

ACC inaugurates the 3rd German Arab Energy & Environment Forum



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Amman Chamber of Commerce/Amman- On behalf of HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal, former minister of water and irrigation, Dr. Hazem Al Nasser patronized the events of the 3rd German Arab Energy & Environment Forum at the premises of Amman Chamber of Commerce on Sunday.

The forum, organized by the ACC in collaboration with the Euro-Mediterranean Arab Association, aimed at discussing the scarcity of natural resources mainly water.

The forum also aimed to exploring innovation opportunities available for the private sector in (MENA) countries, which lead to opening many fields.

The EMA is a regional association for German businesspeople and entrepreneurs engaged in fostering cooperation and international understanding between Germany, Europe, and the Mediterranean and Middle East region.

It connects economic, political, and academic decision makers and multipliers from a variety of countries and sectors. This makes the EMA an excellent platform for mutual exchange that has proven to be an independent and reliable interlocutor for the region.

Al Nasser, in his speech at the ACC, pointed at pressure of the Syrian refugee's crisis on Jordan's natural resources, stressing the need to focus on this issue and its consequences on the national economy.

Al Nasser also called for finding a motivating environment for entrepreneurs to find tangible solution for challenges faced by the kingdom in the issues concerning water, energy and environment.

The German Ambassador to Jordan, Birgitta Siefker-Eberle indicated Germany's commitment on supporting Jordan in water, energy and environment sectors with an aim to reach sustainable environment in light of the difficult access to these resources.

Her Excellency added that Jordan's energy bill is high due to its dependence on petroleum derivatives, indicating her country's durable support in establishing joint ventures in energy generation plants in the kingdom.

Siefker-Eberle appreciated the role that Jordan plays in receiving people affected by political crises in the region, stating that Jordan, like any other country in the region, suffers from many challenges most notably water, energy and environment.

On his side, the founder and chairman of Talal Abu Ghazaleh Group Dr. Talal Abu Ghazaleh stressed the importance of raising awareness among people on environment and green energy issues, saying that his group will fully depend on the solar power to produce its own energy.

He added that the world is about to face a new economic crisis in 2020, and that Jordan must get ready to face the consequences of this crisis by producing renewable energy and not depending on the limited natural resources.

Chairman of Amman Chamber of Commerce, H.E. Mr. Khalil El Haj Tawfiq stated that water scarcity issue in Jordan is pivotal which needs to be addressed, adding that this demands joint action on national strategies and plans to confront climate change challenges and the influence of the refugees crisis on light of water challenges.

The Chairman added that these challenges will force people to turn to producing renewable energy; this must be built on a tangible cooperation between industrial companies, businesses and scientific organizations in this domain.

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