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United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) helps developing countries and economies-in-transition fight marginalization.

UNIDO mobilizes knowledge, skills, information, and technology to promote productive employment, a competitive economy, and a sound business environment. Furthermore, the Organization enhances cooperation at global, regional, national, and sectoral levels.

UNIDO was established in 1966 and became a specialized agency of the United Nations in 1985. As a specialized agency, UNIDO has its own constitution, member states, policymaking organs, executive head (Director-General Dr. Kandeh K. Yumkella), and regular budget. Moreover, UNIDO distributes voluntary contributions for finance developmental activities.

UNIDO holds a special place in the United Nations system as it is the only organization promoting the creation of wealth while tackling poverty alleviation through manufacturing. The Organization focuses on three interrelated thematic priorities:

- Poverty reduction through productive activities
- Trade capacity-building
- Energy and environment

To improve standards of living through industries that are both internationally competitive and environmentally sustainable, the Organization has created the largest portfolio of projects related to trade capacity-building in the United Nations system. The main focus is promoting growth in the small and medium enterprise sector – the key generator of wealth in most developing countries. UNIDO plays a leading role in, among others, the implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the elimination of ozone depleting substances (ODS) and the Stockholm Convention for the elimination of persistent organic pollutants (POPs).

UNIDO's Core Functions and Services

UNIDO's services are delivered through two core functions: a normative function such as a Global Forum, and an operational function or a Technical Cooperation

As a **global forum**, UNIDO generates and disperses knowledge relating to industrial matters. The Organization also provides a platform for the various actors in the public and private sectors, civil society organizations and the policy-making community in general to enhance cooperation, establish dialogue, and develop partnerships.

As a **technical cooperation agency**, UNIDO designs and implements several programs to support the industrial development efforts of its clients. It also offers specialized support for program development.

The two core functions are both complementary and mutually supportive. On one hand, the technical cooperation work of UNIDO is shared with policy makers, while on the other hand the Organization's analytical work and technical cooperation is able to help define priorities.

The broad programmatic objectives and priorities of UNIDO are grouped into two areas of concentration:

- Strengthening industrial capacities, including programs in support of the global forum function and policy advice
- Cleaner and sustainable industrial development

In addition, while maintaining the collective character of UNIDO, the Organization's activities are geographically focused on developing nations, with special attention to those in Africa's agro-based industries; and thematically on small and medium enterprises (SMEs). UNIDO achieves these objectives through integrated programs (IPs) or Country Service Frameworks (CSFs), based on combinations of its eight service modules or in stand-alone projects involving only one or two service modules.

UNIDO's Eight Service Modules are:

- Industrial governance and statistics
- Investment and technology promotion
- Industrial competitiveness and trade
- Private sector development
- Agro-Industries
- Sustainable energy and climate change
- Montreal protocol (reduction of substances that deplete the ozone layer)
- Environmental management

Investment & Technology Promotion Offices (ITPO)

Economic growth required for the eradication of poverty and the achievement of the other eight associated Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) depends simultaneously on capital accumulation (investment) and technical change. Investment in plant and machinery coupled with new ideas and technologies contributes to productivity growth as does technological progress, upgrading, and diffusion. Foreign direct investment (FDI) in particular is an important driver of industrial performance, as it is expected to directly improve and expand industrial productivity by infusing new capital technologies with managerial know-how, and by improving the average skills and efficiency levels of the industry.

Therefore, in order to attain growth, the developing countries and those with economies-intransition need to mobilize investment – both domestic and foreign – as well as modern technologies, so as to expand their productive assets and increase their core competencies and competitiveness. However flows of investment and technology to developing countries have not materialized to the extent expected. This situation largely reflects problems originating from the government, market failures, and weaknesses in institutional capacity, which together make for a business climate not conducive to investment and technology promotion.

The approach of this service module is to address certain governments and market failures in a systematic manner directed at alleviating the problems faced by the developing countries and their transitional economies. The services have been designed in such a way as to address the specific needs of these countries according to their respective stages of industrial and technological development.

The Response

The Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (ITPOs) are redressing the industrial development imbalance by bridging investment and the latest technology to countries most in need of a promotional helping hand. At the same time, ITPOs are opening up new opportunities for investors and technology suppliers to find potential partners in developing countries and countries with economies-in-transition.

Furthermore, the ITPO network includes nine offices financed by their host countries in Bahrain, China (Beijing and Shanghai), France (Paris and Marseille), Italy, Japan, South Korea and Russian Federation.

The Services

The ITPO network provides a unique combination of value-added services to client institutions and entrepreneurs from developing countries and countries with economies-intransition, that would like to forge new alliances in international industrial investment and technology transfer.

Information Fast Lane

Entrepreneurs from the SME sector are often unfamiliar with the investment climate and related statutory requirements outside their own countries, and lack first-hand knowledge of potential partners abroad. ITPOs fill the gap by offering a full package of the latest information on:

- Screened bankable industrial business opportunities in developing countries
- Specific manufacturing facilities that enterprises in their host countries seek to establish abroad
- Legal and economic environment
- Investment financing and technology supply sources

Partnership Promotion

ITPOs act as a forum by bridging the gap between new business opportunities and potential partners. ITPOs guide entrepreneurs at each stage of the investment cycle, from project identification through appraisal to implementation.

Investment/Technology Promotion Delegate Program

The ITPO networks' delegate program affords officials and business persons from developing countries and countries with economies-in-transition, the opportunity for hands-on training in investment promotion techniques. Delegates work side-by-side with colleagues in selected ITPOs experienced in promoting industrial ventures and the transfer of technology. At the same time, they present portfolios of screened investment and technology opportunities from their own countries to potential foreign partners and act as contact points between entrepreneurs at home and in the countries where they are posted.

Business Negotiations

ITPOs organize one-to-one meetings to negotiate specific projects by arranging tours for project sponsors to promote industrial collaboration opportunities. ITPOs provide expert advice to ensure that negotiations come to a successful conclusion.

ITPO-Bahrain, established in 1996, initially facilitated the mobilization of foreign resources to enhance industrial partnership and cooperation between companies in the Kingdom and other nations. As industries throughout the world confront the growing challenges of international competition, investment, and technology are proving to be two essential components for success in the global market. However, many developing countries and countries with economies-in-transition face enormous difficulties in attracting investors in addition to gaining access to technology and markets.

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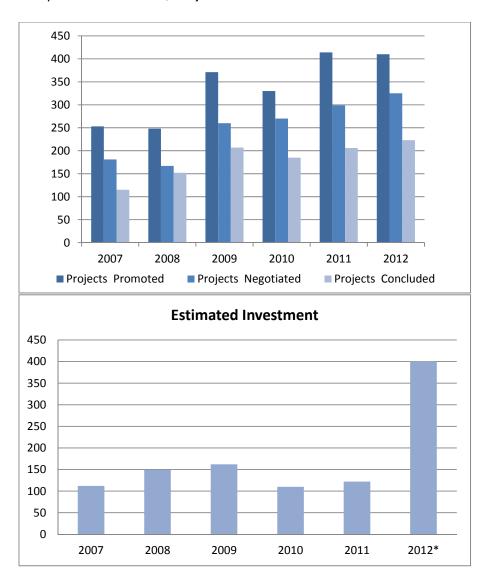
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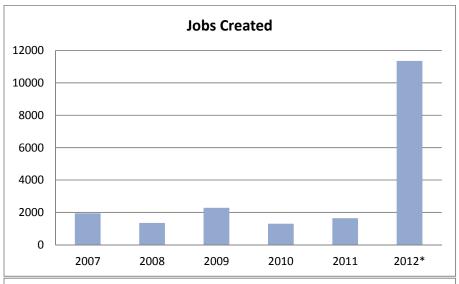
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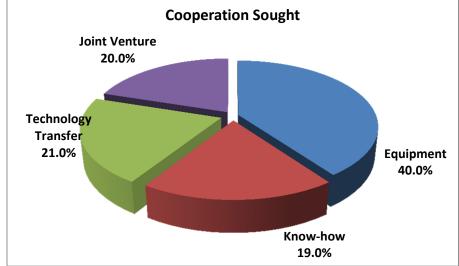
Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion: Summary Results

In light of the programs and activities held during the year targeting small and medium enterprises; ITPO Bahrain has promoted 410 projects of which 325 projects have reached negotiation stage and 100 have been concluded with an estimated total investment of \$400 million USD; thus leading to the creation of 11350 jobs.

The above indicated results include the \$320 million USD cement factory in Uganda and that is expected to create 10,000 jobs.







Investment Promotion Activities

The 2nd Green Week "Bahrain Green Tech Expo & Forum", 12th March 2012

Under the patronage of HH Shaikh Abdalla Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Personal

Representative and President of the Supreme Council for the Environment and in the presence of HE Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, the Bahrain Green Tech Expo & Forum was officially inaugurated on March 12th.

In line with the Clean Technologies for Economic Development Forum held in Bahrain in 2009 and the Manama Declaration "Zeroing Industrial Wastes and Emissions through Cleaner Resource Efficient Technologies and Products"; UNIDO co-organized



HH Sh. Abdulla handing a memento to the UNIDO Director General

the 2012 BGTE. The UNIDO involvement was two folds:

- 1. The active promotion of BGTE through the UNIDO ITPO offices and counterparts, over 100 local, regional and international companies presented their latest technologies at the expo.
- 2. UNIDO headquarters in cooperation with ITPO Bahrain co-financed BGTE; in addition to that the forum was fully organized by UNIDO whereby 25 renowned experts from 11 countries contributed to the forum themes namely; Renewable and Alternative Energy Sources; Energy Efficiency and sustainable development; Role of Investment Promotion Offices Network in promoting Investment, Green Growth and Job Creation; Waste Management and Green Lifestyle; Water Management; Sustainable Industries & Green Growth.

Launching the Health & Wellness Cluster for Green Lifestyle, 6th December 2012

In line with the discussions held between the DG and His Majesty the King of Bahrain; which focused on promoting Green Industry into Bahrain. UNIDO ITPO Bahrain has embarked on a pioneering initiative to develop Bahrain as a regional hub for Health & Wellness in cooperation with UNIDO HQ clusters program. The cluster will help create awareness on healthy green lifestyle and at the same time facilitate the development of new investment opportunities in the health and fitness field. Accordingly, a series of events were held in that regard:



Minister of Industry & Commerce Launching the Health & Wellness Cluster

On Dec. 4th, ITPO Bahrain organized the Bahraini Entrepreneurs Wellness and Health Exhibition as integral part of the "Bahrain National Day Body Building Competition 2012"

under the patronage of HE Shaikh Abdulla Bin Rashed Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Weight lifting and Body Building Federation. The entrepreneurs exhibited their services and products as supplements, spas, healthy food, gyms, personal trainers, nutrition, ..etc.

On December 6th, we have officially launched the Health and Wellness Cluster under the patronage of Dr. Hassan Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and in cooperation with Technogym, the Ministry of Health, the Supreme Council for Women, Supreme Council for Environment and Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The official launch was attended by Mr. Patacconi who presented the UNIDO strategy and tools in developing the clusters; which will encompass an education and Training Institute, Aerobic Fitness Gyms and Clubs, Hospital & Healthcare Centers, Nutrition and Diet, Sporting Activities, Resort & Spas, specialized Shops and Retail outlets, Restaurants, Bookstore/TV Channel on Health News.

On Dec. 11th, UNIDO Endorsed the Kingdom of Bahrain as the Regional Center for the Cluster on the Health & Wellness. A press conference was held in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, United Nations Information Center and Bahrain Weight lifting and Body Building Federation.

Uganda – GCC Investors Forum, 28th May 2012

Under the patronage of HE Mr. Yoweri Museveni, the President of Uganda, UNIDO headquarters in cooperation with ITPO Bahrain, the Islamic Development Bank, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa; the Federation of GCC Chambers and the Uganda Investment Authority organized the First Uganda - Gulf Cooperation Council

Investment Forum in Kampala on May 28 – 29, 2012.

The forum was aimed at creating a platform for Ugandan investors to discuss business collaboration with potential investors. representatives of key private sector bodies, and investment banks from the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates. In addition to that it served as a means of improving the attractiveness of Uganda, with respect to Arab investors in order to strengthen investment promotion ties between Africa and the Arab countries.



HE Mr. Yoweri Museveni, President of Uganda, and HE Shaikh Ebrahim Chairman of UNIDO ARCEIT inaugurating the GCC-Uganda Investment Forum

The forum attracted 350 investors from the Gulf region and Uganda; whereby 600 bilateral meetings were held resulting in the signing of 116 letters of intent in various sectors as agriculture, health, education, industry, tourism, and energy with an estimated investment of 450 million USD.

In light of the forum the private investors from the Gulf region have pledged their willingness to finance infrastructure projects in the value of 400 million USD.

As an immediate outcome of the forum, HE Mr. Yoweri Museveni, the President of Uganda commissioned on November 24th the construction of a cement factory in Bukada-Eastern Uganda owned by DAO Group from Kuwait with an estimated investment of 320 million USD. The factory once fully operational will create 10,000 jobs.

The 6th Forum for Businesswomen in Islamic Countries, 12th December 2012

Under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka Bint Ebrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King of Bahrain and President of the Supreme Council for Women; UNIDO ITPO Bahrain in cooperation with the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture, the Islamic Development Bank Group, the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund / United Nations Development Program, the Bahrain

Businesswomen's Society and the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Bahrain Development Bank organized on December 12-13 the 6th Forum for Businesswomen in Islamic



HH Shaikha Maryam Al Khalifa, Deputy Chairperson of Supreme Council for Women inaugurating the Conference on behalf of HRH Princess Sabeeka

Countries under the theme "Development of Entrepreneurship among Women and Youth".

The forum was attended 350 businesswomen and women entrepreneurs from 36 countries. The objectives of the Forum were to create a long term platform for businesswomen and women entrepreneurs to share their experiences and know-how, discuss new ideas, to identify business opportunities and to link up with potential business partners. It was an appropriate platform for international cooperation, with each country being able to acquire specific know-how from possible partners, as well as sharing intercultural competence and innovative ideas and pursuing cultural exchange. It is not only political and economic developments which will drive the increasing links between the OIC Member Countries, but also the cultural, scientific and transnational projects taking place between the regions and across the whole area.

In light of the discussions and deliberations held, the Manama Declaration 2012 on "Women and Youth Economic Empowerment in Islamic Countries" was approved; and stipulates the following:

- Stimulate and promote the culture and spirit of Entrepreneurship among women and youth; through introducing special educational curriculums at schools, universities and training institutes
- Develop an eco-system conducive to the establishment and growth of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)in various economic sectors namely; industry, agriculture, services, health, medicine and green lifestyle

- Develop, improve and stream line the role of support institutions for women entrepreneurs in the area of access to finance, marketing, mentoring and business counseling for the growth of MSMEs
- Promote joint investments and collaboration within women entrepreneurs from Islamic countries and counterparts in the world. Facilita



Press Conference Announcing the Manama Declaration

- and counterparts in the world. Facilitating technology transfer between technology suppliers and women entrepreneurs, hence leading to higher added value quality products and better positioning for export markets.
- 5. Adopt modalities that induce the start-up and growth of enterprises; which will in turn contribute to innovation and creativity
- 6. Develop incubation systems that encompass pre-incubation, incubation and post-incubation services.
- Organize specialized forums, conferences, workshops and exhibitions for sharing best practices and facilitating linkages between local, regional and international organizations.
- 8. Ensure the availability of various financial schemes for the start-up and growth of enterprises for the transition from micro small to medium.
- Institutionalize innovative marketing access programs (export promotion tools) as franchising, clusters, export development centers, social media market place and export consortia, etc.
- 10. Launch an Islamic Businesswomen Network; which will play a vital role in creating linkages and synergies among the various entrepreneurship networks.

Bahrain International Garden Show, 16th January 2012

Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, the UNIDO Investment & Technology Promotion Office in Bahrain co-organized in cooperation with the National Initiative for Agricultural Development the 8th Bahrain International Garden Show held under the theme of Sustainable Food Security in Bahrain on January 16th to 18th, 2012.

ITPO Bahrain through the full sponsorship of the Development Islamic Bank (travel, accommodation and shipping of products for 20 Arab entrepreneurs) showcased through its 180 sgm pavilion the accomplishments of thirty five Arab Entrepreneurs from eight countries namely; Bahrain, Lebanon, Sudan, Yemen, Tunisia, Egypt, Iraq and Jordan. The agricultural products and services presented included seeds, cut herbal flowers, products, organic fruits vegetables, soil enhancers, plants. management & irrigation systems and the latest designs in landscaping.



HRH Shaikha Sabeeka, Visiting the UNIDO Entrepreneurs Village

The ITPO pavilion, funded by the Islamic Development Bank, was themed "Bahrain: Home of Arab Entrepreneurs" and its overall design was inspired from a traditional Bahraini home encompassing a garden, fish farming, aquaponics, flowers and various agricultural products. And this has led the organizing committee to award the UNIDO, Bahrain pavilion First Prize as it fell exactly in line with the Show's major theme of attaining sustainable food security.



HRH Princess Sabika Bint Ebrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women inaugurated the UNIDO pavilion and expressed her sincere appreciation to UNIDO in its relentless efforts in strengthening and empowering entrepreneurs locally, regionally and internationally in all sectors of the economy.

The Bahrain International Garden Show was very successful as it attracted 15,000 guests during its three day event and has played a significant role in creating linkages between Arab and foreign entrepreneurs in addition to that it had a strong effect on creating awareness on the importance of agriculture in light of the growing demand and urgency for sustainable food security in the Gulf Region. As studies have shown that the current food imports to the region is in the value of \$25 billion annually and this is expected to double by 2020.

Accordingly, the Show presented an excellent opportunity for our entrepreneurs working in this field to get exposed to the best practices in water management, irrigation, soil enhancement & management; in addition to exploring possibilities of joint cooperation and investments in the agricultural sector.

Bahraini – Italian Entrepreneurs Forum, 17th September 2012

ITPO Bahrain in cooperation with ITPO Rome organized the first Bahraini – Italian Entrepreneur forum in Rome on September 17th; which consisted of a business forum and a

conference. In total 180 entrepreneurs from both countries attended the forum and deliberated on possible investment cooperation. The Bahraini delegation comprised of 25 entrepreneurs and a number of official representing the Ministry of Industry & Commerce and the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce.



The forum led to 196 bilateral meetings and the signing of 132 letter of intent with an estimated investment of 54 million USD in various fields as garments, textile, hotels, fashion design, agro processing, landscaping, jewelry, environment, construction, and renewable energy.

Promoting Investment through Franchising

Under the patronage of HE Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, UNIDO Director General, ITPO / ARCEIT Bahrain in cooperation with the MENA OECD Investment Center officially launched the Franchise Association for the Middle East (FAME).

FAME is a regional association mandated with the promoting growth through franchising while serving the interests of its members. Hence; its objectives are:

- Create awareness in the field of franchising as a modern marketing tool for products, services and culture.
- Promoting local, regional and international franchise concepts to potential entrepreneurs to become franchisees. Acquiring a franchise requires a set of decisions, as any business, that most entrepreneurs are unable to take based on scientific calculated risk analysis. In franchising it's a bit more challenging as the final decisions taking on the franchise is not solely made by the entrepreneur himself but by the franchisor. Buying a franchise is completely different than acquiring a standalone business. Thus, when buying a franchise entrepreneurs are automatically approving a long term relationship with the franchisor, which will be monitoring their operations to ensure that they are in accordance with the system. Thus, it is essential to research the franchise itself and the franchisor; asses the entrepreneurs willingness to running a system that limits his/her innovation and creativity.
- Assist local successful businesses to develop into a franchise concept; which entails
 not only verifying if the business is ready to be a franchise, but also assist in
 branding, documentation, legal requirements, technology requirements and
 financing. Since developing the business model for a Franchise concept is a
 multitask operation that relies on several multidiscipline array of experts; it is
 essential to develop local capacities and tools that would facilitate this process.
- Assist in the creation of franchise associations in the countries of the region compatible with international rules and regulations.
- Provide an infrastructure that optimizes the strategic capacity of members to fulfill their vision and the mission.
- Strengthen FAME's credibility and maximize its influence in order to strengthen the positive perception of franchising.

DG Mission to Bahrain, 11th – 12th March 2012

During HE Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, UNIDO Director General, official mission to Bahrain on March 11 and 12 a series of meetings were held in addition to that a number of major events and activities in the Kingdom of Bahrain where officially inaugurated.

Meeting with His Majesty the King of Bahrain

The discussions focused on the role of UNIDO in supporting economic development in Bahrain and the involvement of

UNIDO in co-organizing and co-funding of the Bahrain International Green Tech-Expo &

Forum. Furthermore; the DG pledged the full support of UNIDO to the Kingdom of Bahrain in developing Bahrain as a regional hub for Green Industry. It was agreed that ITPO Bahrain would finalize the transformation of the Arab Regional Center for Entrepreneurship & Investment Training into an international center. It was also agreed with His Majesty to launch an international award for Entrepreneurship.

Meetings where also held with HH the Crown Prince of Bahrain, the President of the Supreme Council for Women, the President of Supreme Council for Environment, the President of the House of Senates, President of Parliament, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Industry & Commerce and the Minister of Agriculture.

Activities

During the DG's two day visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain a series of events were organized the inauguration of the Bahrain International Green Tech-Expo & Forum; the Entrepreneurs Green Village; laying the foundation stone for the Agro-Incubators; launching of the Franchise Association for the Middle East that is to be hosted in Bahrain; and the launch of Streetsmart Bahrain a first class travel guide for the Kingdom.

ARAB REGIONAL CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INVESTMENT TRAINING (ARCEIT)

The Arab Regional Center for Entrepreneurship & Investment Training (ARCEIT) was established under the banner of South-South Cooperation through the joint efforts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Bahraini Government and the Inter Regional Center for Entrepreneurship & Investment Training (IRC)-Government of India. The Center functions with the objective of strengthening indigenous capacities of selected countries in the Arab-Asian region. Particularly, in the areas of promoting domestic investment and facilitating foreign direct investment which results in job creation, poverty alleviation and economic growth.

Vision

- A centre of excellence to foster entrepreneurship development in the Arab region
- An originator of a variety of investment & technology promotion (ITP) and entrepreneurship development (ED) activities
- A repository of knowledge and information on industrial investment opportunities, technologies and markets
- A forum for exchanging best practices on entrepreneurship development
- A resource institution to support, nurture and institutionalize the ITP and ED activities in the region

Mission

- Augment the supply of entrepreneurs/investors through business skills development and business counseling
- Tap into the latent entrepreneurial potential among the youth in the Arab region
- Facilitate new enterprise creation
- Enhance and upgrade the competitiveness of existing enterprises
- Promote partnerships among entrepreneurs/investors
- Develop resource persons on entrepreneurship development and investment & technology promotion
- Generate and disseminate best practices on entrepreneurship development &technology promotion
- Facilitate the creation of conducive business environment for the emergence, sustainability and growth of SMEs

Enterprise Development & Investment Promotion Program (The Bahrain-Arab Model)

The road to employment, income, and prosperity

The development of SMEs has been recognized internationally as an effective mechanism in facilitating economic development and promoting domestic investment. The promotion of entrepreneurship has been identified as a key factor to economic growth and as a primary engine for creating a country's wealth. Thus, many governments of developing countries and economies-in-transition have renewed their focus on this vital factor of production. For this reason, the enterprise development process has been initiated, giving due consideration to the operational environment in Bahrain and the special needs of Bahraini entrepreneurs and investors. The issues were studied and discussed thoroughly, including the analysis of other experiences in which countries around the globe have undergone. Finally, it has been concluded that the unavailability of (a) qualified entrepreneurs and investors, as well as (b) a cohesive set of support services, posed as the major bottlenecks in the Arab Region.

Accordingly, ITPO Bahrain in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) and various entities concerned with the development of SMEs in Bahrain are trying to stimulate domestic and foreign investment into the country to boost the manufacturing and service sectors. The Arab Regional Centre for Entrepreneurship & Investment Training (ARCEIT) was established under the banner of South-South Cooperation through the joint efforts of UNIDO, the Bahraini Government and the Inter-Regional Centre for Entrepreneurship & Investment Training (IRC) – Government of India.

The Centre functions with the objective of strengthening local capacities of selected countries in the Arab, Asian, and African regions. Specifically, it promotes domestic investments and facilitates direct foreign investments, which results in job creation, poverty reduction, and economic growth. The activities of ARCEIT are closely coordinated by the ITPO Bahrain and UNIDO Headquarters in order to ensure maximum synergy among the institutional participants.

What is Enterprise Development & Investment Promotion (EDIP)

Economic growth required for the eradication of poverty and the achievement of the other associated MDGs depends on capital accumulation (investment) and technical change. Foreign direct investment (FDI) in particular is an important driver of industrial productivity performance. It is expected to improve industrial productivity growth directly by infusing new capital, technology know-how, managerial know-how, and improving the average skills and efficiency levels of the industry. An important factor, inter alia, which would influence the success of FDI promotion efforts, is the availability of qualified local entrepreneurs/investors backing the investment projects. However, finding qualified and capable local investors still remains a grave problem in many developing countries. A credible local investor base will emerge only once in the private sector and is induced to engage in productive activities by encouraging domestic investments. Therefore, in order to attain growth, developing countries and those with economies-in-transition need to mobilize investment – both domestic and foreign – as well as modern technologies in order to expand their productive assets.

The primary function of EDIP is to stimulate the emergence of new enterprises and facilitate the growth of existing ones. The EDIP Program has two main components, Enterprise Creation and Enterprise Growth. A third component of the program aims to develop

institutional capacity which can handle the above mentioned components, as well as build up strong networks to ensure the program's long-term sustainability.

The EDIP Program, which is organized in four stages after some preparatory activities, aims at helping potential entrepreneurs and investors translate their ideas into commercial ventures in the manufacturing and service sectors. The emphasis is on small and medium enterprises, which has been recognized all over the world as an effective means of facilitating economic development.

The main features are:

- A result-oriented approach, with a focus on potential investors setting up their own business enterprises – appropriate to their abilities and backgrounds
- There is a firm commitment to the basic objectives offered by the counterpart institutions
- The entrepreneurs and investors are identified and selected through a rigorous selection process involving assessment of personality and competence by means of written tests and interviews

Enterprise Creation

Step One: Preparation & Empowerment

An enterprise cannot be assured of long-term success if its management does not possess the necessary knowledge, skills, and competence. After suitable candidates have been selected, they will be provided with inputs in order to strengthen their managerial skills in an effort to assist in setting up their own enterprises.

This stage, lasting for 3-4 weeks, has been designed to cover the following:

- Setting up a small business enterprise: whom to contact for what, the nature and extent of assistance available from various institutions
- Business opportunity identification: how to recognize and identify opportunities, how to screen them, how to firm up a business idea for further exploration
- Market assessment: how to assess the market potential, guidance in carrying out fieldwork for market assessment for the proposed product or service
- Development of enterprising competencies
- Business plan: skills for the preparation of a business plan, and assistance in finalizing it.
- Essentials of managing a small business enterprise
- Inputs on how to manage a project
- Business Plan Competition: The organization of a business plan competition has been added to step one which represents a major component for assessing the effectiveness of a program, and whether the potential entrepreneurs and investors were able to acquire the needed skills and competencies

Step Two: Counseling & Technology Tie-Up

A dynamic follow-up mechanism involves counseling with the aim of translating business ideas into reality. Entrepreneurs are given advice on how to finalize their ideas and obtain the information they need to draw up their business plans and investment profiles as per UNIDO methodology. These entrepreneurs learn how to identify and select technology as well as promote partnerships with foreign companies in the form of joint ventures, technology

tie-ups, and management. In addition, they receive assistance in applying for the necessary licenses and completing the legal formalities. The nature, extent, and time commitment of the counseling depends on the needs of the individual case.

Counseling includes but is not limited to the following activities:

- Business opportunity identification, analysis, and finalization
- Market research collection, analysis, and compilation of relevant data
- Identification and sourcing of information on relevant technology, machinery, equipment, raw materials, etc.
- Facilitation of technology tie-ups and joint venture collaboration
- Compilation of a business plan
- Completion of legal documentation, seeking necessary registrations, licenses and clearances
- Finalization of the project implementation plan

Step Three: Financial Linkages

After business counseling, the next important step involves establishing a link with a financial scheme. An appropriate investment package is worked out on the basis of the project's capital requirements and the investor's own financial capacity. Investors are advised and guided on completing the required formalities for seeking loan support from financial institutions. The business counselor acts as a link between the investor and the financial institution, in order to facilitate the process, and to ensure that the project is linked with the most appropriate financial schemes.

Step Four: Incubation, Growth Programs & Market Access

Incubation is twofold: virtual or in-wall. In terms of virtual incubation, one does not need to be established at a specific incubator, but rather, they may establish their businesses in any location and would revert to UNIDO on a need basis. As for in-wall incubated entrepreneurs, they are directed towards businesses that require constant follow-up and longer periods to reach a break-even point.

With all the essential resources necessary for the project tie-up, the investor is guided through the project implementation plan that was formulated during the second step. Assistance is provided to facilitate essential links with institutions providing infrastructural services (access, water, electricity, etc.). Guidance and support is also provided for the procurement, installation, and commissioning of the project machinery and equipment, as well as procurement of raw materials and other utilities. The business advisor/counselor monitors the project implementation process very closely and guides it to the stage where it becomes fully operational.

Each business receives tailored advice, as well as capacity-building in order to ensure project survival at crucial stages of initial operation and to facilitate growth in the subsequent period of project operation.

Enterprise Growth

As a result of privatization and globalization, the business environment has drastically changed for small and medium enterprises in developing countries. It is imperative that their international competitive edge is strengthened in order to keep pace with new products, processes, and services that constantly emerge. It will no longer be possible to remain in business if enterprises do not respond quickly to the changing contours of markets and

management. Systematic and sustainable growth is a result of planned efforts on the part of the entrepreneur.

This could involve expansion, diversification, product development, quality improvement, and cost reduction. The Enterprise Growth program is designed to (a) help existing entrepreneurs redefine business processes by analyzing current performance of their enterprises; (b) facilitate entrepreneurs in opportunity mapping for growth. That is in relation to the enterprise and the external factors on growth; (c) help entrepreneurs develop core competencies and strategic awareness leading to sustainable growth. It does this by:

- Creating strategic awareness through helping entrepreneurs look objectively at their businesses and recognize the basis from which to develop
- Identifying those aspects that need to be strengthened or corrected and working out an action plan
- Understanding the growth potential of the business
- Arriving at growth plans, while recognizing that growth is not simply expansion or diversification
- Understanding the implications of growth on the current business
- Examining the impact of internal and external factors on growth and setting appropriate growth plans and targets
- Assisting in the implementation of the growth plans

Transferring the EDIP

EDIP is here to assist small and medium-sized enterprises of developing countries achieve their full potential. However, it cannot do this unless it has an organization with expert personnel on location to do the actual development and promotion. The program starts off by establishing an institutional framework – the Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion Unit (EDIPU). This can be established within an existing public or private institution that is concerned with investment promotion and the development of small and medium-sized businesses.

The EDIP team of advisers and counselors who implement the program must be selected and trained through the "Training of Trainers" program, so as to become masters of entrepreneurial competence, investment and technology promotion, and enterprise growth. Their formal and theoretical training will be followed by on-the-job training, in order to promote practical application of what they have learned. This includes the identification of potential entrepreneurs and investors, as well as the identification of investment opportunities matching their profiles.

The EDIP staff will work closely with the entrepreneurs/investors in promoting investment opportunities through advisory/counseling services on a continuing basis. This includes support for partnership arrangements and technology tie-ups, linking with financial schemes, and providing all support necessary for the establishment of enterprises.

An additional dimension of the program involves development of business incubators and technology parks as institutional mechanisms to promote small and medium-sized enterprises. Incubation, when required, covers preparation of business plans and further assistance in establishing and operating the incubator/technology park.

The three major *capacity-building programs* required are:

1. Industrial Project Preparation & Appraisal

The workshop aims at enhancing the skills of participants during preparation and appraisal of industrial projects. The workshop extensively covers modules such as Project Development Cycle, Market Analysis, Technical Analysis (including environmental impact assessment), Financial Appraisal and a brief overview of national cost-benefit analysis. The program upgrades the capacities and capabilities of representatives of the public sector dealing with entrepreneurs.

Training of Trainers for New Venture Creation in Sudan, 15th April 2012

ARCEIT in cooperation with the Higher Council for Investment in Sudan and the University of Gezira conducted a TOT program in Gezira State from April 15th – April 19th whereby 33 participants were trained with the necessary competencies in MSME development. ARCEIT also conducted a TOT program in cooperation with Youth Employment Project in Khartoum State from 25th March – 29th March for a total of 17 participants. These participants were a mix of Teachers, Trainers, Consultants, Appraisal Officers, Extension Officers and Industry Promotion Officers, representing educational / developmental institutions, government departments associated with MSME development. The main objective of the training was to help the participants understand the process of Entrepreneurship Development and the organization of support structures for various target groups such as urban youth, educated unemployed, women etc. and ideally implementing the EDIP Program.

2. Training of Trainers for the Development & Creation of SMEs

The program aims to help participants understand the process of Investment Promotion and Enterprise Development, and give support to various target groups. It equips the participants with necessary competencies in the area of identifying, selecting, training, counseling, and supporting small enterprises while expanding existing enterprises. Finally, the program acquaints participants with the process of planning and implementing the Bahrain Model for various target groups.

Training of Trainers for Enterprise Creation in Riyadh, KSA on 16th October 2012

ARCEIT in co-operation with the Centennial Fund for Enterprise Development in Rivadh conducted the training program, aiming at supporting and promoting the dynamics of building local entrepreneurial-driven enterprises in Saudi Arabia. The main objective is to support Saudi national entrepreneurs to incubate, establish, and grow their businesses by creating support groups that understand their specific needs. A total of 40 experts



from the Centennial Fund obtained the necessary skills, through this training, to offer would-be entrepreneurs the proper support and facilities in order for them to generate new and potential business ideas. This program is aimed at transferring the EDIP modality into the 15 Centennial Economic Centers in the Kingdom.

3. Developing Business Counselors for the Growth of SMEs

The program seeks to equip participants with skills in profiling SMEs in terms of their current performance and potential for growth; enable the counselors to acquire problem-solving skills; generate awareness on counseling styles; and finally, develop skills required to assist existing entrepreneurs in consolidation, performance improvement, and growth of their businesses.

Training of Trainers for Developing Business Counselors for Growth of SMEs in Kuwait, 11th March 2012

ARCEIT in co-operation with Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour in Kuwait and UNDP – Kuwait conducted a Training of Trainers program for 5 participants from March 11th – March 14th. SME development in Kuwait is growing as many entrepreneurs and upcoming talents have successfully set-up their own small businesses. The main focus of this training was to create business counselors specialized in the business development phase of growth which is the process of transitioning from micro to small/ small to medium enterprise or an expansion phase of the business. This stage is an important part of the business life-cycle and counselors must be equipped with skills in enterprise creation and enterprise development and growth. This capacity building program falls in line with the support offered by ARCEIT for the development of the Women Economic Empowerment Center in Kuwait "Boutique 33" which also encompasses incubation services.

Success Stories from Bahrain

Abdulla Al Shaowi, FIT Gym & Spa

Abdulla Al Shaowi is a young entrepreneur who attended the EDIP in Bahrain in 2010. He had a vision of a Bahraini Gym with professional trainers and a full feature of services for all Bahrainis youths who want an effective fitness plan and pursue a healthy lifestyle. On October 17th 2011, he fulfilled his aspiration and established "Fit Gym and Spa" in the Riviera Palace in Sehla, Bahrain.

The facilities included a gym, swimming pool, jacuzzi & steam room along with adequate changing rooms and lockers plus a coffee shop with nutritional products. In the beginning, Abdulla invested BD 65,000 and had a workforce of 4 employees. In 2012, he expanded the space of the gym and added new machinery and equipment. Today, his business is turning a profit of 50,000 BD with a total workforce of 8 employees. In the future "Fit Gym" is going to include a ladies-only section, double the area of the free weights training, install a Sauna and add a kitchen with seating area for all its members.

Doa'a Essa Abdul Wahab, Salad Boutique

Doa'a Essa Abdul Wahab attended the EDIP in Bahrain in 2009 and she had a vision of a restaurant that was healthy but also 'a piece of art', that is boundless and universal. In 2009, she started **Salad Boutique**; a unique bistro created by three Kuwaiti food-loving entrepreneurs, known as a place not only for its difference, but also for its creative approach to food.

Salad Boutique is a one of a kind destination, valued for its gourmet salads, and contemporary lounge setting and indulging the senses in a menu, which consists of whatever salad one's heart desires, ranging from green, chicken, steak, pasta and even fruit salads. The place is also known for its decadent decor, ipad menus and funky music but for its creative approach to food and service. The first outlet was in Kuwait and other outlet was set to open in Jeddah and Bahrain in 2011. The initial investment was \$350,000 and Doa'a started with a staff of 15 employees, and by 2012, the rate of investment return is 8% and there are currently 21 employees plus a new delivery service for the restaurant. In the future, there are plans to add catering, event planning, corporate rates and as always Doa'a wants to take Salad Boutique beyond the borders of Kuwait and into the global arena by planning to open a new Salad Boutique in Qatar by 2013.

Success Stories from Lebanon

Alexandre Nehme, Herbatica

Alexandre Nehme is a Lebanese entrepreneur with an educational background in Herbs and Aromatherapy from the Ecole Lyonnaise Plantes Médicinales in France. He has been supported by the EDIP program through which he was assisted in developing a bankable business plan thus leading to a loan worth 200,000 USD through Kafalat. In 2011 he established a full production facility for herbal cosmetics; Herbatica.

Mr. Nehme, was nominated and supported by UNIDO ITPO Bahrain and the EDIP Center in Beirut to take part in the 7th Arab Business Plan Competition for Arab Innovators in 2011 where he won second place from over 6,000 Arab innovators who applied. His business was later classified among the top 20 most innovative businesses as part of the World Business Plan Competition held in UC Berkley in cooperation with Intel Corporation.

Mr. Nehme started the business in 2011 with a total investment of about 640,800 USD and a total of 4 employees in Lebanon. Currently Herbatica has a net worth of \$2 million USD and employs 16 staff and selling upto 28 purely herbal products globally. In the future, the business is planning to continue to attend worldwide exhibitions like the "Bahrain International Garden Show" as well as enter into new markets and start bringing out more edible and drinkable health products.

ARAB REGIONAL CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INVESTMENT TRAINING (ARCEIT) ACTIVITIES

Foundation stone for the Agro-Incubator

UNIDO ARCEIT in cooperation with the Ministry of Municipalities & Agriculture Affairs, National Initiative for Agricultural Development and the Islamic Development Bank has concluded the business plan for the development of the first agro-incubator in Bahrain; through the funding of the Islamic Development bank in the value of one million USD. The Incubator will heavily contribute to the success and development of agro-preneurs in Bahrain and acts a role model for other countries in the region and around the world.

The 37th Annual Meeting of the Islamic Development Bank Group

ITPO /ARCEIT Bahrain participated in the 37th Annual Meeting of the Islamic Development Bank Group held in Sudan in April through a delegation consisting of ten Bahraini entrepreneurs and headed by HE Shaikh Ebrahim bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Chairman of ARCEIT Board of Trustees. HE Shaikh Ebrahim presented a paper on the "Role of Islamic Finance in Job Creation" namely focusing on UNIDO Enterprise Development & Investment Promotion Program and the linkage between financial and non-financial services in developing and unleashing entrepreneurship.

In parallel to the Annual Meeting, a Sudanese – Bahraini Entrepreneurs Forum was held in cooperation with the Ministry of Investment in Sudan whereby in total 50 entrepreneurs from both countries deliberated and discussed possibilities of joint investments.

General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture for Arab Countries, 12th March 2012

In light of the successful results achieved by the EDIP Lebanon through the Federation of Chambers we have Lebanese been requested by the General Union Chambers of Commerce. Industry Agriculture for Arab Countries (GUCCIAAC) to develop similar Entrepreneurship Support Centers in their 22 member countries. Accordingly, on February 28th a working arrangement was signed between UNIDO ITPO / ARCEIT Bahrain and the GUCCIAAC to meet that objective.



HE Mr. Adnan Kassar, President GUCCIAAC signing with HE Sh Ebrahim Chairman of ARCEIT

On March 12th, the General Union celebrated their 60th anniversary under the patronage of the Lebanese President and in the presence of the Lebanese Prime Minister, Head of Parliament, Presidents of Arab Chambers, President of the EU Chamber and EU Development Bank.

In his inaugural speech the Lebanese President, raised the issue of job creation in the Arab region and the need to create millions of jobs and that democracy and equality is ensured only through economic and social growth. He then praised the signed working arrangement between UNIDO-ARCEIT and the General Union stating that it will serve as the main solution to overcome the issue of unemployment and job creation through entrepreneurship and SME development for the Arab Region.

The 9th Annual World Zakat Conference, 26th November 2012

The Al Zakat House in Kuwait in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank organized the "9th Annual World Zakat Conference" in Jordan on Nov. 26-28; accordingly ITPO Bahrain provided inputs on the means of how to better utilize Zakat money in economic empowerment and poverty alleviation; thus using Zakat funds to finance entrepreneurs and MSMEs.

International Conference on Productive Work for Youth in Tunisia (MENA Region),

ITPO Bahrain headed a delegation of 7 entrepreneurs from Bahrain, Lebanon, Sudan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia to the Youth Conference held in Tunisia. In addition to that it presented it's EDIP modality and best practices in overcoming the youth bulge and the means of creating productive employment.

The 3rd Meeting of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Africa and the Arab World, 29th November 2012

The Association of Senates, Shoora and Equivalent Councils in Africa and the Arab World organized in cooperation with the Moroccan Parliament; the "Third Meeting of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Africa and the Arab world on the theme: Arab-African Investments and Trade Exchanges: the Emergence of a new Economic Pole" on November 29th -30th, 2012 at the Moroccan parliament.

Accordingly, ITPO Bahrain attended and provided a presentation on the EDIP modality (promoting domestic investment for leveraging foreign direct investments) in addition to our initiatives for promoting Arab investments into Africa. Session entitled "Strengthening Arab-African investments in the current global economic conditions".

Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion Program Regionally and Internationally

The unparalleled achievements of the EDIP model implemented in Bahrain since 2001, has facilitated its successful replication in 37 countries namely: Sierra Leone, Gambia, Zanzibar, Tanzania, Eretria, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, Guinea, Liberia, Uruguay, Turkey, Pakistan, Brunei, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Laos, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, China, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Tunisia, Yemen, Sudan, Iraq, Egypt, Palestine and Morocco.

The EDIP model today is well-recognized by various financial and developmental institutions such as the Arab Gulf Program for United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND), the Islamic Development Bank, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, the Kuwait Fund for Economic & Social Development, and the Kuwait Finance House.

Bahrain

Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion (EDIP) Program in Bahrain

In 2012, ARCEIT in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Bahrain Development Bank held a total of 14 EDIPs which promoted 185 entrepreneurs.

Since the inception of ARCEIT in 2001, the center has supported 4400 potential Bahraini entrepreneurs, which has resulted in the establishment of 900 new enterprises. The estimated investment size generated from the start-ups and growth of entrepreneurs is at around 1.4 billion USD which has led to the creation of 14,500 new jobs. Of the total entrepreneurs assisted 67.7% were females; this increased participation of women falls in line with the efforts being conducted by ARCEIT and the supreme council for women to stimulate women.

Agro-Prenuers

Recent research shows that as food consumption increases, total GCC food imports will reach US\$ 53.1 billion by 2020, an increase of 105% from 2010 (US\$ 25.8). Thus, rising at a rate of 4.6% annually from 2011-2015 in a region low on agricultural land and natural water sources, and forced to import 90% of its food products and food.

Furthermore; agricultural investments in Bahrain are limited in comparison to the size of investments made in other sectors, thus leading to the use of lower technology levels. Accordingly, it is vital and essential to stimulate new investments into the agricultural sector through entrepreneurs who are keen on exploring these new opportunities.

Based on the above and as part of the Arab Entrepreneurs Day celebrations in Bahrain, UNIDO ITPO/ARCEIT in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank, the National Initiative for Agriculture Development and the Ministry of Municipalities & Urban Planning officially launched a pilot initiative aimed at developing "Agro-Preneurs" initially in Bahrain and the world. The specialized Agro-preneurs program aims at assisting potential entrepreneurs to start and expand their agricultural projects. This program is strongly linked to the Agricultural Incubator being developed through the Islamic Development Bank and is also linked to the Bank of Innovation in order to facilitate financing.

In reference to the EDIP Agro-prenuers program two programs were conducted during the year with a total of 16 participants. The Agro-preneurs program is two folds a business skills development program and a technical program on agriculture conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture in Bahrain.

Growth Program, 2012

In 2010, UNIDO/ARCEIT launched its official Growth Program for entrepreneurs completing the final survival stage of the incubation phase of the EDIP program; making sustainable profit and they must move on to the next level of development in their business in order to grow and not stagnate. Entrepreneurs at this stage require assistance at a higher level of professionalism entirely and therefore ARCEIT's growth program team is a mix of experienced business counselors and professional consultants who offer their expertise. They facilitate the transition of the business at this critical point in Quality Management, Access to New Markets, Medium to Large Financing or even Sector Specific Mentoring or Incubation. Since the launch of this program in 2010 over 23 entrepreneurs have benefitted from this program.

Women Economic Empowerment

Bahrain National Women Empowerment Strategy

ITPO Bahrain was actively involved in the two day retreat organized by the Supreme Council for Women aimed at developing the Bahrain National Women Empowerment Strategy.

Islamic Association, 1st July 2012

ARCEIT in cooperation with in cooperation with the Islamic Association of Bahrain conducted an EDIP program for Entrepreneurship Development from July 1st – July 9th 2012. There were a total of 14 participants that were facilitated in the acquisition of information, knowledge and skills required to identify a business opportunity, prepare a business plan and implement the same. They were successfully quipped an understanding of the intricacies involved in managing a small enterprise and the process strengthened their entrepreneurial competencies.

Women in Photography

ARCEIT in co-operation with the Supreme Council for Women conducted its second EDIP program for women entrepreneurs targeting the Photography. A total of 12 participants were trained on entrepreneurial skills alongside working towards their workshop courses in photography provided by SCW. This program was the second step in showing UNIDO's involvement in the National Strategy for the Advancement of Bahraini Women by empowering and equipping these talented women in order for them to set up their own SMEs. The program's graduation ceremony was concluded by an official Photo-Art Gallery exhibiting the hardworking talents of the participants.

Women in Media

ARCEIT in co-operation with the Supreme Council for Women conducted its third Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion (EDIP) program with the University of Bahrain for women entrepreneurs from their Media and Graphic Design Course. A total of 9 participants

were trained on entrepreneurial competency alongside their technical skills development in the field of Media. This program is part of UNIDO's continued involvement in the National Strategy for the Advancement of Bahraini Women by empowering and equipping these talented women in order for them to set up their own SMEs. The program's graduation ceremony was concluded by a digital screening exhibiting the hardworking talents of the participants

<u>Lebanon</u>

Since the inception of EDIP in Lebanon in May 2010 till December 2012; 36 programs have been conducted through the four centers in the various regions. Through which 544 potential entrepreneurs have been supported through the various stages of the program; with an estimated total investment of \$78.7 million and leading to the creation of 518 new jobs.

Sudan

The EDIP Center in Sudan, has be very active in providing support to potential Sudanese entrepreneurs, to date and since the inception of the center in 2011 over 150 entrepreneurs have been assisted.

Youth Economic Empowerment Sudan

ARCEIT in cooperation with in cooperation with Elezza Youth Organization, and the Ministry of Investment in Khartoum conducted an EDIP program for Entrepreneurship Development from January 8th – February 2nd 2012.

There were a total of 34 participants that were facilitated in the acquisition of information, knowledge and skills required to identify a business opportunity, prepare a business plan and implement the same. They were successfully quipped an understanding of the intricacies involved in managing a small enterprise and the process strengthened their entrepreneurial competencies.

Kuwait

The women economic empowerment center set-up has been finalized in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Affairs & Labour (MOSAL) and UNDP Kuwait. A series of capacity building programs were held targeting 35 MOSAL staff; with the ultimate aim of transferring their 27 social development centers into economic empowerment centers.

Sierra Leone

The EDIP in Sierra Leone has been reinstated in November 2012; accordingly 25 women entrepreneurs have been supported in developing their business plans and hence have been linked with the Bank of Innovation & Partnership for financing.



MENA Region

MENA 100 Business Plan Competition

ARCEIT in co-operation with MENA-OECD's Investment Programme, organized the MENA 100 Business Plan Competition for entrepreneurship and SME development. We were involved with the process of judging the Business Plan and helped the 10 participants from different MENA countries focus on core entrepreneurship issues and policies such as a) entrepreneurship education, b) Marketing



entrepreneurship, c) legal and regulatory environment for entrepreneurship. The official award ceremony of the MENA 100 Business Plan Competition was held in the Diplomat Hotel on the 27th June 2012 in the Kingdom of Bahrain. UNIDO is proud that two entrepreneurs from the EDIP programme participated and won second place in the competition.

Entrepreneurship Awareness

Planting the Seeds of Entrepreneurship

As part of UNIDO's strategy towards enhancing the entrepreneurship culture in Bahrain, we had launched a program to target schools in order to seed the entrepreneurial spirit at a primary level. In cooperation with the Ministry of Education and UNESCO, we developed a specialized curriculum which is officially approved by the Australian Higher Education Council. This curriculum is currently utilized in all public schools both commercial and vocational and in the past year we organized a series of training programs targeting twelve commercial school and three vocational schools which were extremely successful in introducing the concept of entrepreneurship.

The Kingdom of Bahrain is the first in the Arab region to adopt such a program, thus creating an early stage of awareness on potential entrepreneurship. This effort facilitates our implementation of the Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion Program.

Bahrain

Junior Entrepreneurs Business Plan Competition – Al Maarifa School

In line with the "2006 Entrepreneurship Curriculum" developed by ARCEIT in cooperation with Ministry of Education; the first Junior Entrepreneurs Business Plan Competition targeting 31 students from Al Maarfia School was organized. The competition aimed at equipping the students with the needed skills to identify and develop a feasible business plan. Accordingly, the ARCEIT business counselors assisted the students in identifying innovative business ideas and at a later stage the development of a viable business plan.

Stimulating Entrepreneurship Awareness in Hidd School

ARCEIT in cooperation with Ministry of Education conducted an entrepreneurship awareness week from 11th -24th February 2012. During this week, 9 teachers from the School were trained specifically on the process of entrepreneurship development and the skill set to identify, train, counsel and support potential young aspiring entrepreneurs from their students. This is tantamount in the goal of spreading entrepreneurial awareness from the school levels in order to empower these upcoming talents from the earliest stage possible into pursuing entrepreneurship.

Entrepreneurship Center at the Gulf University

ARCEIT in co-operation with Gulf University conducted the capacity building program from 29thth February to 8th March 2012. A total of 25 participants from the university attended the training mostly consisting of professors, teaching assistants and administrative staff. The purpose of this program was to promote enterprise creation at the university level to allow the institute to act as a virtual center for Entrepreneurship to be available to the students as an addition to UNIDO's facilities.

Entrepreneurship Center at the Royal University for Women

ARCEIT in co-operation with the Royal University for Women conducted the capacity building program from 15th December 2011 to 16th February 2012. A total of 14 participants from the university attended the training mostly consisting of professors, teaching assistants and administrative staff. The purpose of this program was to promote enterprise entrepreneurship at the university level to establish an entrepreneurship center at the University.

International Telematic University UNINETTUNO

Through the Italian Governments financial support, ITPO Bahrain in cooperation with UNIDO HQ and Uninettuno has finalized the development of EDIP into an e-learning platform. A team of ARCEIT trainers from Bahrain took part in this in addition to 10 case studies of Bahraini Entrepreneurs. This will play a vital role in boosting the extent and



spread of the EDIP modality not only in developing countries but also into the developing world.

▶أخبار البحرين

الملك يستقبل موجه برنامج الأمه المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية

ستعراض التسهيلات التي تقدمها البحرين لجذب الاستثمارات

على الاهتمام بالبيئة وحمايتها واستقطاب الشركات العالمية لاقامة مختلف المشاريع. معربا جلالته عن فخره بعبادرات الشباب

مسؤكدا جبلاليته ترحيب البحرين باستضافة مثل هذه الندوات والمؤتمرات والمتقيات الاقليمية والدولية لما توفره من

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، ور في مجلس ولي العهد:

التنوع الذي يحفل به المجلس يجسد هوية مجتمع الأسرة الواحدة

الأمير سلمان بن حمد أل خليفة ولي العهد نائب القائد الأعلى في مجلس سموه الأسبوعي بقصر الرفاع امس بأفراد العائلة المالكة وكبار رجالات الدولة والبوزراء والأعيبان وأعضباء مجالس الشبورى والنواب والبلديات وعدد من رجال الدين والفعاليات الاقتصادية والأجتماعية والشخصيات الأكاديمية والفكرية والاعلامية الوطنية والعربية وأعضاء السلك الدبلوماسي في المملكة

وعدد من سيدات المجتمع. وأعسرب الحضيور عن تقديرهم واعتزازهم بمجلس سمو ولي العهد العامر حيث يشكل فرصة قيمة للقاء سموه والتواصل الذي يشكل سمة ميزت مجتمع البحرين، وحرص عليها سموه تأكيدا

للنهج الذي أراده جلالة الملك الوالَّد استَمرارا لسنَّة الأباء والأجداد منذ القدم. واعتبر الحضور ان التنوع الذي يضمه مجلس سموه يجس مبورة مصغرة عن هوية مجتمع الأسبرة الواحدة الموحدة المتماسكة في مملكة البحرين تحت ظل قيادة حضرة صاحب الجلالة الملك المفدي.

وقد استقبل سموه في المجلس الدكتور كأندي يمكلا المدير العام لبرنامج الأمح المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية (اليونيدو)، وذلك بمناسبة زيارته للمملكة حيث رحب سموه بهذه الزيارة التي تعكس التعاون بين المملكة والهيئات التابعة لمنظمة الامم المتحدة



أثناء استقباله المدير العام لبرنامج الأمم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية.

وزير الصناعة يشيد بدعم «اليونيدو» للمشروعات الإنتاجية

استقبل وزير الصناعة والتجارة الدكتور حسن عبدالله فخرو بمكتبه صباح أمس مدير عام منظمة الأمم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية «يونيدو» الدكتور كانده يومكيلا Kandeh Yumkella الذي يزور مملكة المحرين للمشاركة في معرض البحرين للمصارحة في معرض ومنتدى البحرين الدولي للتقنيات الخضراء، بحضور الشيخ إبراهيم بن خليفة ال خليفة رئيس مجلس أمناء المركز العربي الإقليمي لقدريب رواد الأعمال التابع لمنظمة الأمم متحدة للتنمية الصناعية بيويندو، المنحدة للتنمية الصناعية ، يوييدو، والدكتور هاشم حسين رئيس برنامج ترويج الاستثمار في منظمة الأمم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية ، يونيدو، وعدد من المسئولين بقطاع الصناعة بالوزارة.

بالوزارة. وخسلال اللقاء أشساد وزيس الصناعة والتجارة بالخطوات الطيبة التي تقوم منظمة الأمم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية ،يونيدو، في دعم ناعات والمشروعات الإنتاجية وبالذات منها الصديقة للبيئة والتى وبدات منها المصنية سبية والتي تأتي تماشياً مع توجهات الكثير من الدول المتقدمة والنامية التي تضع



O وزير الصناعة أثناء استقباله ممثل «اليونيدو».

طة على البيئة وحمايتها من الملوثات في صلب أولوياتها . مؤكداً أهمية منظمة الأمم المتحدة لتنمية الصناعية «يونيدو» في تنمية و تطوير العديد من مشاريع رواد الأعمال، كما نوه في الوقت نفسه بأهمية التعاون والعمل المشترك بين وزارة الصناعة والتجارة من جهة ومنظمة الأمم المتحدة للتنمية

قطعها التعاون الاقتصادي بين وزارة الصناعة والتجارة ومنظمة الأمم المتحدة لننمية الصناعية الصناعية وغيرها من المنظمات الدولية التي تسهم بشكل كبير في تعزيز وتطوير الاقتصاد من جهة أخرى. والذي أصبح موضع أرتياح وثقة لكلا الطرفين اللذين يتطلعان الى تطويره وتوسيع دائرة مجالاته، وأكد الوزير حرص الحكومة ووزارة الصناعة والتجارة على عميق هذه العلاقات وتنميتها مشيراً في هذا السياق إلى الدورات والوصول بها إلى أفاق أرحب من التعاون والتنسيق المشترك، لافتا إلى أن الأشمواط المتقدمة التي التأهيلية والبرامج التدريبية التي تنفذها الوزارة بالتعاون مع اليونيدو

لتخريج رواد أعمال في القطاعين الصناعي والتجاري ويقوم الوزير برعاية حفلات التضريج للدفعات الكثيرة التي تنخرط في هذه البرامج حيث وصل مجموع الدورات المنفذة منذ تأسيس المركز العربي لتدريب رواد الأعمال في عام ٢٠٠٠ الى ٦٥ دورة استفاد منها حوالي ۲۴۰۰ متدرب منهم ۲۰۰ شخص تم تأهيلهم كمدربين.

من جهة أضرى أشباد الدكتور كنده يومكيلا بالمستوى المتقدم النذي وصبلت إليه الصبناعة في البحرين والتي باتت من اكثر الدول مذبأ للاستثمارات العالمية المتطلعة ببر للتوطين في مملكة البحرين، وخصوصاً في ظل التشريعات والقوانين التي تشجع وتجذب الاستثمار والمستثمرين إليها.

بحث مع كاندى التسهيلات البحرينية لجذب الاستثمارات.. الملك: حريصون على تطوير تعاوننا مع الأمم المتحدة

استقبل صاحب الحلالة الملك حمد بن عيسى آل خليفة عاهل البلاد المفدى فى قصر الصافرية امس بحضور سمو الشيخ عبدالله بن حمد آل خليفة الممثل الشخصى لجلالة الملك المفدى، رئيس الهيئة العامة لحماية الثروة البحرية والبيئة والحياة الفطرية د. كاندى يمكلا المدير العام ليرنامج الأمم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية (اليونيدو)، وذلك بمناسبة زيارته للبلاد لحضور معرض ومنتدى البحرين الدولي للتقنيات الخضراء.

ورحب جلالته بكاندي وأكد حرص البحرين الدائم على تطوير التعاون مع المنظمة الدولية وهيئاتها ووكالاتها المتخصصة بكل ما يخدم ويسهم في تعزيز مسيرة التنمية في البلاد، مؤكداً جلالته اعتزاز مملكة البحرين بعلاقاتها الطيبة مع منظمة الأمم المتحدة.

وأشاد جلالة الملك بالدور الفعال الذي تضطلع به الأمم المتحدة في تطوير المشاريع والبرامج المتعلقة بالتنمية المستدامة في مختلف دول العالم وجهودها الضيرة في دعم وإرساء الامن والاستقرار في مختلف مناطق العالم.

واستعرض جلالته مع كاندي التسهيلات والإمكانات التى توفرها البحرين لجذب الاستثمارات وإقامة المشاريع الصناعية التي تسهم في دعم الاقتصاد الوطني في ظل المناخ الاستثماري والبيئة الاساسية التى توفر للنشاط الاقتصادى الوطني.



والصناعي؛ لتحقيق النمو والازدهار الاقتصادي، إضافة الى ما تمتلكه المملكة من بيئة تشريعية وقانونية للعمل في هذا المجال وحرصها الدائم على الاهتمام بالبيئة وحمايتها التبادل واكتساب الخبرات في مختلف واستقطاب الشركات العالمية لإقامة المجالات الاقتصادية والصناعية. مختلف المشاريع، معرباً جلالته عن التجارية والصناعية التي تنمي أعمالهم وتسهم في دعم الاقتصاد

مؤكدا جلالته ترحيب البحرين باستضافة مثل هذه الندوات والمؤتمرات والملتقيات الاقليمية والدولية لما توفره من فرص؛ لتعزيز

وكلّف جلالة الملك المفدى المدير فخره بمبادرات الشباب البحريني العام لبرنامج الأمم المتحدة للتنمية الطموح لتنفيذ المشاريع والمؤسسات الصناعية (اليونيدو) بنقل تحياته إلى بان كي مون الامين العام للامم المتحدة وتقديره لجميع العاملين في المنظمة الدولية على جهودهم الخيرة.





الممثل الشخصى لجلالة الملك خلال افتتاح المعرض.

عبدالله بن حمد يفتتح «معرض البحرين للتقنيات الخضراء»

إقامة معرض التقنيات في مملكة البحرين كل عام

تفضل سمو الشيخ عبدالله بن حمد أل خليفة الممثل الشخصي لجلالة الملك المفدى رئيس الهيئة العامة لحماية الثروة ألبدية والبيئة والحياة الفطرية مساء امس فشمل برعايته الكريمة حفل افتتاح معرض ومنتدى البحرين الدولي للتقنيات الخضراء ٢٠١٧ في مركز البحرين الدولي للمعارض والمؤتمرات والذي تنظمه الهيئة العامة لحماية الثروة البحرية والبيئة والحياة الفطرية بالنعاون مع منظمة الإمم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية (UNIDO) بحضور رئيس مجلس النواب والوزراء وكبار المسئولين بالمعاقدة وعدد كبير من المدعوين.

وفي بداية الحفل عزف السلام الملكي البحريني بمشاركة عدد من الاخل الحكيم بمشاركة عدد من الاخلال الحكيم المشاركة عدد من الاخلال الحكيم عدد من الاخلال الحكيم عادل خليفة الزياني العدير العام لحماية البيئة والحياة الفطرية كلمة بعناسية الافتتاح اعرب فيها عن شكره وتقديره لرعاية سمو الشيخ عبدلك بن حمد آل خليفة لحفل افتتاح معرض ومندى البحرين الدولي للتقنيات الخضراء ٢٠١٢ ما فتح الطريق لتغيير مسار العمل في مناه المؤسسة لتكون اكثر انتجاء وفعالية، مشيرا إلى المملكة في اتجاه حماية البيئة والمحافظة على مواردها للسير بخطى ثابئة من توجهات المجتمع الدولي في حل النشير بخطى ثابئة من توجهات المجتمع الدولي في حل القضايا التي تعاني منها البيئة العالمية.

كماً قدم شكره إلى الدكتور كانده يوميكيلا مدير عام اليونيدو على دعه الشخصي وجهود العاملين في المنظمة، كما وجه الشكر إلى المؤسسات الداعمة والممولة لهذا المعرض والمنتدى الدولي وبخاصة وزارة المالية وعلى

رأسها وزير المالية ولجميع الوزارات الاخرى الداعمة والشركات الوطنية التي تجاوبت لدعم هذا المشروع بالأضافة إلى المتطوعين من الشباب المؤمنين باخلاصهم للبحرين وبيئتها.

بعدها ألقى الدكتور كانديه يمكلا مدير عام منظمة الأرم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية (البونيدو) كلمة اعرب فيها عن سعادته بالمشاركة في حقل افتتاح معرض ومنتدي التقنيات الخضراء ١٠١٧، مشيدا بالدعم الذي تقدمه القيادة الحكيمة في مملكة البحرين في الحفاظ على البيئة ودعم المشاريع التي تسهم في زيادة التنمية، مشيرا إلى دعم منظمة الأمم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية اليونيدو لهذا المؤتمر.

بعد ذلك تفضل سمو الشيخ عبدالله بن حمد أل خليفة الممثل الشخصي لجلالة الملك المفدى رئيس الهيئة العامة لحماية الثروة البحرية والبيئة والحياة الفطرية ومدير عام منظمة الامم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية اليونيدو بتكريم المؤسسات الداعمة للمحرض والتي بلغت ٣٣ مؤسسة من مختلف القطاعات العامة والخاصة.

بعدها قام سمو الشيخ عبدالله بن حدد أل خليفة بجولة في انحاء المعرض اطلع سموه خلالها على أخر ما توصلت اليه الشركات العالمية المتخصصة من منتجات وخدمات في مجال التقنية الصديقة للبيئة، وكذلك اجنحة الوزارات والمؤسسات والهيئات المشاركة في المعرض والتي تقدم كل ما في وسعها للمحافظة على البيئة وحماية الحياة الفطرية من خلال عملها، كما تحدث سموه إلى عدد من المشاركين في المعرض الذين اعربوا عن سعادتهم من المشاركين في المعرض الذين اعربوا عن سعادتهم

بالمشاركة في هذا المعرض وعلى رعاية سموه الكريمة لحفل الافتتاح.

واكد سعو الشيخ عبدالله بن حمد أل خليفة الممثل المحمية المعالد المفدى رئيس الهيئة العامة العماية الحماية الثروة البحرية والبيئة والعاقة القطرية أهمية هذا المعرض والمنتدى الدولي الذي يقام للمرة الأولى في مملكة البحرين وخاصة في هذا الوقت حيث تزداد الامتمامات والتوجهات العالمية تجاه حماية البيئة والمحافظة على الموارد الطبيعية وان مملكة البحرين تسهم في التوجهات والعمل الدولي ضمن سياسات دعم ولقضراء التي تعبر تقنيات المستقبل.

وقد شكر سمو الشيخ عبدالله بن حمد أل خليفة مدير عام منظمة الأصم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية اليونيدو لتبية الدعوة وحضوره الشخصي واهتماعه ودعمه لهذا المعرض والمنتدى، كما تقدم سموه بالشكر لجميع العاملين في هذه المنظمة على تعاونهم البناء، مشيد سموه بتجاوب الشركات العالمية المتخصصة في مجال التقنيات البيئية الخضراء التي شاركت في المعرض.

كما رحب سموه بمشاركة الوزارات والفؤسسات الحكومية والخناصة الداعمة والمسائدة للمعرض والمنتدة للمعرض والمنتدى الحياض محين محين أكبر محين البيئة والمحافظة على مواردها مسئولية جماعية، وما لقيه هذا المعرض والمنتدى الدولي في البحرين من دعم الوزارات ولمؤسسات الحكومية والقطاع الخاص يجسد مثالا حياً للشراكة الحقيقة، وبخاصة ما له علاقة بالاستثمار في التقنية البخضراء التي أثبتت فائدتها وجدواها الاقتصادية والإجتماعية.





تعد أول جمعية للامتياز التجاري في البحرين

تدشين جمعية الامتيازات التجارية للشرق الأوسط «الف

كتب - علي إبراهيم:

دشن مركز مينا للاستثمار وبالتعاون مع مكتب ترويج الاستثمار التابع لمنظمة الأمم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية وبرعاية مدير عام « اليونيدو» الدكتور كانديه يومكيلا، جمعية الامتيازات التجاري للشرق الأوسط «الفرنشايز» يوم أمس يفندق الديلومات رسمياً، وتعد الجمعية أول جمعية للامتياز التجاري «للفرنشايز» في البحرين لتعزيز دور قطاع الامتياز التجاري في مملكة البحرين بالتنسيق مع الجهات الحكومية المختصة.

وتهدف الجمعية إلى العمل على تصدير الامتيازات التجارية البحرينية بدلا من استيرادها من الخارج، وتشجيع الاستفادة من نشاط المؤسسات المحلية والإقليمية والعالمية وتشجيع أصحاب المنشآت المتوسطة والصغيرة لمارسة أنواع النشاط الاقتصادي ذي الصلة بالامتياز التجاري بالتنسيق مع الجهات الحكومية المختصة، والتعاون وتبادل الخبرات مع الجهات المحلية والإقليمية والعالمية ذات الصلة بالفرنشايز.

وفي سياق حفل تدشين الجمعية أكد مدير الجمعية من شأنها أن تحول الشباب البحريني من ساعين إلى عمل إلى مشغلين للعمالة البحرينية وإلى مستثمرين محليين ساعين إلى التكنولوجيا المتقدمة للتقليل من تكاليف الإنتاج، مشدداً على أن الدراسات الحديثة تشير إلى تزايد السكان وشح موارد المياه وتزايد حاجات البشر مما يضع المزيد من التحديات أمام دول الخليج لتحقيق الأمن الغذائي خاصة، وأن هذه الدول تفتقر إلى الأراضي الزراعية وموارد المياه، مشيراً إلى أن المشاريع الزراعية في البحرين محدودة إذا

المستثمرين إلى هذا القطاع والتي تشكل السبب الرئيسى لانخفاض التكنلوجيا المستخدمة تجاه هذا القطاع الهام، داعياً إلى ضرورة تفعيل وتشجيع الاستثمار من خلال رواد الأعمال الذين يبادرون إلى انشاء المشاريع الزراعية من خلال برامج اليونيدو.

من جانبه قال رئيس الجمعية د. زكريا هجرس في تصريح صحفي إن جمعية الامتيازات التجارية للشرق الأوسط سوف تساعد في ايجاد تشريعات متعلقة بالامتيازات الشبيهة بدول العالم المتقدمة ودول الصين والهند والدول الاقتصادية التي حققت نموا كبيرا وبالخصوص في قطاع الصناعات الصغيرة والمتوسطة من خلال هذه التشريعات، مؤكداً أن الجمعية سوف تساعد رائد العمل أو سيدة الأعمال في وضع الخطوات التكوينية لمشورع رائد العمل وستكون معهم خطوة بخطوة، وهناك احراءات بمكن الرجوع اليها مما يترتب عليه الفائدة المرجوة مستقبلاً، مشيراً إلى أنه وفي حال نجحت الفكرة لرائد العمل، بإمكانه ان يسوقها وأن يستفيد منها سواء في داخل أو خارج البحرين، حيث ستساعد رائد العمل في الانتقال من السوق المحدود إلى سوق أكبر، بدءا من منطقة الخليج ومنطقة المينا، عام اليونيد كانديه يومكيلا أن أهمية هذه وهذه الخطوات هي بمثابة اللبنة التي ستقوم بها الجمعية، منوهاً إلى أن جمعية الامتيازات التجارية للشرق الأوسط هي اول جمعية في منطقة الشرق الأوسط وموقعها البحرين.

إلى ذلك أشارت سيدة الأعمال البحرينية أحلام جناحي في تصريح ل»الأيام» بأن إشهار الجمعية جاء بالتعاون مع مجموعة من رجال الاعمال اللبنانيين لاشهار جمعية فرنشايز في البحرين، منوهة إلى أن البحرين بحاجة إلى شركات وجمعيات من هذا النوع والتي تصب في صالح رائد العمل البحريني والتي من خلالها ما نظرنا إلى حجم الاستثمارات التي تتدفق من ستعطى رائد العمل البحريني الضوء بالبدء

فى التفكير بمشاريع متنوعة ودولية تنطلق من البحرين إلى الخارج، ودخول رواد الأعمال البحرينيين في شراكة مع فرنشايز يستطيعون من خلالها أن يمثلوا البحرين بطريقة رائعة، ونوهت جناحي إلى أن البحرين تمتلك الكثير من الطاقات ورواد الأعمال المؤهلين رجالاً ونساء أصحاب أعمال قدموا العديد من النجاحات ويوقمون بدورهم على أكمل وجه، داعية الحكومة والمؤسسات التمويلية إلى بذل المزيد من الدعم حتى يتمكن رائد العمل من الانطلاق

بدورها أكدت سيدة الأعمال البحرينية فيكى معوض، أن تأسيس هذه الجمعية اليوم والدخول في شراكة مع جمعية فرنشايز يعد بادرة طيبة تنعكس بشكل ايجابي على رواد الأعمال وستأخذ بيد رائد العمل نحو مستقبل ومشروع تجارى أفضل ومتقدم، ناهيك عن المردود والعوائد التي ستخلق فرصاً كبرى في سوق العمل على جميع الأصعدة والميادين، مؤكدة أن التعاون مع جمعية فرنشايز سيكون بمثابة النقلة النوعية التي ستحقق المزيد من التقدم على جميع المستويات لما يخدم هذا الوطن والمواطن البحريني بشكل خاص، مشيرة إلى أن اشهار هذه الجمعية في البحرين سيمنح رواد الأعمال العديد من الامتيازات التجارية سيما على صعيد التشريعات، إضافة لفتح الآفاق في الداخل والخارج من ناحية التوسع والامتداد التجاري إضافة لإمكانيات التعاون التجاري.

الجدير بالذكر أن مؤسسى جمعية الامتيازات التجارية للشرق الأوسط هم من الشخصيات الاقتصادية ورواد الأعمال وهم د.زكريا هجرس، د.هاشم سليمان، أسامة الخاجة، وحيدة الدوي، عبدالله الصادق، مديحة رسلان، هناء كانو، إلهام محمد، نوال الصبّاغ، محمد الشوملي.







افتتح منتدى ومعرض التقنية الخضراء وكرّم داعميه.. عبدالله بن حمد:

حماية البيئة والمحافظة على مواردها الطبيعية مسؤولية جماعية

رس وبورس والتي تعدمه بطيعة المعدم بطالة الثروة البحرية والبيئة والحياة القطرية بالتعاون مع منظمة الأمم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية (UNIDO) حضور رئيس مجلس النواب وكبار المسؤولين بالملكة

ل افتتا معرض ومندى الدوني للقنبات دعم وتوجيد التنبية تجاه البيئة تحت مصطفاً التنبية كا ما في وسعها للمحافظة على البيئة وحماية الخاصية عنصة عالمه المنافة المنافة المنافة المنافة المنافة المنافقة المنافة المنافة المنافة المنافة المنافقة المنافة المنافقة ال لنسير بخطى ثابتة مع توجهات المجتمع الدولي في حل القضايا التي تعاني منها البيئة العالمية.

تقضل سعو الشيخ عبدات بن حمد آل خليفة المثل على دعمه الشخصي وجهود العاملين في للغلفة، كما الشخصي لجهادة على البينة والمحافلة على السيخ المحافظة على البينة المحافظة على البينة المحافظة على البينة المحافظة على البينة المحافظة المحافظة المحافظة على البينة المحافظة على البينة والمحافظة المحافظة المحافظة على البينة والمحافظة المحافظة المحا

و بيئتها. وبيدها. وأوضح د.عادل الزياني أن قضايا البيئة ومشاكلها لا يعنن أن تحل بواسطة المؤسسات البيئية الرسمية فقط مهما كان حجم وامكانيات هذه المؤسسات مشيراً إلى أنه وهد كبير من للعوس وقبل الشواوين بالملكة لا يعكن إن تحل بواسطة الأوسسات البيئية الرسمية لقط وهد كبير من للعوس المسات من المسات المسات

بعد ذات قطر سعو الشعة عيداته بن حدد ال خليفة للمثل الشخصي نجلالة الله الملدي رئيس الهيئة العامة لحماية الثروة البحرية والبيئة والحياة القطرية ومدير عام منطقة الأمم للتحدد للتنيية الصناعية البونيدو يتكريم المؤسسات التعامة للمعرض والتي بلغت 23 مؤسسة بن مختلف القطاعات العامة والخاصة.

موسسه من مختلف العطاعات العامة والخاصه. يعدها قام سعو الشيخ عبداله بن حدد ال خليقة ببودلة كما رحب سعوه بمشاركة الوزارات والمؤسسات في أشاء العرض الطح سعود خلالها على أخر ما توصلت الحكومية والخاصة الداعمة والمسائدة للعمرض والمنتدى إليه الشركات العالمية للمتخصصة من منتجات وخدمات في مجال التثنية الصديقة للبيئة واجتحة الوزارات مسؤولية جماعية وما للجه هذا للعرض وللنتدى الدولي في والمؤسسات والهيئات المشاركة في المعرض والتي تقم البحرين من دعم الوزارات والمؤسسات الحكومية والقطاع كل ما في وسعها للمحافظة على البيئة وحماية الحياة الخاص يجسد مثالاً حياً للشراكة الحقيقية خاصة ما له

لدورها المركزي في المنطقة ومقوماتها التاريخية.. «اليونيدو»:

البحرين مرشحة لتكون مقرا رئيسا للتقنيات الخضراء

أكد مدير عام منظمة الأمم للتحدد للتشعية الصناعية الله باقي مناطق العالم، لذا أصبحت الحاجة ماسة (اليونيدو) وسستشار الأمين العام للأمم للتحدد لشفون لحوار عالمي لروية كيف يمكن ان تجمع قوانا وتضافر الطاقة المنتجية والمنتجية المنتجية المنتجي

نجاري رئيس بالمنطقة، ما جعلها وجهة حضرية ونقتات منه».

من أخطارها البيئية.

من أخطارها البيئية. وأوضح يومكيلا أن المعرض والمنتدى الدولي ويرى يو للتأثية الخضراء في البحرين يأتي في توقيت مناسب الى توطعان للتأثيات على مد تعبيره ليواكب التحديات والمستجدات يجب عليها ا الدولية، مشيرا الى 2012 هو عام هام خاصة والتطوير با وانه سيتم مناقشة مدلولات التنعية المستدامة وكيفية الحفاظ على البيئة ومصادر الطاقة خلال قمة ريو دي الحفاظ على البيئة ومسادر المغالة خلال قدة ربو دي

- الترفي في الدرازيل بيونو القادم، وتحديد الخطول الواحدة الطعارية بمماكة البحرين ورئيس اللجنة

- التنقية التي ستضمن المضي قدما في تحزيز المنظمة للمنتدى والمعرض، الدعتورعادل الزياني

الثمو والتندية ضمن بيئة مستقبة الطعيمة والعاود بجهود منظمة اليونيو وتعاولها الدائم مع الملكة في

- المهادية، وحيوة التشخيع حتو تغيير السلوكيات .

- خضراء والافتتاح الرسمي لقرية رواد الاعمال.

- والمربة على المعرض من المعرض أن التخول المستواسة موكز الهيمان المنتفية من المحصول على الواقفة

- يوض (رضية خصية للقطيض من المعرض أن المتخول المستواسة موكز الهيمان المنتفية مؤد الديرية، بديا نقاؤله من الحصول على الواقفة

يوفر رسية متنازل بمواد خام عضوية على سبيل المثال وضعان مصادر مياه أكثر صحية او صديقة للبيئة. وكيف يمكن ترشيد استهلاك الطاقة كما هو

النمال بائتلفة التكبيف أو التهوية بموسم الصيف... ويرى يومكيلا بأن البحرين شلك دورا حدويا على مستوى التقطلة للسامعة في تقليل الإنجاعات و أوضح الزبائي أن لفرة للتندى وللعرض برزت الكريونية السامة والغازات الدلاية على مستوى خلال العام للأصر تستهيف جلب احددا ما توصلت ريور. المشلقة والعالم عبر المشاركة بالاجماع الدولي بضرورة العالم التكنولوجيا في عالم التقنيات الخضراء وما يخدم الشراكات الفئية وتسخير التكنولوجيا الخضراء جهود خفض مستويات التلوث والحفائة على للوارد لمواصلة التنمية للسندامة الصحية بين الحكومات او الطبيعية ومصادر الطاقة. وأكد الزيائي ان البحرين ية سسات القطاء الخاص

مونيف (طبيا) لدغم حضل النحو والعديد المستدانة ودنيع ويحقيلا فعالات معارتما مستحدم مصادر الصديقة النياة وأرجع بوعكلا قضيله المحرون ألى ما تتكه من ومستحرها للتصنيغ القدر بالبينة، الأور الذي يزد من مؤمات تاريخة، بإرثها الزاخر بحسن الضيافة وتبني المهارت البينية على الدوام ولعجها دورا مركزيا كمرطاً التي تؤدر سلبا على كوعب الأرض الذي تحيض أف

تجاري رئيس بالمنطقة، ما جملها وجهة حضرية وثقات منه..
ووصف يوعكيلا التقوث بـ «السافر بلا جواز تفصيله التقوث بـ «السافر بلا جواز خاد خلال من مرا الحصور.

جاء ذلك خلال مؤتم صحافي عقد ساء اسس على سلو، الذي يبلك فرود أفلاقه على الشقل عبر الحدود المسائمي المنتاح المورض والمنتائي المنتاف على المنتاز المسائمي المنتاز المنتا البيئية.

. ويرى يومكيلا أن العديد من الدول الثامنة محاحة ويرى يوسية المنطقة المنطقة التي توطين النبيئة. كما يحدم البيئة، كما يجب عليها استقطابها من الخارج ودعم جهود الإبحاث والتطوير بتبني تقنيات جديدة وابتكار تكنولوجيا محلية لتحل مشاكل التصنيع البيئية والتلوث. الى ذلك أشاد مدير عام الادارة العامة لحماية البيئة

عود المعاوية عين عدولت من المعتسون على المواطعة النهائية في وقت قريب. وبين الزياني ان البحرين ستعمل على 3 مراحل لدعم مفهوم النقنيات الخضراء تبدأ بعرحلة استقطاب

ستحرص على احتضان فعالبات المنتدى والمعرض سخورض على تحكمت نفعاليات المدين والوضح النا تعيش بحصورة سفوية بلغة توطيد مقووم تلقية استقدا وأضاف يومكيلا بالقول: «ن الواضح النا تعيش بحصورة سنوية بلغة توطيد مقهوم تلقية استقدا في عالم بات قدية صغيرة بترابط أجزاءه وتأثيرته "أخضر وزيادة الوعي بين الواطني بالمعينة الى درجة المباشرة، فأي حدث يصيب الليم معين ستنتقل تبعاته حاجتنا لها حتى في استخداماتنا اليومية.

عمه ورم المحدد التنبية الصناعية اليونيون لها، وشكر سعو الشيخ عبدالله بن حمد آل خليقة مدير د ذلك تقضل سعو الشيخ عبدالله بن حمد آل خليقة مدير الشخصي لجلالة الملك المغدى رئيس الهيئة العامة لتتلية الدعوة وحضوره الشخصي واهتمامه ودعمه لهذا

سبب المحرور ومسورة المعرض والمنتدى، كما تقدم سموه بالشكر لكافأة العاملين في هذه المنظمة على تعاونهم البناء مشيدا سموه بتجاوب الشركات العالمية المتخصصة في مجال التقنيات البيئية الخضراء التي شاركت في المعرض.

تساعد على الانتقال من السوق المحدودة إلى الأكثر اتساعا

البحرين تحتض جمعية "الامتيازات التجارية للشرق الأوسط"

اعتبر رئيسس جمعية الامتيازات التجارية للشرق الأوسط زكريا هجرسس أن إطلاق جمعية الامتيازات التجارية للشرق الأوسط في البدريس في قيمة مضافعة للاقتصاد الوطني، ودليل على أن البدرين تتمتع بمركز مالي مرموق.

وبـينَّ هجرس علـى هامش إعلان مركــز مينا للاستثمار وبالتعاون مع مكتب ترويج الاستثمار التابع لمنظمة الأمم المتحدة للتنمية الصناعية تدشين جمعية "الامتياز التجارية للثرق الأوسط في البحريــن"، أن المؤشرات الاقتصادية تشير إلى أن مبسريس ١٠٠٠ ميوسرات المستعملية تسير إلى ال حجم سوق الامتيازات يصل إلى 2.2 تريليون دولار في الولايات المتحدة الأمير كُية وساهم في خلق 18 مليون وظيفة

;" الجمعية بشـكل رئيس تعن وقال هجرس:" الجمعية بشكل رئيس تعنى بتطويـر أصحاب الأعمال الصفيرة والمتوسطة، وتشملُ الأعمال ذات الأَفكار المتطورة والذين يرغبون بالنمو ليس فقط داخل البحريس، بل وخارجها، لـذا فإن الجمعيـة ستساعد علـى إيجاد



· خلال تدشين الجمعية

تثريعــات متعلقــة بالامتيــازات وهــي صفة لدول العالم المتقدمة ودول الصين والدول الاقتصادية التي دققت نموا اقتصاديــا كبـيرا وخصوصا للصناعة الصغيرة والمتوسطة لها هذه التتريعات. أما الجانب الآخر، فإن الجمعية تساعد رجل أو سيدة الأعمال عند بداية المشروع في وضع الخطوات التكوينية للمشروع، وبالتالي هناك إجراءات توضع يمكن الرجوع لها مستقبلا، فعند نجاح فكرة المثروع يمكن بيعها وتسوقها ليسى داخل السوق المحلية

فقط، بـل في الأسواق الذارجيــة العالمية، وبالتالي تساعد في الانتقال من سوق محدودة إلى أسواق أكبر وأعم، ومي الأولى في منطقة الشرق الأوسط كافـة، واحتضنتها البحرين لمـا تتمتع به من مركز اقتصادي مالي مرموق، إضافة إلى الأفكار الكثيرة الإبداعية في البحرين وقصص النَّجاح الكثيرة، وهي تساعد البحرينيين للانتشار في الأسواق العالمية". وأكد هجرس أن المرحلة الأسـوا قد مرت وأن المرحلة القادمة هي مرحلة نمو خاصة في قطاع

متخذي القرار الاقتصادي التركيز عليها في الفترة المقبلة، فهي المرتبع الرئيس لُخلق فرص عمل وتوليد قيمة مضافة جديدة في الاقتصاد

ياق ذاته، يشار إلى أن عدد مؤسسي

الجمعية بلغ 10 مؤسسين. من جانبها، وجدت رئيس العمليات والائتمان في بنك الابداع شيماء نادر أن الجمعية مهمة جدا، اذ ي بعث الإبداع شيعة تادار ان التجميد موقع عداً إد كانــت بالنسبة لكثير من الأفــراد وخصوصا صغار التجــار مجرد دلم، موضحــة أن كبار التجار يمكنهم الخروج إلى الخـارج ويقومون بعمـل "الفرنشايز" اللازم لهم في الدول التي تحتاجها طبيعة تجارتهم، في حين أن ذلك يتعذر على المؤسسات الصغيرة والمتوسطة؛ لذا فإننا بمثابة مساند لهم، معتبرة ن الجمعية فرصة يتمناها الجميع خصوصا وأنها لا

تقتصر على السوق المحلية فقط. وعليه، أكدت شيماء أنــه سيكون هناك تعاون كبير بين البنك والجمعية لاسيما وأن البنك يتوجه حاليا لدعم العملاء الذين يعملون من داخل المنازل، ويحاولون الخروج بتجارتهم لسوق العمل واستصدار

السجـل التجاري الخاصى بهم، هـذا بالإضافة إلى العمـلاء الذيـن يملكون السجـل التجـاري، إذ تعد الجميعـة فرصتهم، إذَّ من خلالهـا يمكنهم الخروج من السوق المطيــة إلى السوق الخارجية، خصوصا وأنها ستذلل وتسمل الصعوبات كافة التى واجهما صغار التجار من حيث الضمانات، وحتى تسهيل المعاملات، متوقعـة أن التعاون بين البنك والجمعية سيكون بصورة جدية، إذ تأمل أن يكون مناك اجتماع بين البنك والجمعية؛ لوضع الأسس

التي من شأنها تسهيل عملية الانتقال. وواصلت شيماء أن الجمعيـة وضعت قواعد

ووانست سيه- ان البيعية ومعلو ووانس وأسس لدراسة المشاريع التي من شأنها أن تلاقي نجاء خارج البحرين. وعلى صعيد متصل قالت: "إن 3.5 آلاف مبدع استفادوا من تمويلات النبك منذ بدايته في العام 2009 وحتى 2011، مبينه أن تمويلات البنك كانت تبدأ من 200 دينار إلى 3 الاف وجدنا أن السوق يحتاج أكثر من ذلك قام البنك برفع سقـف التمويل إلى 5 آلاف دينار، مشيره إلى أن البنك حاليـا يدرس متطلبات العملاء من المبالغ

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توقع وزير شؤون البلديات والتذطيط العمراني جمعة الكتبي أن يتحقق الاكتفاء الذاتي لعدد من ألد الرئيسيــة التي من ضمنها الخضــروات خلال خمس سنوات

وقــال خلال وضع حجر اساس مشروع الحاضنات الزراعية ركزنا وست خلال المثروع على دعم صفــار التجار من الشارع البحريني حيـــّ مــن خلال المثروع على دعم صفــار التجار من الشارع البحريني حيـــّـ نأمــل ان يساهم بشكل فاعل في تعزيز التنميــة الزراعية المستدام كثمرة تعاون مشترك بين القطاع العام والخاص والمنظمات الاقليمية ذات الاختصاص والذي يهدف الى بناء قدرات بثرية وطنيـة في مجال التنميـة الزراعية تسمم في ايجاد جيـل جُديد قادر علـى النموض بالقطاع الزراعي من خلال احدث التقنيات والوسائل الحديثة في مجـال الانتاج الزراعـي وتبني افكار زراعيــة استثمارية تؤملهــم للتحول بعرعة من باحثــين عن عمل إلــى أصحاب مشاريع قــُادرة على توفير فرص عمل للآخرين ومستثمرين مطيين ساعين إلــى التكتولوجيــا المتقدمـة بمـا سوف يضـع اللبنة الأمـم في بناء مشاريع زراعية قائمة على أحدث نظم الزراعة المتطورة لتساهم عالية الجودة وبتكاليف إنتاج أقل مما يؤدي الى استقرار اسعار المنتجات الزراعية وتوفرها من جهة ومن جهة اخرى تعزيز امة البيئية من خلال المحافظة على الموارد الطبيعية كالأرض والمياه وغيرها.

يريد. ت الـى أن التوجه بعد هـورة عالي سيكون الـى المحافظة الجنوبية على مساحة 60 هكتارا.

أُضَافَ: "قامت الوزارة بتخصيص قطعة ارض بمساحة 2 هكتــار بهورة عالى ويضم المشروع في مرحلته الأولى ثمانية وحدات إنتاج مبردة بإجمالي مساحة 4500 متر مربع ومبني إداري يضم



قاعــات التدريب والمعامل إضافة للمنشاَت الضرورية الأخرى والتي تشمل غرفة إنبات البنذور ومستودع الفرز والتبريد وغرف مضخا التغذية ووحدة لانتاج المياه المحلاة، كما حرصت الوزارة على توفير ضمانات التسويق فأعدت ضمن المثروع محلات تجارية تسوق من خلالها منتجات رواد الأعمال".

وتابع "كما راعت الوزارة وبالتنسيق مع شكائها الفاعلين ى راسهم منظمة الأمم المتحدة للتتمية الصناعية الإستفادة من تجربة المركز العربي لتنمية رواد الأعمال (آرنست) في وضع البرامج دريبيــة الفنية والإدراية للحاضنة التي تشمل تتمية قدرات رواد الأعمال وتقديم المشورة الفنية والربط التكنولوجي والمعرفي والربط المالي بمصادرالتمويل المحلية ومن شم الاحتضان داخل الحاضنـة أو خارِجهـا حسب مقتضيات كل مشروع. كما أن الحاضنة ستولي اهتماما أُكبر لتدريب رواد الأعمال على نَظَم الزراعة الحديثة كالزراعة بـدون تربة والزراعات الراسية المكثفة وكل ما من شأنه

زيادة الإنتاج وضمان الاستغلال المثل للموارد الزراعية" وقـــّال "حرصــت وزارة شؤون البلديــات والتخطيــط العمراني وضمن معطيات برنامج عمل الحكومة الموقرة برئاسة صاحب السمو الملكي الأمير خليفة بـن سلمـان آل خليفة رئيس الـوزراء الموقر حفظه الله ورعاه والرؤية الاقتصادية 2030 والاستراتيجية الوطنية على وضع استراتيجية وطنية للتنمية الزراعية المستدامة في مملكة البحريين ولقد تضمنت هذه إلاستراتيجية التي حظيت باهتمام ومتابعة صاحبة السمو الملكي الأميرة سبيكة بنت إبراهيم آل خليفة قرينـة عاهل البـلاد مجموعة من الاهـداف الاستر اتيجية لتعزيز دور الزراعة في تحقيــق الامن الغذائي والتنمية المستدامة ومنها الرعاية الاولية الزراعية واستخدام التقنيات الحديثة ودعم صغار المزارعين من خلال توفير الارشاد الزراعي والخدمات الزراعية وتوفير المعدات والتدريب على استخدام التقنيات الحديثة والاساليب المتطورة في

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الزراعي ودعم وبناء القدرات في مجال التنمية الزراعية". ومن جانبه قال رئيس مجلس امناء المركز العربي الاقليمي لتتمية وتدريب رواد الاعمال الشيخ إبراهيم بن خليفة آل خليفة ان الدول العربية بحاجة الى أن "تستثمر 144 مليار دولار من الآن والى العـام 2030 حتى تعمل على تحقيـق المتطلبات الغذائية لشعوبها وذلك استنادا لما ذكرت المنظمة العربية للتنمية الزراعية في تقريرها الاخير، ناهيك عن تحقيق الامن الغذائي في المنظمة العربية الـذي اصبح يشكل عبئا حيـث ان اسعار السلع الزراعية على ارتفاع متواصل منذ العام 2008 علما ان الـدول العربية تعتمد فقط على بشكا ، ضغطا اضافيا للدول المنتجة اذا قامت هذه الدول بتحويل صادراتها الغذائية الى اسواقها الداخلية".

واضاف "تشير الدراســات الحديثة في هذا المجال الى ان تدرّ المساحات المخصصة للزراعة في الدول العربية والافتقار الى المياه ادى الـى زيـادة نسب استـير اد المـواد الغذائيــة الاساس اصبحت المنطقة العربية تستورد ما يقارب 90 % من احتياجاتها الغذائيــة وعليــه فــان الفاتــورةُ الغذائيــةُ في دول الخليــج تحد ستصل الى 53 مليار دولار في العام 2020 أي بزيادة تقدر بـ 105 %، وبناء عليه فان فكرة انشاء الحاضنات الزراعية تهدف الى تحفي وايجاد رواد الاعمال المزارعين لانشاء مثروعات زراعية متخصصة رايب و المستوى الانتاج الزراعي فقط على مستوى الانتاج الزراعي بـل ايضًا لفتح المجـال امام التصنيع الفذائي والــذي بدوره يؤدي الــى ايجاد فرص عمل للشباب في القطاعــات الانتاجية والاسهام في تحقيق الامن الغذائي، مشيرا الى إن العمل على تتمية رواد الاعمال المزارعين في البحرين مبني على آلية النم وذج البحريني من خلال مرحلة ما قبل الاحتضان ومرحلة الاحتضان".

وزير البلديات يدشن مشروع الحاضنات الزراعية



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