

Saudi Fund for Development Newsletter





#### SFD Participates as a Knowledge Sponsor Showcasing Informative Interactive Displays and Development Contributions in the COP16 in Riyadh

The Saudi Fund for Development participated as a knowledge sponsor at the 16th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Riyadh(COP 16), with an interactive information

pavilion in the Green Zone, the Saudi Arabian zone, and the Arab Coordination Group zone in the Blue Zone.

The Arab Coordination Group, of which the Fund is a member, announced its commitment of up to \$10 billion by 2030 to address the critical challenges of land degradation, desertification, and drought during a ministerial dialogue titled "Providing Financing Solutions to Support Land Restoration and Enhance Drought Adaptation".

During the conference, SDF organized dialogue sessions in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). The Fund's representatives also participated in several dialogue sessions aimed at enhancing global drought response







#### During COP16, SFD Hosted a Panel Discussion on Potential Drought Solutions in Africa

During COP16 in Riyadh, The SFD hosted a panel discussion titled "Financing for Drought Resilience and Water Wealth Investment in Africa." The event was a collaboration between the Saudi Fund for Development, the Islamic Development Bank, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).





#### The Fund's Participations and Contributions to the Panel Discussion at COP-16



The deputy CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, Eng. Faisal Al-Qahtani, participated in a panel discussion organized by the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center and the United Nations Development Program titled "Land Reclamation, Food Security, and Enhancing Community Resilience in Humanitarian Interventions", where the deputy spoke about the contributions to food and water security in developing countries worldwide, strengthening partnerships, and unifying efforts to maximize sustainable development impact.



The Director General of the Development Affairs Department, Eng. Bandar Al-Bazie, participated in a dialogue session organized by the Fund in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) titled "Partnership Opportunities to Enhance the Interconnection between Land and Water."



Saudi Fund for Development's Deputy CEO, Eng. Faisal Al-Qahtani, participated in a panel discussion on opening financing horizons for nature-positive investments and addressing climate change and land degradation. The deputy reviewed the Fund's development efforts in developing sustainable solutions for water projects.



Director General of Corporate Communications, Ms. Randa Al-Hazali, participated in a dialogue session titled "Youth as Agents of Change for Resilient Regions in the African Sahel and Beyond." During the session, she stated the active role of youth in empowering communities and the vital opportunities for them from projects funded by the Fund in developing countries around the world.



The Director General of Corporate Communications, Ms. Randa Al-Hadhali, participated in a panel discussion titled "Youth as Agents of Change for Resilient Regions in the African Sahel and Beyond." During the session, she spoke about the active role of youth in empowering communities and discussed the opportunities available to them for innovating and expanding the scope of projects in developing communities worldwide.

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The Director General of Sectoral Expertise Eng. Yasser Al-Bakri participated in a panel discussion entitled "Health, Medical Waste Management, and Lands". During the session, he discussed the Fund's contributions to the health sector, and the developmental impact of health development projects in developing countries around the world.



The Director General of Sector Expertise Eng. Yasser Al-Bakri participated in a panel discussion titled "Enhancing Prosperity: Agricultural Partnerships for Sustainable Development" discussing the importance of enhancing the development impact of agricultural projects in developing countries worldwide.



The Director of Information Resources Department, Mr. Nawaf Al-Ajroush, participated in a panel discussion titled "Innovation to Support Integrated Water Resources Management" regarding knowledge sharing and its role in promoting innovative solutions to address global water challenges.

Mr. Ziad Al-Sabali, representing the Department of Development Programs and Initiatives, participated in a panel discussion titled "Enhancing Opportunities in the Dry Grains Food System" about the way to enhance pioneering opportunities in various vital sectors.



### The SDF Funds King Salman Specialist Hospital in Zambia with a Total Value of \$135 Million

In order to enhance the sustainability of the health sector, SDF CEO, Mr. Sultan bin Al-Marshad, signed an additional development loan agreement worth \$35 million with H.E. the Minister of Finance and National Planning of the Republic of Zambia, Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane. The Ambassador of the Kingdom to Zambia, H.E. Ali Al-Qahtani also attended the meeting. The total cost of the project, fully funded by SDF, amounts to \$135 million.

This project will build a large, 800-bed hospital in Zambia specializing in maternity and pediatric health. It will cover over 200,000 square meters and improve specialized healthcare, training, and overall service standards, ultimately lowering costs for patients.









# The SDF Participation in the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth International Conference on Financing Sustainable Development

Mr. Abdullah Al-Bazghi, Director of Programs and Initiatives Department, represented SDF at the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Sustainable Development, which was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to discuss unified efforts aimed at strengthening development sectors in various developing countries around the world.



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## Participation of the CEO in the Foreign Assistance Session Organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The SFD CEO, Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Marshad, participated in a foreign aid event at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs fifth annual meeting of heads of Saudi missions abroad in Riyadh. He discussed the Fund's significant contributions to developing countries worldwide over the past half-century.











الرئيس التنفيذي للصندوق السعودي للتنمية مساعد المشرف العام على مركز الملك سلمان للإغاثة الأعمال الإنسانية





#### A Joint Development Workshop at the Fund's Headquarters

To strengthen collaboration and exchange of development expertise, SDF hosted a joint workshop at its headquarters with the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BAEA) to unify development efforts in supporting critical sectors for development projects and programs in developing countries around the world.



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#### A 46 Year Development Cooperation Relationship with the Republic of Kenya

The SFD had a presence at the Saudi Embassy's pavilion during Kenya's 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations. The SFD highlighted its long-standing development partnerships in Kenya, spanning more than four decades and impacting vital sectors.







#### EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA IN NAIROBI





#### The Saudi Fund for Development Hosts an Introductory Session for Alfaisal University Students

The Saudi Fund for Development hosted a session at its headquarters for Alfaisal University students to introduce its development activities and showcase innovative techniques in development funding in developing countries internationally, covering its 50 year journey.





#### the SDF-funded Saudi Program for Well Drilling and Rural Development in Africa

Water drought hit African countries, disrupting regular life on the continent. In light of such a catastrophe, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's government has granted a large contribution through the Saudi Fund for Development to support the initiative while also contributing to water and food security and public health.

Launch of the program

1981 during the Islamic Summit Conference held in Mecca

Phase 5

2016

Phase 2

1987

Phase 4

2006

Phase 1

1982

Phase 3

1997

#### +10.000 water \$330 million

5 million beneficiaries Improving the health, economic and social situation

Reducing environmental

pollution

Reducing the hardship of obtaining water and the associated costs **Development Impact** 

> Providing clean water for drinking

> > Mitigating the effects of drought on African countries

> > > Developing the agricultura

Sultan Al-Marshad, CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, received H.E. the Minister of Finance of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. Mwigulu Lameck Nchimba, and his accompanying delegation. During the meeting, they discussed methods for improving development cooperation to finance vital sectors.





During the COP16 conference in Riyadh, Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, met with His Excellency Thani Mohammed Souilihi, Minister of State for Francophone Affairs and International Partnerships France. During the meeting, ways to enhance development cooperation between the two parties to support developing countries around the world were discussed. Representatives from the French Development Agency (AFD) also attended.



During the COP16 conference in Riyadh, Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, met with Her Excellency Djami Diallo, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development in the Republic of Guinea. During the discussion, the two sides discussed strategies to improve development cooperation in important areas in Guinea that are funded by the Fund.





The CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, received H.E. Pablo Perisciartoa, Minister of Infrastructure in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and his delegation. During the discussion at the Fund's headquarters, the two parties explored methods to collaborate on development in terms of project funding.



The CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, received the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Equatorial Guinea, H.E. Simeón Oyono Esono Angue, and his delegation. During the meeting at the Fund's headquarters, methods of development cooperation between the two parties were explored.





During the COP16 conference in Riyadh, Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, received H.E. Abdullahi Batan Warsame, Minister of Energy and Water of the Federal Republic of Somalia. The two sides discussed how to support Somalia's water industry through development cooperation.









The CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, received H.E. Yusuf Mohamed, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of the Federal Republic of Somalia.

During the discussion at the Fund's headquarters, strategies for improving development cooperation in critical sectors in Somalia were reviewed.





Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, received Her Excellency Ms. Pholile Shakantu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Eswatini, who was accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Lindani, son of His Majesty the King of Eswatini and Member of Parliament. During the discussion, the two sides discussed ways to improve development cooperation in Eswatini, namely financing important sectors.

The CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, received the Director General of the Islamic Organization for Food Security, Ambassador Brek Aren. During the meeting at the Fund's headquarters, the two parties explored potential areas for development





The CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, Mr. Sultan Al-Marshed, received H.E. Mazen Mohammed Rateb Ghneim, Ambassador of Palestine to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and his delegation. During the meeting at the Fund's headquarters, both sides discussed development challenges.



His Excellency The CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, received at the SDF's headquarter Mr. Zhongjing Wang is the CEO of the Multilateral Cooperation Centre for Financing for Development (MCDF). During the conference, issues of shared interest in development cooperation were discussed.



The CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, received Mr. Zhongjing Wang, the CEO of the Multilateral Cooperation Centre for Financing for Development (MCDF). During the meeting at the Fund's headquarters, issues of shared interest in development cooperation were discussed.



The CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, Mr. Sultan Al-Marshed, received H.E. Stefan Preisner, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Iran. During the meeting at the Fund's headquarters, development issues of common interest were discussed.

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