upon the desire of the Arab countries. Realizing the vital role of agriculture within the region's economy, the Arab countries recognized the need for coordination between their different policies in agriculture, natural and human resources as well as economic development, in order to achieve the ultimate goal of a fully integrated Arab economies. AOAD started operating in 1972.

At the national level, AOAD is working to assist member countries in developing and enhancing their respective agricultural sectors. At the regional level, AOAD is to facilitating coordination amongst member states in the agricultural sector, with the aim of achieving a fully integrated Arab economy union, and food self-sufficiency.

<https://aoad.org/>

About Union of Arab Banks



The Union of Arab Banks (UAB) is a non-profit, Arab-Pan organization, established on March 1974, the Union of Arab Banks (UAB) was created in accordance with its first General Assembly meeting held in Beirut, Lebanon, under the umbrella of the Arab Administrative Development Organization (AADO). Conclusively, this effort was from the desire to establish an Arab Federation that works within the framework of the unions emanating from the League of Arab States.

The UAB is a financially, administratively, and organizationally autonomous entity and serves as a comprehensive organization representing the Arab banking and financial community. giving key support to Arab Banks,



financial institutions, economic organizations, and banking institutions with mutual support and connections to the Arab world.

<https://uabonline.org/>

Green Hub & EgyZone



Aton BV and its Trademark Green hub, a subsidiary of BDS Holding BV, is a specialized horticultural company based in the Netherlands. With a strong focus on machinery, systems, equipment and knowledge transfer, Aton BV is dedicated to advancing the horticultural industry through innovative solutions and expert training.

<https://www.aton-nl.com>