

# “Kuwaiti-German Partnership in the Fields of Technology, Innovation, Science and Research”

A German Week presented by  
The German Embassy and Kuwait University (Prof. Dr. Muna Ali, Head of the Euro-Gulf Research Unit and Professor of Political Sciences, College of Social Sciences, Department of Political Sciences)

In cooperation with  
German Chamber of Commerce and Industry GCC States/Abu Dhabi  
Goethe Institute GCC States/Abu Dhabi  
German Academic Exchange Service GCC States (DAAD)/Abu Dhabi  
German International Cooperation (GIZ), Eschborn/Germany  
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Regional Program Gulf States/Abu Dhabi  
German Business Council Kuwait (GBCK)  
Daimler AG, Stuttgart/Germany  
Lufthansa German Airlines  
Siemens Kuwait  
Holiday Inn Hotel, Salmiya/Kuwait  
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A.R.Albisher&Z.Alkazemi Co. (Mercedes-Benz)  
Ali Alghanim&Sons Automotive Co. (BMW)  
Fouad Alghanim&Sons Automotive. Co. (Audi)  
Jafar Behbehani Tristar Motorcycles Est. (BMW Motorcycles)  
Behbehani Motors Company (Porsche Centre and Volkswagen Centre)

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This project intends to present Germany as a leading world player in technology, innovation, science and research to the Kuwaiti academic sector, the business community and the Kuwaiti public in general. In addition, it will highlight the successful bilateral cooperation between Kuwait and Germany in various fields.

Through presentations, speeches, discussions, exhibitions the “German Week” - in cooperation with the above-mentioned institutions as well as Kuwaiti counterparts – will put the main focus on the economic and science sectors, but also on most recent regional aspects of political and social sciences.

## Programme

(as of 2 October, 2011)

### Thursday October 6, 2011:

19.00 hours Keynote speech  
“**Germany and the Middle East Region. Political and Economic Aspects**”  
by **Ambassador (ret.) Dr. Gunter Mulack**, Director of the German Orient Institute, Berlin  
at the German Ambassador’s Residence (Mishref, Block 5, Street 8, Lane 1, House 10).  
(by invitation only)

**Sunday October 9, 2011:**

10.30 hours **Official Opening** of the German Week at Kuwait University  
(Shuwaikh Campus, Sheikh Abdallah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Theatre (Qaa al Mustadira, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**National Anthems** of Kuwait and Germany

**Words of Welcome and Presentation of Speakers**

by **Prof. Dr. Muna Al-Mohammed Ali**, Head of the Euro-Gulf Research Unit and Professor of Political Sciences, College of Social Sciences, Kuwait University

Opening Speech

**H.H. Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah**, Prime Minister (tbc)

Introductory Speeches

**H.E. Ambassador Frank M. Mann**, German Ambassador to Kuwait

**Prof. Dr. Abdul-Reda Assiri**, Dean, College of Social Sciences, Kuwait University

Coffee Break

11.30 hours **Aspects of the Kuwaiti-German Relationship**

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Muna Al-Mohammed Ali**

Presentations:

**“Political and Diplomatic Relations between Kuwait and Germany”**

by **H.E. Ambassador Waleed Alkhubaizi**, Head of Europe Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tbc)

**“Relations between Kuwait and Germany. A Story of Success”**

by **H.E. Ambassador Frank M. Mann**

**“Kuwait – A Key Partner for Germany in the GCC Region”**

by **Dr. Peter Goepfrich**, The Delegate of German Industry and Trade GCC States/Dubai

Discussion

12.45 hours **Open Air Concert** of the **Youth Jazz Orchestra of the German State of North-Rhine-Westphalia** at Kuwait University  
(Terrace outside Sheikh Abdallah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Theatre (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

13.15 hours Buffet Lunch

14.30 hours **Political Changes in the Arab World and the EU Stance**

Moderator: **Ambassador Waleed Alkhubaizi** (tbc)

Presentations:

**“Recent Developments in the Arab World”**

by **Ambassador (ret.) Dr. Gunter Mulack**, Director of the German Orient Institute, Berlin, (former German Ambassador to Kuwait)

**“Kuwaiti-German Relationships – A Kuwaiti Perspective”**

by **Ambassador (ret.) Faisal Al-Ghais** (former Ambassador of Kuwait to Germany)

**Panel discussion with EU Ambassadors to Kuwait**

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19.00 hours **Reception** on the occasion of the **German National Day** (Day of German Unity)  
hosted by **H.E. Ambassador Frank M. Mann** at the German Ambassador’s Residence (Mishref, Block 5, Street 8, Lane 1, House 10).  
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### **Monday, October 10, 2011:**

10.00 hours **Economic Aspects of the Kuwaiti-German Relationships**

Moderator: **Nedhal A. Al-Olayan**, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (tbc)

Presentations:

**”Potentials for Investment and Industrial Cooperation between Germany and Kuwait”**

by **Dr. Peter Goepfrich**, The Delegate of German Industry and Trade GCC States/Dubai

**“Investment Strategies of Kuwait”**

by **Zahi Al-Awadi**, Senior Investment Manager, Kuwait Investment Authority (tbc)

**“The German Business Council Kuwait (GBCK): Promoting Bilateral Business Relations”**

by **Ralph Geyer**, Chairman, GBCK

Discussion

Coffee Break

11.30 hours **Germany a Leading World Player in the Automotive Sector**

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Saad Al-Kazemi**, College of Business Administration, Kuwait University

Presentations:

**“125 years Automotive Industry in Germany –  
New developments in the German automotive sector”  
by Prof. Dr. Bharat Balasubramanian**

Vice President Product Innovations & Process Technologies  
Group Research & Advanced Engineering, Daimler AG, Stuttgart/Germany

**N.N., Albisher&Alkazemi Co.** (Mercedes Benz, tbc)

**Ali Murad Yousuf Behbehani** (Behbehani Motors Company, Porsche Centre and Volkswagen Centre, tbc)

**N.N.** Kuwait (BMW, tbc)

**Mohammad Fouad Alghanim** (Fouad Alghanim&Sons Automotive. Co., Audi)

**Jaafar Behbehani** (Tri Star BMW Motorcycles, tbc)

Discussion

12.45 hours **Inauguration (Ribbon cutting) of German Car Exhibition** on the premises of Kuwait University (with media)  
(outside Main Entrance of Sheikh Abdallah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Theatre (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

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10.30 hours **Open Air Concert and Music Workshop of the Youth Jazz Orchestra of the German State of North-Rhine-Westphalia** at the **American University of Kuwait**

19.00 hours **Concert of the Youth Jazz Orchestra of the German State of North-Rhine-Westphalia** at the **Hotel “Holiday Inn” in Salmiya/Kuwait**, Ballroom  
(by invitation only)

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011:**

10.00 hours **Cultural Aspects of the Kuwaiti-German Relationship**

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Hussain Al-Ansari**, Library Sciences and Information Dep., Kuwait University

Presentations:

**“The Government Scholarship Programmes of Kuwait”**

by **Prof. Dr. Khaled Al-Saad**, Undersecretary, Ministry of Higher Education, (tbc)

**“Kuwaiti-German Scientific Cooperation in the Health Care sector”**

by **Dr. Ibrahim A. Al-Abdulhadi**, Undersecretary, Ministry of Health, (tbc)

**“Studying in Germany”**

by **Dr. Joachim Kolb**, German Academic Exchange Service GCC States (DAAD)/Abu Dhabi

Discussion

**Wednesday, October 12, 2011:**

10.00 hours **Energy and Environmental Protection I**

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Ghanem Al-Najjar**, Department of Political Sciences, Kuwait University

Presentations:

**“New Developments in the Energy sector - Renewable Energies”**

by **Adrian K. Wood**, Regional Director – Renewable Energy Middle East, Siemens, Dubai/UAE

**“Environment and Renewable Energies – A Kuwaiti Perspective”**

by **Ghadeer G. Al-Saqabi**, Secretary General, Renewable Energy Development Organization (REDO) (tbc)

**”Energy efficiency in a national context – Benefits for state, business and consumers”**

by **Dr. Nikolaus Supersberger**, GIZ Germany

Discussion

Coffee Break

11.15 hours **Energy and Environmental Protection II**

Moderator: **Dr. Faisal Abu-Sulaib**, Department of Political Sciences, Kuwait University

Presentations:

**“Protection of the environment: To Improve Quality of Life”**

by **Capt. Ali A. Haider**, Deputy Director General, Environment Public Authority/EPA

**“Environmental Monitoring in Kuwait”**

by **Mohammad D. Al-Ahmad**, EPA, Head of the Environmental Monitoring Information System of Kuwait, Environment Public Authority, (tbc)

**“Smart Solutions for scarce Water Resources – GIZ Expertise on the Arabian Peninsula”**

by **Prof. Dr. Randolph Rausch**, GIZ Germany

**“Managing Food Safety in the Gulf Region”**

by **Dr. Robert Bambauer**, GIZ Germany

Discussion

12.30 hours Coffee Break and Refreshments

(separately closed Working Lunch, GIZ Experts, Representatives of Kuwait Government and Agencies and other invited guests, hosted by GIZ/Germany in side room of Auditorium 1<sup>st</sup> floor)

14.00 hours **Closing Speeches**

**Prof. Dr. Muna Al-Mohammed Ali**, Head of the Euro-Gulf Research Unit and Professor of Political Sciences

**Dr. Armin Koessler**, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy

thereafter **German Week Raffle Draw**

**Prizes:**

- 2 **flight tickets by Lufthansa German Airlines to Germany**,
- 2 **Weekend Test-Drive vouchers**, one for a **Mercedes-Benz E-Coupe** and the other for a **Mercedes-Benz GLK**, by Albisher & Alkazemi Co.,
- 1 **Dinner Voucher for 4 Persons** in a Restaurant of the **Hotel Holiday Inn, Salmiya/Kuwait**,
- 2 **Dinner Vouchers for 2 Persons each** in a Restaurant of the **Hotel Moevenpick, Shuwaikh/Kuwait**

*All attendees of the events can participate (organizers and their staff as well as the speakers are excluded)!*

**End of the German Week**