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Bridging Finance and Enterprise across Africa

AGENDA



9th November, 2026

Kempinski Palace Cairo
New Cairo, Egypt

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TIME	ACTIVITIES	DUR.
12:30 - 13:00	**NETWORKING BREAKFAST**	30 min
13:00 - 13:30	**REGISTRATION FOR BOE EVENT**	30 min
13:30 - 13:45	**OPENING CEREMONY** **H.E. Mr. Yousef Khalawi,** Secretary General of Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD) **H.E. Dr. Sherif El-Gabaly,** First Vice president of the Board of Directors of the COMESA Business Council (CBC) **H.E. Mr. Waleed El-Zomor,** Minister-Counselor and Head of the African Countries and Organizations Department at the Egyptian Commercial Service (ECS)	15 min
13:45 - 14:00	**LAUNCHES** **Launching of ICCD Report:** "Entrepreneurship: Global Insights on Africa and the Islamic World" **Launching of ICTA Trade & Export Development Track** **PRESENTATION OF COMMEMORATIVE SHIELDS** **MOU SIGNING:** **MOU signing between ICCD & Egyptian Exporters Association (EEA) ExpoLink** **MOU signing between ICCD & Gaza Chamber of Commerce and Industry**	15 min
14:00 - 14:10	**TALK** **"Why Africa, Why Now: 57 Countries, One Opportunity"** **SPEAKER** **Mr. Wael El Desouki Bedda,** Secretary General of Saleh Kamel Sustainable Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development Organization (SKSEED)	10 min
14:10 - 14:20	**TALK** **"Sub-Saharan Africa's Startup Decade: From Hubs to Connected Ecosystems"** **SPEAKER** **H.E. Dr. Summy Smart Francis,** President of the Global Entrepreneurship Festival (GEF) & Special Adviser on Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Investment to the Nigerian Government (Ondo State)	10 min

14:20 - 15:05

PANEL SESSION

45 min

"Banking on Africa's Entrepreneurs: Unlocking Finance, Markets and Growth"

MODERATOR

H.E. Mr. Mustafa Wafeek, Head of SME Non-Financial Services and Business Development Hubs at Banque du Caire

PANELISTS

H.E. Mr. Noureddine Mabrouk, Manager of Cairo Regional Hub at the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)

H.E. Mr. Abdourahmane Diaw, Country Manager of Egypt at the African Development Bank (AfDB)

H.E. Mr. Farag Mohamed Abdelwahed, Head of Cairo office at the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)

H.E. Mr. Hafedh Ben Afia, Regional Chief Operating Officer for North African Region at African Export–Import Bank (Afreximbank)

15:05 - 15:20

FIRE SIDE CHAT

15 min

"Choosing the Right Capital: A Founder's Perspective on Equity, Debt & Alternative Funding"

SPEAKERS

Mr. Mohamed Shehab El-din, CEO & Founder of RESOLVE Consulting
Mr. Loay El-Shawarby , Principal El-Shawarby Attorneys at Law

LUNCH TIME 15:20–16:20 (1HOUR)

16:20 - 17:05

PANEL SESSION

45 min

"From Local Enterprise to Regional Growth: Scaling Investment-Ready Businesses across Africa"

MODERATOR

Mr. Amr Elabassy, General Manager at EdVentures

PANELISTS

Dr. Ahmed Osman, Chairman of Global Entrepreneurship Network- Egypt
Dr. Hany Ayaad, Executive Director of Innovators Support Fund (ISF)
Dr. Omar Shoukry Sakr, Founder & CEO of Nawah Scientific
Dr. Alaa Khalifa, Board Member of the Global Entrepreneurship Festival (GEF) & Vice President of the IPADA Initiative for the African Diaspora & CEO of Digital Experts Marketing Consultancy. L.L.C

17:05 - 17:50

WORKSHOP

45 min

"Idea to Impact: Financing Africa's Entrepreneurial Future"

TRAINER

Dr. Youssef Al-Youssef, Business Analysis Director at Argaam Investments

COFFEE BREAK AND PRAYER (15 MIN)

18:05 - 18:50

WORKSHOP

45 min

"Idea to Impact: Financing Africa's Entrepreneurial Future"

TRAINER

Dr. Youssef Al-Youssef, Business Analysis Director at Argaam Investments