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SFD Participates in Azerbaijan Development Roundtable

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), H.E. Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, joined members of the Arab Coordination Group (ACG) at a roundtable meeting in Baku to support development in the Republic of Azerbaijan. Discussions focused on aligning development financing with Azerbaijan's priorities and exploring future cooperation. A Statement of Intent was signed to advance collaboration on priority projects, feasibility studies, knowledge exchange, and capacity building.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Economy of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Mikayil Jabarov.

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SFD Signs MoU with FIFA to Advance Sports Infrastructure

The CEO of SFD, H.E. Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, and the President of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), Mr. Gianni Infantino, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to allocate up to USD 1 billion in concessional loans to finance sports infrastructure projects in developing countries.

The MoU will support the construction and enhancement of FIFA certified stadiums and related infrastructure, prioritizing developing countries to promote social inclusion, youth empowerment, community cohesion, and economic opportunities through sport.

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Riyadh | The CEO of SFD, H.E. Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, met with the Senator and Minister of Trade, Investment and Tourism of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, H.E. Mr. Satyakama Maharaj.

The meeting reviewed SFD's development efforts over the past 50 years and discussed potential areas for future cooperation.



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNING CEREMONY

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SFD and FIFA Sign USD 1 Billion Development MoU

SFD and FIFA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to allocate USD 1 billion

 in concessional loans for the development of sports infrastructure in developing countries.

MoU Objectives:

Enhance the sports sector in developing countries

Empower communities and create opportunities for youth

Strengthen national identity and social unity through sports

Bilateral Meetings and Engagements



Riyadh | At SFD's headquarters, the CEO of SFD, H.E. Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, welcomed the Head of Secretariat of the Joint SDG Fund, Ms. Lisa Kurbiel, and the accompanying delegation.

Riyadh | At SFD's headquarters, the CEO of SFD, H.E. Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, received the Minister of International Development of the Kingdom of Norway, H.E. Åsmund Aukrust, and the accompanying delegation.

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Riyadh | At SFD's headquarters, the CEO of SFD, H.E. Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, received the European Commissioner for International Partnerships, Mr. Jozef Sikela, and the accompanying delegation.

Riyadh | At SFD's headquarters, the CEO of SFD, H.E. Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, received the Associate Vice-President for External Relations at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Ms. Federica Diamanti, and the accompanying delegation.

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Riyadh | At SFD's headquarters, the CEO of SFD, H.E. Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, received the Ambassador of the Republic of Italy to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Mr. Carlo Baldocci, and the accompanying delegation.

Riyadh | At SFD's headquarters, the CEO of SFD, H.E. Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, received the UN Tourism Regional Director for the Middle East, Mr. Samer Al-Kharashi, and the accompanying delegation.

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Riyadh | At SFD's headquarters, the CEO of SFD, H.E. Mr. Sultan Al-Marshad, welcomed, the Minister of Youth and Sports of Somalia, H.E. Mohamed Abdulkadir Ali, and the accompanying delegation.

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