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# Conference correlates between 'New Kuwait,' UN Sustainable Development Goals

## Sessions held as part of International Anti-Corruption Conference

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**KUWAIT:** The Public Anti-Corruption Authority's (Nazaha) official spokesperson and Secretary General for Corruption Investigation Mohammed Bozabr told Kuwait Times that an international anti-corruption conference in Kuwait focuses on the correlation between the 'New



Mohammed Bozabr

Kuwait' vision 2035 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030 to define Kuwait's efforts in promoting integrity, providing a global platform to support these efforts and stimulating international dialogue on corruption risks and ways to address them in order to contribute to the achievement of the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The conference, titled 'Integrity for Development,' is being held under the auspices of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at the Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Centre. Bozabr said the session on the first day discussed the new generation of national anti-corruption strategies, successful corruption prevention practices in the public sector and the importance of integrity for competitiveness and the business environment.

"On the second day, the first session discussed 'Transparency and its Role in Enhancing Citizens' Trust in State Institutions' moderated by Sheikh Salem Abdulaziz Al-Sabah, former governor of the Kuwait Central Bank, along with speakers from Lebanon, France and the United

States. The 'Current State of the Indicators on Integrity and Corruption and the Way Forward' session will shed light on the importance of indicators in measuring the performance of countries and their role in promoting integrity and transparency. Experts are here to expand the role of



### Promoting a combating corruption strategy

these indicators, measurements and follow-up to reach the best and appropriate arrangement for the country," Bozabr noted.

Bozabr added that the last session discussed 'Safeguarding the Sustainable Development Goals against Corruption Risks,' which confirmed the importance of supporting the sustainable development of Kuwait and how development is the main goal to achieve the 2035 vision of Kuwait. He revealed that the end of the conference will have a declaration to highlight Kuwait's efforts in promoting transparency, integrity and competitiveness in state institutions. Kuwait is aiming to promote a strategy in the future in several conferences to raise awareness on the risks of corruption and means to address them, as well as promoting the role of society and civil society organizations in combating corruption.



**KUWAIT:** A session held during the conference titled 'Integrity for Development' and moderated by Sheikh Salem Abdulaziz Al-Sabah. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

## Kuwait's democratic experiment extolled

**KUWAIT:** Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union's (AMU) shura council Said Moqaddam commended yesterday Kuwait's democratic experiment shown by the National Assembly which has been playing a vital and key role on local and international arenas. The democratic practice at the National Assembly is an example for other Arab parliaments to follow, Moqaddam told Al-Dustur news network. He also appreciated the National Assembly's effective contributions to the sessions of the

Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) that have shown Kuwait's parliamentary diplomacy which moved to international levels, describing it as 'effective and influential.'

The Kuwaiti parliament has been committed to defending the Palestinian cause and proven the efficiency of Kuwait's parliamentary diplomacy on international levels, he said. He also lauded National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem's firm stance in defending continually the Palestinian cause, describing it as 'honorable.' He said that his visit came upon an invitation by Chairman of Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) Allam Al-Kandari that aims to discuss the Association's resolutions taken during a meeting on June 12 in Cairo. He referred to forming a committee to prepare a functional guideline to unify the legislative drafting in all Arab countries. —KUNA

## Former ministers appointed to Supreme Petroleum Council

**KUWAIT:** An Amiri decree was issued to appoint new members in the Supreme Petroleum Council for three years effective Jan 15, 2019. According to decree number 19/2019, the council will include former finance minister Mustafa Al-Shamali, former social affairs minister Hind Al-Sabeeh, former oil minister Essam Al-Marzouq and Abdul Hadi Al-Awwad, in addition to Essam Al-Bahar, Abdul Mohsen Al-Haneef and Abdul Aziz Al-Ibrahim from the previous council. The dismissed members include Suleiman Al-Omani, Mohammed Al-Dowaihees, Essa Al-Mazeedi and Mohammed Humoud Al-Hajeri.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah issued a number of decisions on reshuffling and appointing a number of senior police commanders. The minister's decisions included appointing Maj Gen



Hind Al-Sabeeh



Essam Al-Marzouq

Fuad Al-Athari as the Capital security commander, Maj Gen Saud Al-Khodor as facilities security commander, Maj Gen Mahmoud Al-Tabbakh as criminal evidence director, Maj Gen Wael Al-Roumi as coordination director, Maj Gen Abdullah Al-Hajeri as backup and maintenance director, Maj Gen Abdullah Al-Ali as Farwaniya security commander, Brig Abdullah Al-Saffah as Mubarak Al-Kabeer security commander, Brig Khaled Al-Kandari as Hawally security commander, Brig Ali Al-Ahaimar as Ahmadi security commander, Brig Hamad Al-Barrak as traffic director, Brig Ismail Al-Yaseen as IT director and Brig Hamad Al-Saad as force affairs director.

Sheikh Khaled also ordered transferring Maj Gen Saleh Mutar and Maj Gen Abdeen Al-Abdeen, Brig Abdullah Al-Wehaib and Brig Hammad Al-Enezi and Lt Col Bader bin Najem to MoI headquarters. He also referred Maj Gen Shehab Al-Shemmari to retirement. — Al-Anbaa

Mustafa Al-Shamali

## KFH participates in Horeca Kuwait

**KUWAIT:** Minister of State for Economic Affairs Mariam Al-Aqeel praised the role of Kuwait Finance House (KFH) in the national economy, hailing its efforts in supporting the youth and the small and medium enterprises SMEs. "This contributes in diversifying economy and achieving the comprehensive development in the country," she added.

The Minister's statement was made on the sidelines of opening the hospitality and foodservice Horeca Kuwait 2019 exhibition that brought together major players in the hospitality, catering and food industry sectors in Kuwait and beyond.

Senior Manager Media and Government Relations at KFH Mohammed Alfaris received recognition shield from the Minister, affirming KFH's commitment towards supporting the initiatives that add value to the economy while improving entrepreneurship environment. KFH participated in Horeca Kuwait in efforts to increase communication with its customers in different places



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and occasions. KFH demonstrated its financial products and services to the exhibition visitors and the participating companies. The exhibition lasted for 3 days at Kuwait International Fairground in Mishref.

## ABK celebrates nine employees' graduation from IBS

**KUWAIT:** Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently celebrated the graduation of nine employees who successfully passed professional courses held at the Institute of Banking Studies (IBS). The graduation ceremony took

place at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce on January 15, 2019. Graduates were from IBS's Certified Bank Branch Manager (CBBM), Certified Credit Management (CCM), Certified Manager (CM), Professional Selling Skills, Strategic Management Performance System and Learning Needs Assessments.

ABK is committed to investing in its employees and ensuring that they have every opportunity to fulfill their career potential. The bank is a keen supporter of IBS's specialized training programs which offer high caliber internationally accredited programs designed to specifically address the needs of Kuwait's banking sector.



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