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Enriching World Economies through Digital Globalization

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context of digital innovations and influential global trends.

- Capacity Building Workshops
- Conference
- International Exhibition
- Country Presentations / Investment Destinations
- Gala Dinner
- Investment Awards
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- Bilateral Meetings (G2G/G2B)
- One Belt and One Road Business Cooperation Forum



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42

256 local, regional and international media gave the event full coverage in print, radio and television as well as in online media.



AIM STARTUP

46

AIM Startup 2019 held its annual pitch competition with this year's winners being awarded \$10,000 each. AIM Startup was held in partnership with the National Programme for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises.



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The grand opening was held in the presence of Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior.



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AIM 2019 attracted the support and participation of more than 60 high-level officials.



SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

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24 sponsors and partner institutions provided the AIM 2019 support led by UAE International Investors Council and Saud Bahwan Group as Strategic Partners and by Etihad Credit Insurance as Gold Sponsor, Hamdan Centre for the Future of Investment as Official Impact FDI Partner, Zones Corp as One Belt, One Road Session Sponsor, and Dubai FDI as Official Investment Promotion Partner.



FUTURE CITIES

50

Future Cities (FC) featured digitally-enabled solutions to make the world safer, healthier and more sustainable. FC exhibitors featured innovative technologies with emphasis on AI, blockchain, smart mobility, sustainability, and smart infrastructure.

TIME TABLE

7 April, 2019

Capacity Building Workshops

10:00 – 13:00 I – Trends in Investment Promotion and their Impact

II – How to Create Smart Cities

14:00 – 17:00 III – How to Attract FDI from the Gulf: Investment Opportunities and Best Practices

IV – The Future of Investment Promotion in an Era of Disruption

8 April, 2019

09:00 – 18:00 Exhibition / Investors' Hub

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome remarks by master of ceremony

10:05 – 11:00 Global Leaders Debate – Part 1

11:00 – 11:05 Keynote address by Kuchiev Muslim Magomedovich, Prime Minister, the Government of the Chechen Republic

11:05 – 12:00 Global Leaders Debate – Part 2

12:00 – 12:30 Grand Opening Speeches: Dr. Abdullah Belhaif Al Nuaimi, UAE Minister of Infrastructure Development, Muhammadu Buhari, President of Nigeria, and Evo Morales, President of Bolivia

12:30 – 14:00 Strategic networking lunch

14:00 – 17:20 Conference plenary sessions

14:30 – 18:00 Country presentations / Investment destinations

19:30 – 21:00 Gala Dinner and Investment Awards

9 April, 2019

09:00 – 18:00 Exhibition / Investors' Hub

10:00 – 17:00 Conference plenary sessions

09:00 – 18:00 Dubai Sports City Presentation

10:00 – 17:00 Country presentations / Investment destinations

10:00 – 15:00 One Belt, One Road Business Cooperation and Development Forum

10 April, 2019

09:00 – 18:00 Exhibition / Investors' Hub

10:00 – 13:00 Invest in sessions

16:00 – 18:30 Expo 2020 Tour

9TH EDITION ANNUAL INVESTMENT MEETING

Mapping the Future of FDI: Enriching World Economies through Digital Globalisation

Annual Investment Meeting, the world's premiere FDI event, brings together corporate leaders, policy makers, global investment experts, FDI dealmakers, economic and investment promotion agencies, and site selectors from the region and across the continents. Over the span of three days, an array of activities were staged including Conference, Global Leaders Debate, Exhibition, Capacity Building Workshops, Country Presentations, Investors' Hub, Gala Dinner and Investment Awards, Networking Features, Startup Innovation Showcase and Pitch Competition.

AIM 2019, one of the most exclusive investment gatherings in the world, was attended by prominent political, economic, and academic figures as well as businessmen and investors from a variety of sectors. It served as a unique platform to meet, network, exchange experiences and explore business opportunities.



143

PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES



16,051

VISITORS



66

HIGH-LEVEL
DIGNITARIES



436

EXHIBITORS & CO-
EXHIBITORS



150+

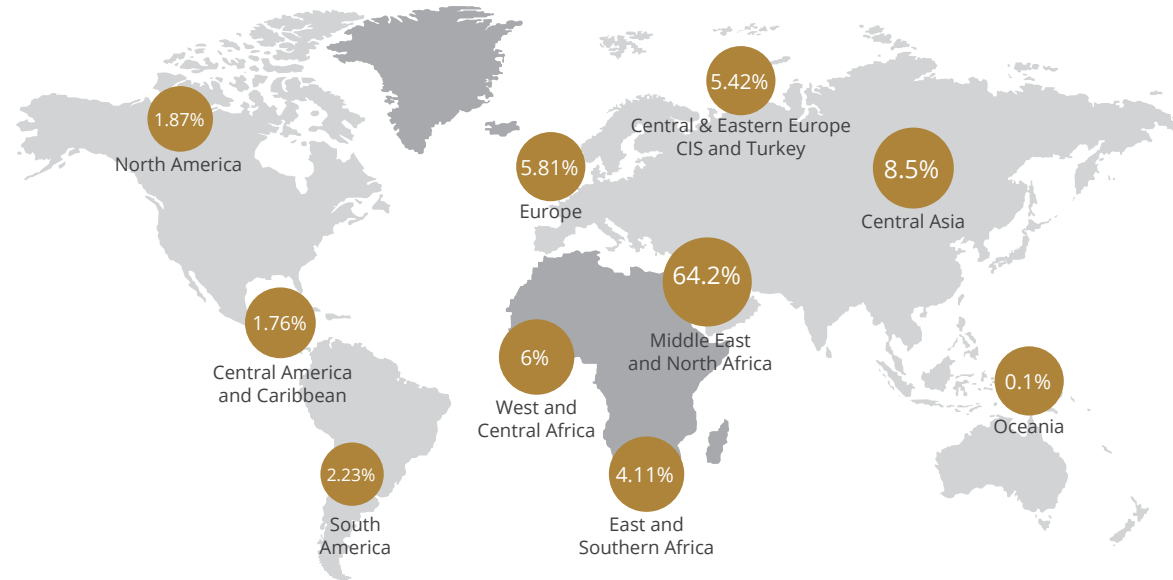
EXPERTS &
FDI SPECIALISTS



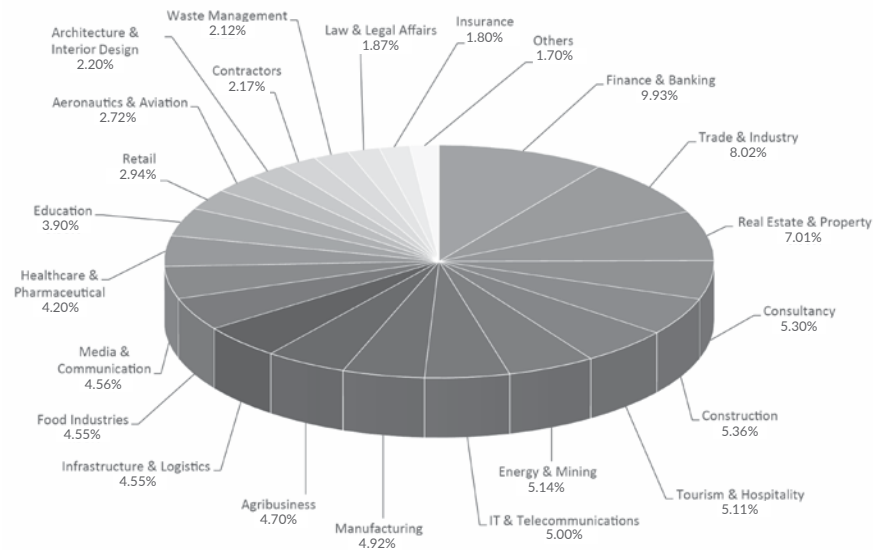
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LOCAL AND
INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

AIM REGIONAL PARTICIPATION



INDUSTRY AND SECTOR REPRESENTATION



GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

AIM 2019 GRAND OPENING CEREMONY WAS WELL ATTENDED AND FILLED WITH OVERWHELMING APPRECIATION FOR UAE AS IT RANKED FIRST IN THE REGION IN TERMS OF FDI INFLOW IN 2018 WHICH AMOUNTED TO \$10.4 BILLION , A MESSAGE OF PRIDE SHARED BY DR ABDULLAH BIN MOHAMMED BELHAIF AL NUAIMI, CABINET MEMBER AND MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT.



The Annual Investment Meeting 2019 was held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai. . The grand inaugural opening was held in the presence of Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior.

More than 3,000 delegates attended the grand opening ceremony including high-level country representatives and heads of delegations from 143 countries and a large number of senior corporate executives as well as heads of international organisations and senior officials.

The event also witnessed the presence of three Presidents, one Prime Minister and more than 50 Ministers and Deputy Ministers including Evo Morales, President, Plurinational State of Bolivia; Muhammadu Buhari, President, Federal Republic of Nigeria; Rustam Minnikhanov, President of Tatarstan, Russian Federation; and Khuchiev Muslim Magomedovich, Prime Minister of the Chechen Republic.

With AIM 2019 edition coinciding with the UAE Year of Tolerance, participants were encouraged to present opportunities emphasising the value of tolerance and its significance in promoting sustainable investment collaboration and partnership.

Investment initiatives on industry technologies, smart city solutions, sustainable practices, clean and renewable energy and startups were encouraged, pointing out that investments are needed on these fields to push for global economic growth.

The 9th edition of AIM was held at a time when the World Economic Forum has released its estimates on the value of digital transformation which stands at \$13 trillion, contributing to a healthier global economy with a value of \$45 trillion until 2025.



AIM continues to promote the UAE as the premiere destination for investment. Its truest testament has been the support AIM gained from regional and international investment institutions, investment promotion agencies, cities and municipalities, local and international governments, among others. During the opening ceremony, high-profile officials and dignitaries were seen along with their ministers and city officials.



MESSAGE FROM

UAE MINISTER OF ECONOMY



**I LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU AT
10TH EDITION OF ANNUAL
INVESTMENT MEETING**

The Annual Investment Meeting has, for almost a decade from its inception, reached significant milestones that have mostly benefited emerging world economies. In 2020, AIM will hold its 10th edition under the theme 'Investing for the Future: Shaping Global Investments Strategies' and will discuss the investment trends and the future of sustainable investment under AIM's Five Pillars- Foreign Direct Investments (FDI), Startups, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) and Future Cities, and through its special event One Belt, One Road.

Global flow of FDI can be ideally improved, with tools and economic structure that can be capitalised on to lure investors from protectionist policies. However, despite a slowdown in several economies, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) continues to enjoy its global ranking of 27 on FDI inflows in 2018. This report released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's World Investment Report this year further cements investor confidence in UAE.

UAE received foreign direct investments of \$10.4 billion in 2018, maintaining the lead as the top FDI recipient in the Arab world by drawing 36 per cent of inflows, and ranking second in West Asia by attracting 33.4 per cent of FDI into this region. FDI inflows into the UAE has hit \$10.385 billion in 2018, from \$10.354 billion in 2017, while outflows spiked from \$14.060 billion in 2017 to \$15.079 billion in 2018.

AIM recognises the economic impact of not only FDIs but other avenues of investments.

AIM offers a unique opportunity for startups to learn

from industry experts who will mentor them and share relevant experiences for their growth and success.

AIM also highlights brilliant SME business projects traversing various industries and sectors to ensure entrepreneurs are equipped to actively participate in improving the nation's economy and the welfare of its people.

As AIM acknowledges future cities solutions as the next destination for huge investments, it will also focus in assisting future cities solution providers by sharing expert knowledge and network, and by linking them with genuine investors. When countries cannot facilitate high FDI inflows, foreign portfolio investment (FPI) can be promoted. AIM attracts a multitude of investors including venture capitalists who are interested to diversify their portfolio. FPI can secure for a local business an infusion of assets in the form of stocks, bonds, and cash.

AIM 2020 side event One Belt One Road, will be organised to fully understand the investment opportunities within Belt and Road Initiative.

As AIM is expanding its economic scope, more stakeholders will be served, and more nations can fully enjoy the economic benefits of sustainable investments.

**ENG. SULTAN BIN SAEED AL MANSOURI
MINISTER OF ECONOMY, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

GRAND OPENING SPEECH



EVO MORALES AYMA

PRESIDENT, PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA

Authorities of the Government of United Arab Emirates, business delegations of the different countries of the world, participants and journalists present in this ninth investment forum.

pregnant women and elderly. All these policies have helped more than 10 million Bolivian citizens to moving from poverty to the middle class, thereby constituting an attractive market for the goods and services generated in the economy. In the last 13 years, the creation of companies has increased by 388 per cent and the profits of the private sector have quadrupled. According to the projections of

THE WORLD HAS ITS MOST IMPORTANT RESERVOIR OF LITHIUM IN BOLIVIA, WE HAVE STARTED ITS INDUSTRIALIZATION AND NOW GERMAN AND CHINESE PARTNERS ARE INCORPORATED, AND RECENTLY THE INDIAN MANIFESTED THEIR INTEREST.

Firstly, I would like to appreciate the invitation received from the Government of the United Arab Emirates. It is a huge satisfaction to participate for the first time at the most important annual investment meeting of the world. We welcome the organisation of forums like this one, which enable countries, employers and research centres, to present their

investment opportunities, the new trends in business development and to treat topics of global interest.

We must recognise that the world faces various crises, among them the financial crisis. South America, despite being one of the regions with the largest amount and diversity of natural resources, we still have inequality as one of the great challenges to be resolved, because the active participation of the state and business sectors is necessary for achieve the well-being or living well of our peoples.

Bolivia, since 2006, has promoted deep transformations in politics, economy and social reforms. We have developed our own community social economic model, from a plural economy perspective, where the active state administration, private sector and associative sector participate.

Bolivia has stopped being a country of low income, and now constitutes in a medium income state, with a sustained economic growth, a vigorous internal demand and a notable improvement of the quality of life of its population. The economic activity of the country has improved the gross domestic product through salary policies, redistribution of wealth through bonds, and allowances for children,

the International Monetary Fund (IMF) & World Bank, Bolivia is also expected to lead economic growth in South America in this administration. We call the private sector and investors to connect with Bolivia in these strategic issues.

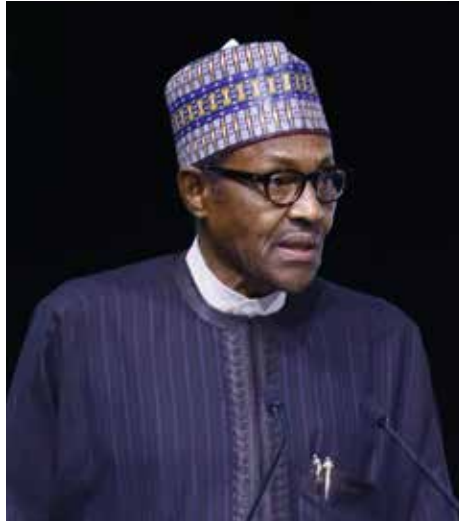
Bolivia offers great investment opportunities for its geographical location, access to markets, availability of scarce natural resources in the world, and a secure market in the centre of South America, that constitutes a large logistic platform to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. Bolivia has important commercial relations with the European Union, China, the United States of America and Mexico. Russia and India are incorporated as new commercial destinations of our country.

We keep commercial and political relations with all the countries and regions of the world, respecting the differences and generating ties between the peoples. My country has entered the age of industrialisation. The world has its most important reservoir of lithium in Bolivia; we have started its industrialisation and now German and Chinese partners are incorporated, and recently the Indian government manifested their interest.

We invite all of you to participate as new actors in these important projects, for the growing industry of automobiles and other high-range technological products. We are people with a rich cultural diversity, have beautiful landscapes, therefore, the tourism sector is also a great opportunity for the private sector. We will transform Bolivia into a destiny with own identity.

Distinguished guests, Bolivia is a country with great investment opportunities and projections of future, because it has political, economic and social stability. We call investors to accompany our development. Our constitution guarantees legal security for national and international investments. Lastly, we also invite you to visit the web page www.investbolivia.gob.bo, which is an official site of the state for investment promotions. Thank you for your attention.

GRAND OPENING SPEECH



MUHAMMADU BUHARI
PRESIDENT, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
NIGERIA

It is with great pleasure that I address you today on this occasion of the 2010 Annual Investment Meeting here in Dubai.

I thank His Royal Highness, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the

In effect, the digital world has become the new frontier for both good and evil. Therefore, the challenge for world leaders must be to ensure that this space is inclusive, accessible and safe.

In Nigeria, our mobile phone penetration exceeds 80 per cent. This means majority of Nigeria's 190 million citizens are fully connected to this new digital world.

EMERGING THREATS ARE DIFFICULT TO PREVENT. IT HAS TO BE A COLLECTIVE EFFORT, LED BY BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERS – MANY OF WHOM ARE HERE TODAY.

President of the United Arab Emirates, for inviting me to speak at this event.

At this point, I want to congratulate His Highness, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum for his vision to support such a platform where world leaders in both the public and private sectors exchange ideas on how to

These bright minds are the drivers of this emerging digital sector. Today, Nigeria has close to 90 technology hubs and every day, new ones are coming up and they are all developing solutions for global problems.

As leaders, it is therefore our responsibility to create the enabling environment for these minds to flourish and reach their full potential. In 2015, we immediately agreed that any future economic growth must be inclusive. As the Nigerian youth population are fully digitised, it is clear that the idea of having an inclusive economy cannot be achieved without digital inclusion. However, whilst this digital globalisation has occurred rapidly in the private sector, many governments and regulators have not kept pace. On cyber security, Nigeria has taken the lead in cyber policing in West Africa. In this, we are working with our regional and global partners.

As earlier observed, the digital world is borderless. In many instances, the criminals in this world are faceless. This is why we must all come together to protect the good while eliminating the bad.

Emerging threats are difficult to prevent. It has to be a collective effort, led by both public and private sector leaders – many of whom are here today.

I therefore would ask all of us here present, to put our heads together and come up with proposals on how we create a digital world that is accessible, inclusive and safe.

I thank you for listening and wish you very successful deliberations.

make this world a better place.

This morning, my brief remarks will be on digital globalisation, which we all agree is transforming the world as we know it.

Today, we have a cyber world that is intangible but real. This borderless world is powerful, and it impacts the lives of billions of people, no matter how remote their physical locations are.

People work in it. People socialise in it. And people invest in it. This presents enormous opportunities. But it also remains a constant threat if left unregulated.

Today, we have digital banking, virtual currencies and many social platforms that connect people and cultures. On the other hand, we have seen platforms hijacked and manipulated as evidenced by the steady rise in fake news and cybercrimes.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Khuchiev Muslim Magomedovich
PRIME MINISTER, THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE CHECHEN REPUBLIC

Assalamu Alaikum!
Good afternoon dear friends and colleagues!
I welcome all the participants of the 9th Annual Investment Meeting and I want to thank the organisers of this

Entrepreneurship and Innovation, established by the Khalifa Foundation. We are grateful to Arab investors for their active work and looking forward to further strengthening our cooperation.

One of the priorities in development of the republic is tourism. Tourists are attracted to one of the world's largest mosques, the heart of Chechnya, the picturesque Argun Gorge, the high-mountain lake Kezenoy-Am,

IN RECENT YEARS, HUNDREDS OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN THE CHECHEN REPUBLIC REGARDING INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY, INCLUDING THE PROJECTS WITH PROMOTION OF THE FOREIGN CAPITAL.

event for giving me this opportunity to speak at today's meeting.

The annual investment meeting is a significant and of current interest event that contributes to the strengthening of international trade and investment cooperation, attracting hundreds of companies from different countries and

continents. Chechen Republic was almost entirely destroyed in the fight against international terrorism, but, thanks to the mercy of God, support of President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and the steadfast will of the first President of the Chechen Republic, Hero of Russia Akhmat-Khadzhi Kadyrov (may Allah have mercy on him), Chechnya managed to protect its territory and, in a short period of time, revitalise the economy and social sector.. In recent years, hundreds of investment projects have been implemented in the Chechen Republic regarding industry, agriculture and service delivery, including the projects with promotion of the foreign capital.

We have especially close relations with the United Arab Emirates, thanks to the brotherly relations of the Head of the Republic, Ramzan Akhmatovich Kadyrov, with the leadership of the United Arab Emirates. In 2018, the project for the construction of the hotel complex "The Local", Grozny International University is under construction, there is a foundation Sheikh Zayed for

ancient monuments of architecture, tower complexes thousands of years old. The region is one of the leaders in the growth of tourist among the Russian regions. The growth of foreign citizens who visited the republic in 2018 increased by more than 2 times compared to the level of 2017. An ambitious investment project that reveals all the beauty of the Chechen Republic is the Veduchi ski resort, located at an altitude of about 3000m above the sea level, attracting not only because of the indescribable beauty of its nature, but also for the historical monuments.

The planned volume of investments is about \$ 500 million. A stable legal platform has been established in the republic to attract investors.

An industrial special economic zone (SEZ) is about to be completed. Residents of the SEZ will be granted benefits in the form of exemption from taxes and customs duties.

Residents of the SEZ will be granted benefits in accordance with the law:

- Income tax rate is reduced – zero per cent over 5 years (in Russia – 20 percent);
- Exemption from property tax and land tax for 10 years;
- Exemption from VAT payment when applying the free customs zone procedure;

The Chechen Republic is a stable region with prospects for economic development, open and attractive for business and investment. I invite you to visit our republic both as tourists and as investors.

Thank you for your attention!

AIM CONFERENCE

AIM 2019 CONFERENCE GATHERED MORE THAN 100 INFLUENTIAL FDI THINKERS AND RENOWNED EXPERTS OFFERING PARTICIPANTS THE LATEST INVESTMENT INTELLIGENCE, TRENDS AND UPDATES ON MAPPING THE FUTURE OF FDI: ENRICHING WORLD ECONOMIES THROUGH DIGITAL GLOBALISATION, THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S EVENT.



The Global Leaders Debate expounded AIM 2019 theme, 'Mapping the Future of FDI: Enriching World Economies through Digital Globalisation'. It covered and deliberated topics on best practices for the creation of inclusive growth and the government's legal frameworks and investor-friendly policies to attract more FDI and the participation of the private sector.

The sessions included topics Blockchain, Big Data & AI: Foreseeing the Impact of Digital Economies, Countering the Global Rise of Protectionism Policies for Sustainable Growth, Investment Promotion Agency Roundtable: Attracting Investments in the 4.0 World.

The Investors Debate was held on the second day with plenary sessions on Investing for a Change followed by Family Office Roundtable Investing in the Future, Small and Medium Enterprise Focus: Strengthening SMEs in a Digitalised World, FDI and Human Capital: The Evolution of Workforce in a Digitally Globalised World'. There was also a regional discussion on Withstanding Headwinds in the Foreign Direct Investment Market, along a special presentation on The Future of Work and the exclusive by-invitation only One Belt, One Road Business Cooperation Forum.

PLENARY SESSION 1: GLOBAL LEADERS DEBATE

Moderator



Cornelia Meyer
Chairman and CEO, MRL Corporation, United Kingdom
Chairman and Chief Economist, LBV Asset Management, United Kingdom

Panelists



Rustam Minnikhanov
President, Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation



Dr Mukhisa Kituyi
Secretary General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development UNCTAD, Switzerland



Adewale Tinubu
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Dr Adnan Chilwan
Group CEO, Dubai Islamic Bank, United Arab Emirates



Dr James Mworio
Group Chief Executive, Director Centum Investments, Kenya

PLENARY SESSION 2: BLOCKCHAIN, BIG DATA & AI: FORESEEING THE IMPACT OF DIGITAL ECONOMIES

Moderator



Andreas Dressler
Managing Director, FDI Center, Germany

Panelists



Fernando Augusto Loureiro
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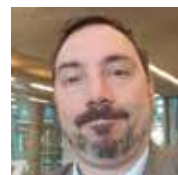
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PLENARY SESSION 3: COUNTERING THE GLOBAL RISE OF PROTECTIONIST POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Moderator



Kai Hammerich
President, KA Foreign Investment Corporation, Sweden

Panelists



Yonov Frederick Agah
Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization, Switzerland



Amal Mohamed El Malla
Chief of the Office for Arab States, International Trade Centre, Switzerland



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Fatima Al Arabi
Founder and CEO, ALAF Capital SA, Switzerland



Andrea Goldstein
Senior Economist, The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), France

PLENARY SESSION 4: INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY ROUNDTABLE: ATTRACTING INVESTMENTS IN THE 4.0 WORLD

Moderator



Henry Loewendahl
Founder & CEO,
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Panelists



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The Costa Rican Investment
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WAIPA



Daniel Bilak
Chairman, UkraineInvest
and Chief Investment
Adviser to the Prime
Minister of Ukraine
Vice-Chairman,
Supervisory Board of
Ukrainian Railways



George Campanellas
Director General,
Invest Cyprus

PLENARY SESSION 5: INVESTORS DEBATE: INVESTING FOR CHANGE

Moderator



**Douglas van den
Bergh**
Vice President - Advisory
Conway, Inc.

Panelists



**Jean-Philippe de
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Founder and Managing
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Shainoor Khoja
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Sandile Zungu
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Zungu Investments Co.,
South Africa



Tushar Singhvi
Director,
CE-Ventures,
United Arab Emirates



Fahad Bushager
Head of Investment,
INOVEST,
Bahrain

PLENARY SESSION 6: FAMILY OFFICE ROUNDTABLE: INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Moderator



Peter J R Aylwin
Director,
Aetos Holdings, Australia
& United Kingdom

Panelists



Dr. Celeste Lo Turco
Former Vice President,
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**Mohammad Al
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**Stergios
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**Zulfiqar Z
Ghadiyali**
Chief Executive Officer,
Private office H.H. Sheikh
Tahnoon Bin Saeed Bin
Tahnoon Al Nahyan,
United Arab Emirates

PLENARY SESSION 7: SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE FOCUS: STRENGTHENING SMES IN A DIGITALIZED WORLD

Moderator



David East
Head of FDI and Economic Products, Bureau van Dijk, a Moody's Analytics Company, UK

Panelists



Hon. Tjekero Tweya
Minister of Industrialisation, Trade and SME Development
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Chairman, Dubai Angel Investors, United Arab Emirates



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PLENARY SESSION 8: FDI AND HUMAN CAPITAL: THE EVOLUTION OF WORKFORCE IN A DIGITALLY GLOBALIZED WORLD

Moderator



Dr. Joachim Arnold
Chief Operating Officer, OCO Global, Germany

Panelists



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Head of MENA GSMA, United Arab Emirates



Daniele Schilirò
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Henrik Von Scheel
Mastermind of Industry 4.0 & Leading Authority on Competitiveness, Switzerland

PLENARY SESSION 9: REGIONAL FOCUS: WITHSTANDING HEADWINDS IN THE FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT MARKET

Moderator



Henry Loewendahl
Founder & CEO, Wavteq, UK

Panelists



Hiro Shirakawa, Ph.D.
Managing Director, Vice Chairman, Chief Economist, Japan Credit Suisse Securities (Japan) Limited



Francois Guibert
Chief Executive Officer, Economic Development Board, Mauritius



Andrea Goldstein
Senior Economist, The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), France



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Regional Director, Rosgosstrakh Bank, Russia



Yewande Sadiku
Executive Secretary/CEO, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission, The Federal Republic of Nigeria

AIM INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

IN 2019, AIM ATTRACTED THE PARTICIPATION OF 436 EXHIBITORS AND CO-EXHIBITORS FROM 55 COUNTRIES. IT HAD SEVERAL COUNTRY PAVILIONS AND THE EXHIBITION WAS CATEGORISED INTO 5 REGIONS, NAMELY AFRICA, AMERICA, ASIA, EUROPE AND MENA.



The Annual Investment Meeting 2019 featured in its three-day event all the different industry projects and services catering to the investment growth of various participating regions. This focused on promoting Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) and effective ways to attract investors to various economy sectors.

Since its inception in 2011, AIM has brought together thousands of exhibitors and visitors to network, promote projects, and attract investment in various participating countries. The exhibition gives opportunities for governments

and private organisations to launch and promote their projects to a vastly diverse audience.

AIM 2019 proved to be an effective platform through which they promoted the investment opportunities in their countries and regions.

One of the major milestones of the ninth Annual Investment Meeting was the participation of 143 countries as official delegations, investors, regional and international governments and ministries, visitors and exhibitors. This edition has also seen the largest Libya delegation to AIM.

EXHIBITING COUNTRIES



01 North & South America

-  Brazil
-  Canada
-  USA

02 Africa

-  Botswana
-  Cameroon
-  DR Congo
-  Ghana
-  Lesotho
-  Mali
-  Nigeria
-  Rwanda
-  Sierra Leone
-  Somaliland
-  South Africa
-  Uganda

03 Europe & CIS

-  Austria
-  Azerbaijan
-  Belgium
-  Croatia
-  Cyprus
-  Finland
-  France
-  Germany
-  Georgia
-  Italy
-  Kazakhstan
-  Kosovo
-  Netherlands
-  Poland
-  Portugal
-  Russia
-  Slovakia

-  Spain
-  Tatarstan
-  UK
-  Ukraine

04 GCC & Arab Countries

-  Egypt
-  Jordan
-  Libya
-  Morocco
-  Oman
-  Saudi Arabia
-  Sudan
-  Tunisia
-  UAE

05 South / South East / East Asia

-  Brunei
-  China
-  Hong Kong
-  India
-  Indonesia
-  Japan
-  Malaysia
-  Pakistan
-  Singapore
-  South Korea

COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS / INVESTMENT DESTINATIONS



Twelve country presentations took part in this feature of AIM. Among the countries that presented were Georgia, China, Italy, Botswana, Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, Cameroon, South Africa and United Arab Emirates. The presentations were highly informative emphasizing important economic features and conditions as well as investment data including fascinating details about the investment environment in these countries.

INVEST IN SESSIONS



Invest In Sessions is a global platform where regions present their ambitious infrastructure and economic programmes to secure foreign direct investment. This feature shares the true objective of the concept of regional cooperation which is creating inclusive growth for neighbouring countries in the region through joint efforts by designing, promoting and implementing regional economic plans. AIM 2019 hosted Invest In Sessions featuring Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

THESE TRAININGS ON INVESTMENT PROMOTION TRENDS ENABLED INVESTMENT AGENCY PROFESSIONALS TO REFRESH THEIR SKILLS ON PROMOTIONAL SERVICES AND ALLOWED THEM TO CHART THROUGH THE WHOLE FLOW OF END-TO-END SUPPORT AND ENABLED THEM TO EFFECTIVELY STRUCTURE THEIR CORE FIELD OF EXPERTISE.



At AIM 2019 pre-conference workshops, a series of interactive presentations were held and facilitated by a faculty of global FDI experts from the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA), GDP Global, WAVTEQ and CONWAY, INC. It was an enriching experience designed to provide attendees with a comprehensive overview of investment related topics.

WORKSHOP 1: WAIPA



Trends in investment promotion and their impact

Organised by the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA), investment promotion professionals showcased the opportunities IPAs have in order for them to reach their full potential and how current trends might further influence and enhance their crucial role in attracting investments.



WORKSHOP 3: WAVTEQ



How to attract FDI from the gulf: Investment opportunities and best practices

This workshop examined FDI opportunities to attract investment from Gulf-based companies and determined the best practices on how to identify and engage with Gulf investors. The objective of the workshop was to help IPAs attending AIM attract FDI from the Gulf.



WORKSHOP 2: GDP GLOBAL



How to create smart cities

This workshop discussed the full impact of the digital and information economy – the 4th Industrial Revolution. New technologies are progressing faster than most of us can imagine; so much so that it is difficult to anticipate how the future will look – the downsides and job/economic losses compared with economic upsides that could benefit us all.



WORKSHOP 4: CONWAY INC.



The future of investment promotion in an era of disruption

The workshop presented the challenges on how to plan, manage, and attract trade and investments. It also shed light on how to maintain a competitive advantage by looking further into the future such as analysing the economic impact of disruptive technologies within regional and global levels.



GALA DINNER

THE GALA DINNER WAS HOSTED AT THE FORT ISLAND, MADINAT JUMEIRAH ON THE EVENING OF MONDAY, 8TH APRIL 2019. OVER 1000 GUESTS CAME TOGETHER TO ENJOY A RICH PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT, LIVE MUSIC AND A LAVISH DINNER. GUESTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FUN, ENJOY THE DELICIOUS FOOD AND THE RICH CULTURAL PROGRAMME FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.







The sponsors and partners of the Annual Investment Meeting 2019 were acknowledged and called on stage to receive the Shukran Award as a token of appreciation for their valuable support in making AIM possible. This was led by Abdullah Al Saleh, Undersecretary for UAE Ministry of Economy, Jamal Al Jarwan, Secretary General of the UAE International Investors Council and Dawood Al Shezawi, CEO of AIM Organising Committee.












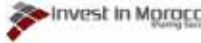






INVESTMENT AWARDS

THE SEVENTH EDITION OF AIM INVESTMENT AWARDS TOOK CENTER STAGE AT THE GALA DINNER WHERE THE BEST FDI PROJECTS WERE RECOGNISED FROM EACH REGION OF THE WORLD. THIS IS A TESTIMONY TO THE OUTSTANDING WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE WINNER COUNTRIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES IN ATTRACTING SIZEABLE AND BENEFICIAL FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT AND THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR MARKETS.



INVESTMENT AWARD WINNERS

REGION-CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS & RUSSIA		REGION-CENTRAL, EASTERN EUROPE & TURKEY		REGION-LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN	
WINNER	RUNNER UP	WINNER	RUNNER UP	WINNER	RUNNER UP
					
Tatarstan Investment Development Agency	Kazakh Invest NATIONAL COMPANY	Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA)	Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA)	CINDE - Costa Rica Investment Promotion Agency	The Brazilian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency Apex-Brasil
REGION-EAST AFRICA		REGION-EUROPE		REGION-MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA	
WINNER	RUNNER UP	WINNER	RUNNER UP	WINNER	RUNNER UP
					
Rwanda Development Board	Kenya Investment Authority	Invest in Austria	Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT)	General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI)	Invest in Morocco
REGION-SOUTH, EAST ASIA AND OCEANIA		REGION-SOUTHERN AFRICA			
WINNER	RUNNER UP	WINNER	RUNNER UP		
					
Invest India	Punjab Board of Investment and Trade	Investment South Africa (InvestSA)	Agency for Investment and Export Promotion (APIEX)		

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Ministry of Investment, Republic of Sudan



Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Republic of Cameroon



Hong Kong Trade and Development Council



Ghana Investment Promotion Centre



Mali Investment Promotion Agency (API - Mali)



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INVESTORS' HUB

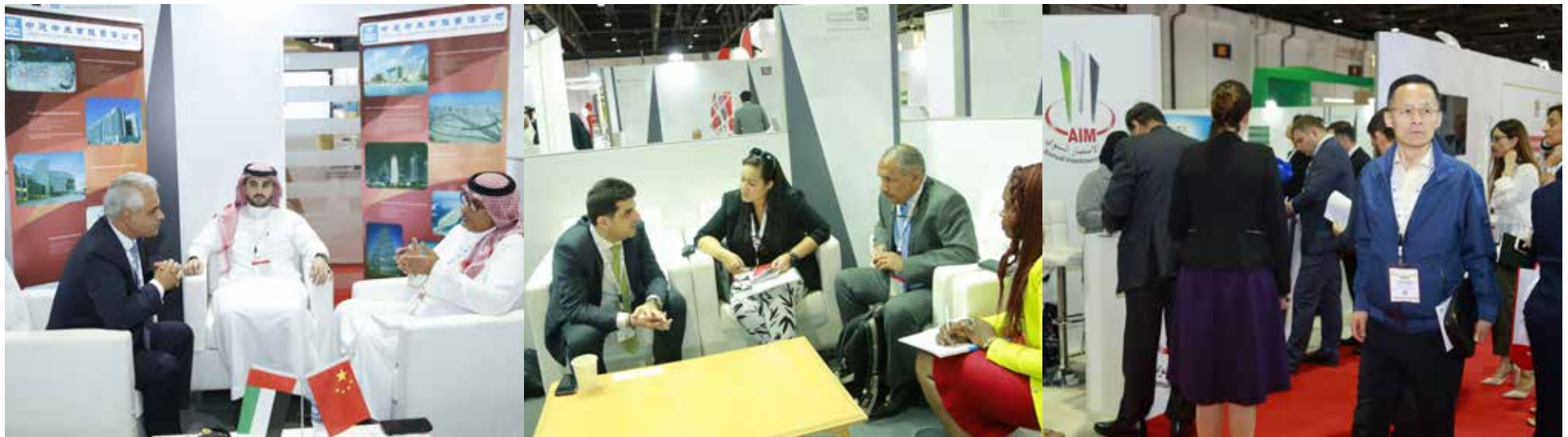
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AIM Investors' Hub is a special closed zone gathering selected Sovereign Wealth Funds and top investment organisations representing different countries, regions and covering multiple sectors. Located in the Exhibition Hall, it was set up to provide participants with the opportunity to meet investors and financiers. This feature proved to be a real success as 1,218 meetings were held, thus, filling a real need for countries and prospective clients to meet and network with strategic partners to explore new business ventures.

The main objective was to create a safe and secure platform for SWF and investment funds to meet with official government representatives and trusted businessmen to discuss investment opportunities and potential partnerships.

AIM 2019 witnessed a participation from 40 international and local organisations in the Investors' Hub.



INVESTORS' HUB PARTICIPANTS



BILATERAL MEETINGS

AIM 2019 FACILITATED MEETINGS FOR HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HEADS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, AND A NUMBER OF OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE. THIS GAVE WAY TO DISCUSSIONS ON INVESTMENT PROJECTS AND PROSPECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS.

VISITING MINISTERS FROM VARIOUS NATIONS MET ABDULLAH AL SALEH, UNDESECTARY OF UAE MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS TO DISCUSS TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND THE UAE.



Loknath Sharma, Minister for Economic Affairs (Bhutan)



Huguette Radeponde Nebgniga BAMA/OUILI, Managing Director, API - Burkina Faso



Finda Koroma, Vice President, ECOWAS



Eng. Ahmed Taha, Assistant Minister of Industry and Trade, Arab Republic of Egypt



Mikheil Khidureli (Left), CEO of Enterprise Georgia, Jaba Phutkaradze (Centre), Minister of Finance and Economy, Autonomous Republic of Adjara



Abubakar Bawa Bwari, Minister of Mines and Steel Development, Nigeria



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Dr Christian Cardona, Minister of Economy, Investments and Small Businesses, Republic of Malta



Endrit Shala, Minister of Trade & Industry, Kosovo



Hissein Souguimi, State Secretary of Economic Affairs of Chad



Jean Claude Kabongo, Special Advisor on Investments - Office of the President, Democratic Republic of Congo



Julio Monroy, Vice Minister of International Commerce, Guatemala



Arlind Zeqiri, Former Minister of Foreign Investments, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Economy, Macedonia



Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General of UNCTAD



Mustafa Mator, Minister of Economy, Afghanistan



Left to Right - Memunatu Bangura, Policy Analyst, Ministry of Planning & Economic Development, Sierra Leone; Nabeela F. Tunis, Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Sierra Leone; Abdullah Al Saleh Undersecretary of UAE Ministry of Economy; Juma Al Kait Assistant Undersecretary - Foreign Trade Affairs at Ministry of Economy ; Dr Priscilla Schwartz, Attorney General and Minister of Justice



Sergey Cheremin, Minister of Economic Development, Moscow



Tjekero Tweya, Minister of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development, Namibia



Vera Songwe, Secretary General, UNECA



Robert Ahomka Lindsay, Deputy Minister of Trade, Ghana



Matrika Prasad Yadav, Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Minister of Nepal



Yaouba Abdoulaye, Minister of Finance, Cameroon



Godwin Obaseki, Governor of Edo State, Nigeria



Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, Governor of Ondo State, Nigeria



Mohamed Mohamed Ferrara Lashtar, Ambassador of Nicaragua to Kuwait



Daniel Bilak, Director of UkraineInvest, Chief Adviser on Investments to the Prime Minister of Ukraine



Hatem El Fergany, Minister of State for Economic Diplomacy, Republic of Tunisia



Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECLAC



ONE BELT, ONE ROAD BUSINESS COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM



THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT MEETING 2019 HOSTED THE EXCLUSIVE ONE BELT, ONE ROAD BUSINESS COOPERATION FORUM. THE FORUM HIGHLIGHTED THE PARTICIPATION OF 400 INVESTORS AND PROJECT OWNERS FROM THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL AND CHINA.



The Belt and Road Initiative has been conceptualised to connect major Eurasian economies through infrastructure, trade and investment. The Initiative aims to achieve closer cooperation and greater progress for 4.4 billion people and which account to around 40 per cent of global GDP.



HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS AT AIM 2019

Evo Morales

President, Plurinational State of Bolivia

Muhammadu Buhari

President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Rustam Minnikhanov

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Khuchiev Muslim

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Mariana Prado Noya

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Paul Tasong

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Minister of Trade and Industry, Republic of Kosovo

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Oluwarotimi Odunayo Akeredolu

Governor of Ondo State, Federal Republic of Nigeria

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Chief Executive Officer, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA), Republic of Turkey

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Global Lead for SME and Supply Chain Finance Practice, International Finance Corporation (IFC), United States of America

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Director of the Department of Trade, Investment and Innovation, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Republic of Austria

AIM IN MEDIA

Digitisation taking away jobs is a 'misconception and myth'



ملتقى الاستثمار السنوي يركز على البرمجيات وتكنولوجيا المعلومات 20% ارتفاع تدفقات الاستثمارات على الإمارات حتى



خلال جلسات الملتقى العام الماضي | من المصدر

وقال دالود الشيرازي، رئيس اللجنة المنظمة لملتقى الاستثمار: تستمر خدمات البرمجيات وتكنولوجيا المعلومات في جذب المزيد من الاستثمارات العالمية.

الشرق الأوسط وشمال أفريقيا والأسواق الناشئة في العالم. ويركز الملتقى على مستقبل المشهد الاقتصادي العالمي وانعكاساته على الاستثمارات العالمية.

دبي - البيان

يسأط ملتقى الاستثمار السنوي 2019 الذي تنظمه وزارة الاقتصاد بين 8 و10 أبريل الجاري في دبي، الضوء على المشهد الاستثماري المتطور لسبخ المزيد من الاستثمارات الأجنبية المباشرة بين دول العالم.

وسيقطع الملتقى خلال فعالياته «خارطة الاستثمارات العالمية» التي ستحتوي على معلومات حول وجهات الاستثمار في جميع أنحاء العالم، والقطاعات والمشاريع المستهدفة، ونقاط الاتصال لتكون متاحة لجميع المشاركين.

وتأتي الدورة التاسعة من الملتقى في وقت يتوقع أن تشهد الإمارات ارتفاعاً في تدفق الاستثمار الأجنبي المباشر، يتراوح بين ما نسبته 15 و20% حتى 2020. وتقدم

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By FRANK ELEA On Apr 17, 2019

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Buhari in Dubai, woos foreign investors

By Tony Ademola On April 8, 2019

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...ly opens up for investors at Annual Investment Meeting

...ning Setta, Consul General of Italy in Dubai, spoke at the event on Tuesday. He said Italy is a hot spot for foreign investment. Patricia Cella, Head of Large Caps, Investment Vehicles & Market Intelligence - Equity Primary Markets Borsa Italiana, and Francesca Chieti, Head of Institutional Investors Business Development - London Stock Exchange Group, analysed the Italian market opportunities for capital raising, investment and digital transformation, showing the new ecosystem to invest in the Italian real economy and the

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Dr. Adeeb Al-AM, Director of the National Program for SMEs and Projects, Ministry of Economy opened AIM Startup today. The Future Cities Show also opened today, which witnessed the presence of H.E. Abdulla Alsaieh, Undersecretary of Ministry of Economy along with Mr. Evo Morales, President of Bolivia and Mr. Muhammadu Buhari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Both the shows run in conjunction with the Annual Investment Meeting (AIM), which takes place from 8th to 10th April.

'AIM has started today under the theme - Harnessing Global Digitization to Empower Startups and SMEs, and in partnership for National Program for SMEs and Projects as both are the fruits of innovative ideas that help in boosting national economy. This event is a great opportunity for startups and young companies to know more about investment opportunities and close them,' said Dr. Adeeb Al-AM, Director of the National Program for SMEs and Projects, Ministry of Economy.

He added, 'AIM Startup is a great platform to for businesses, entrepreneurs, banks and financial companies to network and connect with right individuals.'



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Several countries including UAE, South Africa, China, Georgia, Italy, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, Rwanda, and Indonesia will present at the forum

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throughside conferences and forums, the event will also feature exhibitors from more than 20 countries

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Launched in 2017, AIM Startup an initiative of the UAE Ministry of Economy aims to connect promising startups with investors and business partners from all around the world— set in the heart of UAE's Annual Investment Meeting, the World's Leading FDI Platform for emerging markets and held under the Patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. AIM Startup is the ideal platform for startup companies looking to raise capital, expand into new markets and forge meaningful business relationships with major investors, business leaders, representatives of international institutions and government entities.

April 8-10, AIM Startup hosted the third edition of its Annual Innovation Showcase and Pitch Competition in Dubai, UAE, in conjunction with the Annual Investment Meeting and Future Cities Show.

2019 THEME: HARNESSING GLOBAL DIGITISATION TO EMPOWER STARTUPS AND SMES

The global adoption of digital technologies has undeniably changed the way organisations operate. The shift in consumer expectation, the growing need for new technologies and the prospect of greater economic benefits are driving digitisation and digital transformation. The trend has been reshaping the economy thereby creating the need for a specialised expertise to help organisations navigate their way through digital transformation.

As an example, AI technologies offer a way for many companies to reach most or all of their audience. They have improved operational efficiency, reduced costs associated with customer service and supported sales and marketing functions. So far, these applications are merely scratching the surface of what technologies could offer an organisation. Yet digitisation has already created the need to invest in blockchain, process automation, digital workforce and cybersecurity to name but a few areas.

Though these interactive systems are taking a number of forms and are existing as part of numerous ecosystems and platforms, they are still underutilised by organisations. This phenomenon exists not for the absence

of the technologies, but rather due to unfamiliarity to the technology and the fluctuating manner of the existing ones, combined with the lack of strategic management of resources to adapt to this new era's market demands. For several years, business trends leaned toward digital transformation without any monitored action plans. This has created a widening gap between organisations that are taking the leap towards adoption and ones that are watching conservatively and cannot fully understand and utilise this alien technology.

But no more.

AIM Startup 2019, themed 'Harnessing Global Digitisation to Empower Startups and SMEs', did not debate the Sci-Fi like possible future that technology could bring us, but rather critically discussed the benefits, challenges, and opportunities that being at the frontline of the Industry 4.0 holds. AIM Startup 2019 brought together policymakers, industry experts, innovative entrepreneurs and financial institutions under one roof with a view to bridge the gap in the utilisation of technology and set forth the action plans for the next decade.

FEATURES 2019



Innovation Showcase & Exhibition floor

Startups presented their businesses to a global audience for three full days. The event brought together tech-entrepreneurs, investors, venture capital funds and mentors with a view to help start-up companies grow and venture capitalists find the right opportunity.



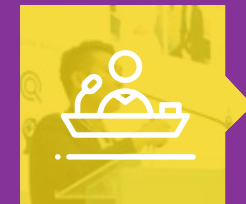
Pitch Off

Over the three-day conference, the top shortlisted startups from around the globe battled to win cash prizes and other awards for their businesses by presenting to a panel of expert judges in a room filled with investors.



Workshops

Our workshops joined an audience comprised of students and entrepreneurs, to gain hands-on training from Aim Startup 2019.



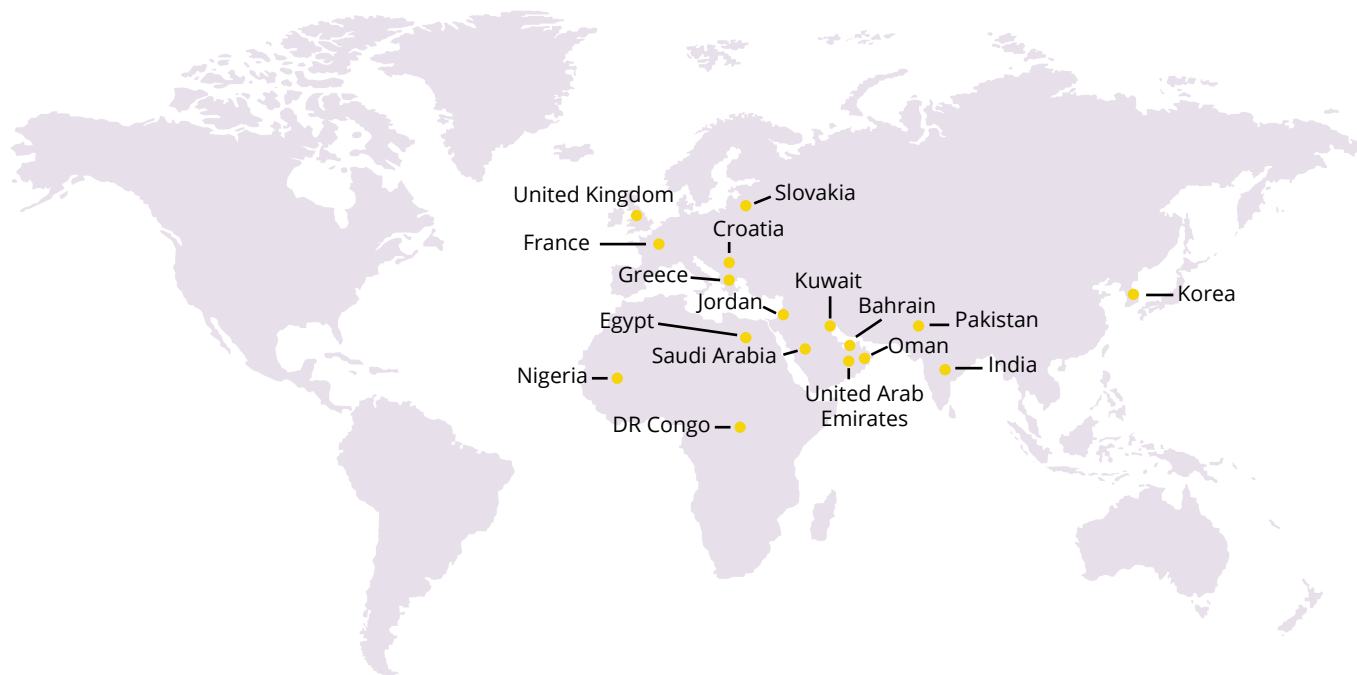
The Talks

The full day conference included a series of engaging, informative and interactive keynote, panel discussions and fireside chats featuring some of the world's leading experts.

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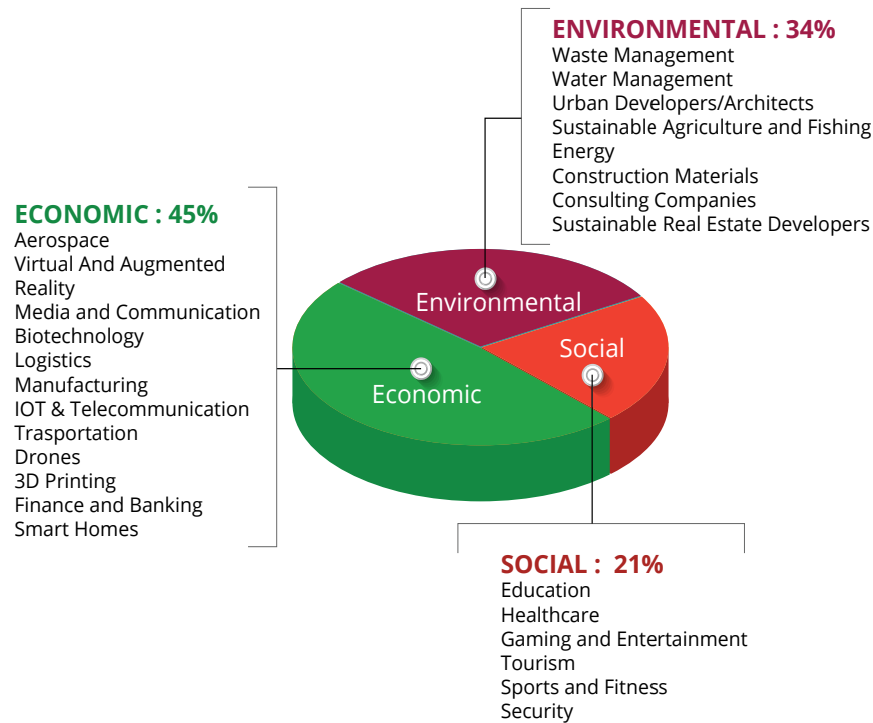
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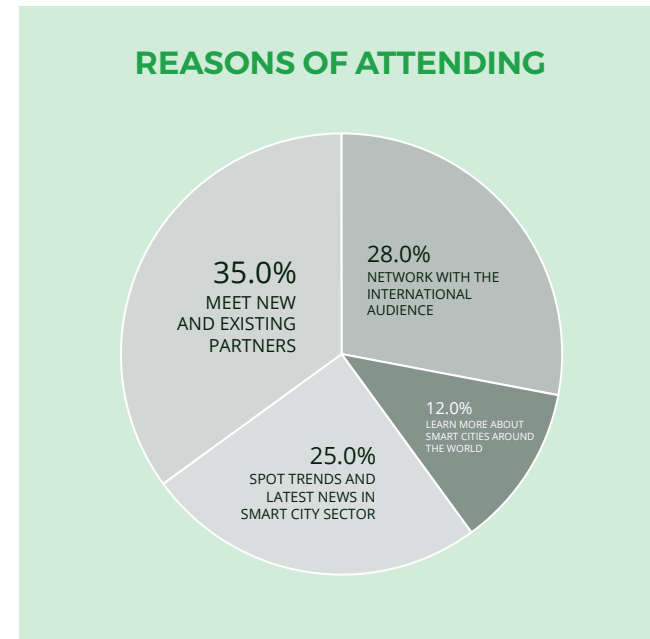
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