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### High-ranking representatives from the Mashriq and Gulf Region attend the EMA Forum in the Federal Foreign Office, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Hamburg - "We are determined to further strengthen our economic relations with the Gulf States, especially in the energy and health sectors", stated Federal Foreign Minister Dr. Guido Westerwelle concerning the bilateral relations to the states neighbouring the Gulf (AA, 06.05.2012). Not only for this reason, the German-Arab organisation EMA and the Federal Foreign Office initiated the "EMA Forum for the Mashriq and Gulf States". Under the patronage of the Federal Foreign Minister, 200 German and Arab representatives of the political, business, science and civil society sectors will gather on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 to discuss the possibilities for future cooperation.

Since the so-called "Arab Spring", the Mashriq and Gulf States are of enormous importance to Germany's foreign trade and politics. As a geographical link between Asia, Africa and Europe, the region is a valuable bridge for successful economic cooperation.

Against this background, high-ranking German and Arab representatives will discuss in eight workshops topics relevant to successful foreign trade and leading branches for sustainable development. Experts and businessmen will share their experiences and develop goal-orientated concepts as well as present their latest projects. The variety of topics ranges from "Legal Framework for a Secure Business" to "Business Women for Economic Growth" as well as "Health Care and Life Sciences".

The framework programme, which is to take place on the second day of the forum, consists of a historic tour of Potsdam, a reception in the Federal State Government of Brandenburg and a visit of the new Berlin-Brandenburg Airport (under construction). It offers lots of networking-opportunities. The forum is concluded by an exclusive gala dinner in the delegate's restaurant in the German Federal Parliament.

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