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SFD and GACA Sign MoU to Support Global Sustainable Development Projects

Mr. Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Marshad, CEO of SFD, and His Excellency Mr. Abdulaziz bin Abdullah Al-Duailej, President of the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at SFD headquarters to enhance cooperation in the field of international development.

The MoU aims to foster collaboration and alignment between SFD and GACA in supporting development projects funded by SFD, with the objective of promoting sustainable growth in developing countries worldwide. It also seeks to strengthen the global role of the civil aviation sector through joint efforts to develop airport infrastructure in beneficiary countries, thereby enhancing service quality and reinforcing connectivity at the local, regional, and international levels.



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Through a dedicated pavilion, SFD showcased its development achievements since its establishment in 1976, highlighting its contributions to sustainable growth in developing countries around the world. Dr. Abdullah bin Sulaiman Al-Sukhan, Executive Director of Public Sector Operations at SFD, participated in a panel discussion on advancing economic growth through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The session examined the role of Arab funds, regional institutions, and international organizations in promoting sustainable development. He emphasized SFD's nearly five decades of supporting social and economic progress through impactful development initiatives worldwide.



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SFD Delegation Meets with President of Sierra Leone to Advance Development Partnership

His Excellency Dr. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, received a delegation from the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), led by Dr. Abdullah bin Sulaiman Al-Sakran, Executive Director of the Infrastructure and Economic Development Sector. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Ali bin Ibrahim Al-Heji, Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Sierra Leone. The meeting was held on the sidelines of SFD's participation in the Third High-Level African Forum on South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development.

During the meeting, the President was briefed on SFD's development efforts in Sierra Leone over the past four decades, along with its role in supporting key sectors across the country. He expressed his appreciation for the Fund's continued contributions and acknowledged its significant role in advancing Sierra Leone's development journey.

As part of the visit, Dr. Abdullah Al-Sakran also met with Their Excellencies the Ministers of Planning and Economic Development, Health, and Agriculture to discuss key development priorities of mutual interest.



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Cumulative Contributions of the Saudi Fund for Development

Since commencing its lending operations in 1975, the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) has financed over 800 development projects and programs through concessional loans. The total value of these contributions exceeds USD 21 billion, benefiting numerous developing countries across the globe.



Africa



47

Number of Countries

Asia-Pacific



31

Number of Countries

Europe



5

Number of Countries

Latin America and the Caribbean



15

Number of Countries

Total Number of Development Projects and Programs:

+800

Total Number of Countries

+100



Transport and Communications



Agriculture



Energy



Social Infrastructure



Industry and Mining



Other Sectors

Bilateral Meetings



Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, CEO of SFD, met with H.E. Mr. Amara Sakkor, Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Liberia to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at SFD headquarters.

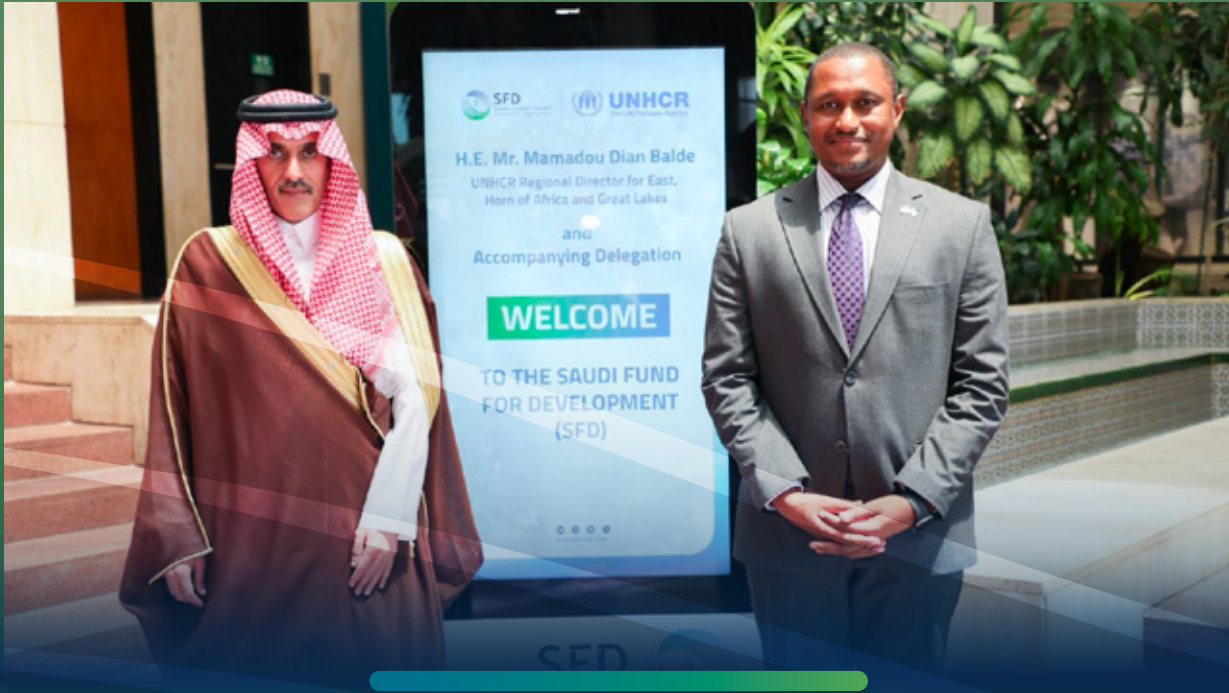


Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, CEO of SFD, received H.E. Mr. Madiyar Menilbekov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at SFD headquarters.

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Eng. Faisal Al-Qahtani, Deputy CEO of SFD, met with Mr. Mamadou Dian Balde, Regional Director of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes, along with his accompanying delegation, in the presence of Dr. Khaled Khalifa, UNHCR Representative to the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries.



Eng. Faisal Al-Qahtani, Deputy CEO of SFD, received H.E. Mrs. Amal Bent Maouloud, Minister of Water and Sanitation of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, at SFD headquarters.

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