

**Under the Auspices of
the President of the Republic of Türkiye
H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**



The International Arab Banking Summit “Istanbul 2024”

“Arab – Turkish Economic and Banking Relationships”

23rd – 24th of May, 2024

The Peninsula Hotel

Istanbul – Türkiye

Agenda & Timetable

Thursday 23rd May 2024

08:00 – 09:00

Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 10:15

Opening Speeches

- Chairman of Union of Arab Banks, **Mr. Mohamed El Etreby**
- Chairman of Banks Association of Türkiye, **Mr. Alpaslan Çakar**

Keynote Speeches

- **H.E Mr. Mehmet Simsek**, Minister of Treasury and Finance, The Republic of Türkiye

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10:15 – 10:45

Award Ceremony.

“Arab Banker of the Year 2024”

Mrs. Randa Sadik, Group CEO, Arab Bank, Jordan

Award announcements:

Dr. Wissam H. Fattouh, Secretary General, Union of Arab Banks

Memorial Group Photo – “Istanbul 2024 Summit”



10:45 – 11:00

Networking, Coffee break & visit to the exhibition accompanying the Summit

11:00 – 12:30

Panels of Discussion:

Panel 1: “Arab-Turkish strategic economic cooperation in light of global geopolitical tensions”

- Achieving an Arab-Turkish economic alliance
- Collaboration in energy sector and renewable energy
- Boosting bilateral trade
- Conditions to promote bilateral FDI

Keynote Speech:

- **E. Mr. Amin Salam**, Minister of Economy & Trade, Lebanon
- **E. Mr. Atheer Dawood Al Ghirairi**, Minister of Commerce, Iraq
- **E. Mrs. Hala Helmi Said**, Minister of Planning & Economic Development, Egypt
- **Senior Official** – Ministry of Economy and Planning, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- **Senior Official** – Ministry of State for Foreign Trade, U.A.E.

- **E. Amb. Nikolaus Meyer-Landrut**, Head of EU Delegation to Türkiye

Moderator:

Coffee Break & Networking

Panel 2: **“Arab-Turkish economic & banking relationships: the road to regional banking integration”**

- Economic cooperation
- Arab-Turkish banking alliances
- Cooperation in Digital Banking and Open Banking
- Expansion of Arab banks in Turkey and vice versa

Panelists:

- **Senior Executive from the Central Bank of KSA**
- **Senior Executive from the Central Bank of Egypt**
- **Dr. Osman Cevdet Akçay**, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Türkiye
- **Mrs. Didem Şahin Çakmak**, Executive Vice President- Corporate Banking, Alternatif Bank, Türkiye

Moderator:

12:30 – 12:45

12:45 – 14:00



14:00

Luncheon & free Networking (end of day one activities)

N.B.: UAB & FBF reserves the right to modify the program as it sees fit

Friday 24th of May 2024

09:00 – 09:30

Opening Speech:

H.E. Dr. Fatih Karahan, Governor of The Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye

09:30 – 10:45

Panel 3: “Global economic growth & monetary conditions”

- *Impact of geopolitical tensions on growth & Interruption of international trade and supply chains*
- *Impact of high interest rates on inflation*
- *Movement of global capital flows and investments*
- *Role of Islamic finance in diversifying economic growth avenues*
- *Global growth slowdown*

Panelists:



- **Gabriel Di Bella**, Senior Resident Representative for the Republic of Türkiye – International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- **Adnan Yousif**, Chairman, Association of Banks in Bahrain
- **Peter Simon**, Managing Director, WSBI-ESBG, Brussels
- **Hedwige Nuyens**, Managing Director, The International Banking Federation (IBFED), London
- **Iyad Asali**, General Manager, Islamic International Arab Bank, Jordan
- **Levent Guven**, Exec. Vice President – Treasury and Financial Institutions, Alternatif Bank, Türkiye

Coffee Break & Networking

Panel 4: “ Financial Technology and Digital Banking “

- *Digital transformation in banking*
- *Banks and Fintech firms: cooperation or competition?*
- *Artificial Intelligence changing banking landscape*

Panelists:

- **Onur Kursun**, Executive Vice President-Head of Transfer Solutions/ EEMEA, Mastercard International
- **Halil Ozcan**, Executive Vice President/ Digital Bankir
Burgan Bank, Türkiye

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- **Sallianne Taylor**, Principal Advisor, Bloomberg L.P, London
- **Burcu Civelek Yüce**, Executive Vice President – Consumer Banking and Digital Solutions, AKBANK, Türkiye

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Coffee Break & Networking

Panel 4: “ **Climate risks and food security** “

- *Climate changes and its repercussions on food security*
- *Arab-Turkish cross-border food production investments*
- *Water security challenges*
- *Impact of climate risks on financial stability*

Panelists:

- **Achraf Bouali**, Head for OECD Istanbul Center for Global Relations
- **Sahba Sobhani**, Director – UNDP Istanbul International Center for
- **Eric Usher**, Head of the United Nations Environment Programme’s Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), Switzerland

- **Carol Cherfane**, Director/ Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies; Cluster Leader, Climate Change & Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster / UN-ESCWA
- **Hale Özsoy Bıyıklı**, Board Member and Treasurer, Impact Investing Advisory Board (EYDK), Türkiye

Moderator:

Ms. Pelin Ataman Erdönmez, Director of Sustainability,
Banks Association of Türkiye

Summits' Conclusion

Luncheon & free Networking

13:30 – 14:00

14:00

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