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SFD Participates in Inauguration of Road Project in Liberia

In the presence of H.E. President Joseph Nyuma Boakai of the Republic of Liberia, SFD CEO, H.E. Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al Marshad, participated in the inauguration of the Gbarnga to Salayea Road Development Project in Liberia. Contributed by SFD alongside members of the Arab Coordination Group, including the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, and the OPEC Fund for International Development

The project aims to strengthen Liberia's transport infrastructure through the construction of an 81 kilometre road, along with stormwater drainage systems, bridges, road safety and protection measures, and a vehicle load weighing station



President of Liberia Receives SFD CEO

H.E. President Joseph Nyuma Boakai of the Republic of Liberia received SFD CEO, H.E. Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Marshad, and the accompanying delegation during the CEO's visit to Liberia to attend the inauguration of the Gbarnga to Salayea Road Construction Project, which SFD is contributing USD 20 million to finance

During the meeting, H.E. Sultan Al-Marshad highlighted that his visit reflects the longstanding development cooperation between SFD and Liberia, spanning more than 48 years



SFD Participates in Opening of Sabaragamuwa University Faculty of Medicine

In the presence of H.E. Prime Minister Dr. Harini Amarasuriya of Sri Lanka, SFD, represented by Deputy CEO Eng. Faisal Al-Kahtani, participated in the inauguration of the Faculty of Medicine Project at Sabaragamuwa University, which SFD is contributing USD 50 million to finance. The inauguration ceremony was also attended by H.E. Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Sri Lanka Khalid Al-Qahtani and a number of officials from both sides

The project aims to support medical education in Sri Lanka through the development of an integrated Faculty of Medicine complex at Sabaragamuwa University



SFD Signs Contracts to Complete King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Medical City in Bahrain

In the presence of SFD CEO, H.E. Sultan Al-Marshad, Arabian Gulf University President, H.E. Dr. Saad Al-Fuhaid, signed contracts to provide an information technology system and supply non-medical furniture for the academic hospital at King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Medical City. The contracts form part of the grant provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through SFD to establish the Medical City, valued at SAR 1 billion

The signing ceremony was also attended by H.E. Minister of Education of Bahrain Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, H.E. Minister of Health of Bahrain Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad Hasan, and H.E. Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Bahrain Naif bin Bandar Al-Sudairi

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New York | As part of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's delegation to the 2026 High-Level Political Forum, SFD, represented by Executive Director of Strategy and Development Dr. Abdullah Al-Sakran, participated in a session titled "Small Island Developing States: Strategies for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals "

During the session, Dr. Al-Sakran highlighted SFD's contributions across 22 island countries, supporting inclusive and sustainable growth by strengthening key development sectors in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals

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New York | As part of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's delegation, SFD, represented by Director General of the Advisory Department Dr. Saleh Baraba, participated in the 2026 Humanitarian Affairs Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council

The forum aims to strengthen collective efforts to address growing humanitarian challenges and bridge the gap between development needs and available resources, contributing to more effective response efforts and strengthening the capacity of affected communities to recover and build long-term resilience

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Joint Workshop between the Saudi Fund for Development and the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)

At the Headquarters of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), New York



Workshop Objectives

Explore the Saudi Fund for Development's pathway to membership in the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI).

Publish the Fund's development cooperation data in accordance with the IATI Standard.

Strengthen the Fund's approach to transparency and development data sharing.

Support automation, digitalization, and systems interoperability.

Keep pace with global efforts to advance more integrated, transparent, and usable development data.

Bilateral Meetings



SFD CEO, H.E. Sultan Al-Marshad, received H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, at SFD headquarters. During the meeting, the two sides discussed opportunities for development cooperation



SFD CEO, H.E. Sultan Al-Marshad, received H.E. Carlo Baldocci, Ambassador of the Republic of Italy to Saudi Arabia, at SFD headquarters. During the meeting, the Ambassador was briefed on SFD's activities and development programs, and the two sides discussed topics of mutual interest in the field of development

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SFD CEO, H.E. Sultan Al-Marshad, received H.E. Madiyar Menilbekov, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Saudi Arabia, at SFD headquarters. During the meeting, the two sides discussed ways to strengthen development cooperation to support the growth of key sectors and advance sustainable development in Kazakhstan



SFD CEO, H.E. Sultan Al-Marshad, received H.E. Candice Williams, Ambassador of Panama to Saudi Arabia, at SFD headquarters. During the meeting, the two sides reviewed SFD's activities in financing international development projects and programs and discussed opportunities for development cooperation

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On behalf of SFD CEO, Deputy CEO Eng. Faisal Al-Kahtani received H.E. Rindra Rabarinirinarison, CEO of the Global Center on Adaptation, at SFD headquarters. During the meeting, the two sides reviewed SFD's development activities and discussed development issues of mutual interest



On behalf of SFD CEO, Deputy CEO Eng. Faisal Al-Kahtani received H.E. Muhammad Aurangzeb, Minister for Finance and Revenue of Pakistan, and the accompanying delegation at SFD headquarters. During the meeting, the two sides discussed the development projects financed by SFD in Pakistan

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