



# IRAQ FINANCE 2016

Third International Conference & Exhibition on  
Finance and Banking Service in Iraq

7-8 March 2016, Beirut, Lebanon

## Preliminary Agenda

Day 1	7 March 2016
8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Networking Coffee
09:00-09:05	Welcome speech by hosts Symexco
09:05-10:35	<p><b>Strengthening the Finance Sector to promote economic growth and investment in Iraq</b></p> <p>Speakers welcome the Iraq Finance 2016 delegates and give an overview of the key policies and priorities for strengthening Iraq's financial and economic development.</p> <p><b>Keynote Speakers:</b>            Ali Al-Alaq, Governor of the Central Bank of Iraq            Hushiar Zebari, Minister of Finance (TBC)            Mohamed al-Daraji, Minister of Industry and Mining            Ahmed Saeed, JP Morgan, Managing Director, Head of Public Sector Group MENA</p>
10:35-11:15	Networking break, <b>Opening of the Exhibition</b>
11:15-12:45	<p><b>Financial sustainability in Iraq in light of declining of the oil incomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk management: steps towards fair, efficient, transparent financial sector</li> <li>• Future privatisation opportunities in Iraq's industrial sector</li> <li>• Assessing strong FDI potential in power and utilities, transportation, social infrastructure</li> <li>• Public Private Partnership</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b>            Dr Mudher Kasim, Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance            Ziad Badr, Iraq Country Manager, IFC            Munqith Al Baker, Former Senior Adviser, Ministry of Industry and Minerals</p>
12:45-13:45	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:45-14:45	<p><b>Private investment in Iraq in light of the new finance and investment laws</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment priorities and project development: opportunities for private sector participation</li> <li>• Banks as an engine of the SME growth: strategies to boost financing</li> <li>• Private banks and the development of the private sector</li> <li>• Practical considerations of project financing: power and construction industry case study</li> </ul>





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14:45-15:15	<b>Case study presentation: Bismayah power plant</b> GE and Mass Global Investment Company present a case study of the first-of-its-kind independent power producer deal with Iraq's Ministry of Electricity. Situated 30 kilometres from Baghdad, the Bismayah power plant will generate the equivalent power needed to supply more than 5 million Iraqi households. The project underlines the close collaboration among power sector stakeholders in Iraq to help meet the country's growing needs for power.  Keynote Speaker and Panel discussion (details later)
15:00-15:30	<b>Networking Tea&amp;Coffee Break</b>
15:30-17:00	<b>Technological modernisation and world-class solutions for the banking sector</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving Iraq's financial systems through technical partnerships with international companies</li> <li>Sourcing leading technology and information management solutions</li> <li>Investment plans in electronic security of banking institutions in Iraq</li> </ul> <b>Speakers:</b> Dr Abdul-Kareem al-Faisal, Advisor to the Prime Minister Mrs Jenan Ismael Beiruti, Director General of Statistics and Research, Central Bank of Iraq Ali Kareem Hussein, Section Head of Management and Quality, Central Bank of Iraq Speaker from Emerging Markets Payments (EMP) (Speaker TBC)
17:30-17:45	<b>Close of Day 1 of the Conference</b>
19:30-22:00	<b>Iraq Finance 2016 Gala Dinner</b>





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Day 2	8 March 2016
8:30	<b>Networking - Tea &amp; coffee</b>
09:00-09:05	Welcome address Brief of the first day
09:05-10:00	<b>Restructuring of government-owned banks (prospects of work) and Private banks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on the restructuring of Rasheed and Rafedain</li> <li>• Assessing previous steps taken and what needs to be done</li> <li>• Overview of subsidies and prospects of work</li> <li>• Private banking successes and challenges</li> </ul> <b>Speakers:</b> Waleed Eidy Abdulnabi, General Manager Banking Credit and Supervision, Central Bank of Iraq Ms Hamdiyah Al-Jaff, President and Chairman, Trade Bank of Iraq Basim al-Hassani, Director General, Rafidain Bank Mohamed Abdel Wahab, Director General, Rasheed Bank
10:00-10:30	<b>Realising the potential of Islamic banking in Iraq</b> Islamic banking is gaining a greater appeal in the country and is expected to gradually increase its market share. While growth opportunities for Islamic banking in Iraq are vast, how are the leading players assessing the immediate market share expansion potential? What are the short and long-term considerations working for and against the development of Islamic banking products and services in Iraq? <b>Speakers:</b> Abdul-Hussein al-Munthari, Director General, Nahrain Islamic Bank Iqbal Asaria, Former Adviser to Governor of Bank of England
10:30-11:00	<b>Networking Tea&amp;Coffee Break</b>
11:00-11:30	<b>Practical workshop session: financial services security</b> In the current environment, ensuring physical and electronic security in the financial services sector in Iraq is a priority. The successful implementation of all structural changes within the industry can only be realised if long-term security is provided and maintained. What are the priorities in tackling the safety concerns that are number one barrier to attracting significant and sustained foreign direct investment in the financial services development in the country? Keynote Speaker and Panel discussion (details later)
11:30-12:30	<b>Development of capital markets – the engine of growth for Iraq’s redevelopment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is needed to further develop capital markets and ensure safe and transparent protection for investors?</li> <li>• Implementing government incentives to encourage private companies to list on the ISX</li> <li>• Opportunities for a potential secondary market for SMEs – would this work in the Iraqi context?</li> </ul> <b>Speakers:</b> Hussain Qaragholi, Iraq Country Head, Senior Originator CEEMEA Capital Markets & Treasury Solutions, Deutsche Bank AG, London Taha Ahmed Abdulsalam Al-Rubaye, Chief Executive Officer, Iraq Stock Exchange Farooq Abdul Haleem Tawfeeq, Chairman, Iraqi Securities Commission (TBC)





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12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
13:30-15:00	<b>Emerging electronic payment systems in Iraq, online and mobile banking technologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modernising Iraq's electronic payment infrastructure: tackling high costs and payment processing delays</li><li>• Introducing online and mobile banking technologies to Iraq</li></ul> <b>Speakers:</b> Ms Dhuha Mohamed, Head of Section of Payment Section, Central Bank of Iraq Dr Hassan al-Khteeb, Qcard Mrs Heiam Neameh Mahmud, Ministry of Planning
15:00-15:30	<b>Networking break</b>
15:30-17:00	<b>International perspectives on developing effective and transparent financial system in Iraq</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can foreign banks contribute to the stability of Iraq's financial sector?</li><li>• Licensing framework for foreign applicants: legal requirements, compliance</li><li>• Achieving long-term growth and returns on investment for foreign financial organisations</li></ul> <b>Speakers:</b> Panel Discussion of Senior Representatives and Experts on Iraq Finance (Speakers TBC)
17:00-17:10	<b>Close of the Conference</b>

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