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Προς: Όλους τους ενδιαφερόμενους

Θέμα: 19th Annual Economist Cyprus Summit – Cyprus’s new roadmap and strategy for sustainable balance

Κυρία/ε,

Σε συνέχεια προηγούμενης μας ενημέρωσης για το 19^ο ετήσιο συνέδριο του Economist, το οποίο θα διεξαχθεί στις 7 και 8 Νοεμβρίου 2023 στο ξενοδοχείο Hilton στη Λευκωσία, σας επισυνάπτουμε την ατζέντα του Συνεδρίου.

Σας υπενθυμίζουμε ότι το ΚΕΒΕ, ως διαχρονικός υποστηρικτής του συνεδρίου, έχει εξασφαλίσει ειδικό καθεστώς συμμετοχής για τα μέλη του. Όσα μέλη ενδιαφέρονται να παρακολουθήσουν το συνέδριο παρακαλώ όπως επικοινωνήσουν μαζί μας μέσω του ηλεκτρονικού ταχυδρομείου andand@ccci.org.cy.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες σχετικά με το συνέδριο, παρακαλώ πατήστε [εδώ](#).

Ευχαριστούμε για την συνεργασία.

Με εκτίμηση,

Μιχάλης Κούλλουρος,
Λειτουργός Τμήματος Βιομηχανικής Ανάπτυξης,
Καινοτομίας και Περιβάλλοντος,
για Γενικό Γραμματέα.

Nicosia, October 31, 2023

To: All interested parties

Re: 19th Annual Economist Cyprus Summit – Cyprus’s new roadmap and strategy for sustainable balance

Madam/Sir,

Following our previous communication on the 19th annual conference of the Economist, which will be held on 7 and 8 November 2023 at the Hilton Hotel in Nicosia, we hereby attach the agenda of the Conference.

We remind you that the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as a longstanding supporter of the conference, has secured a special participation status for its members. Those interested in attending the conference please contact us via email andand@ccci.org.cy.

For more information about the conference, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Michalis Koullouros,
Officer Department of Industrial Development,
Innovation and Environment,
for Secretary General.

Cyprus Programme

19th Annual Cyprus Summit

**Cyprus's new roadmap and
strategy for sustainable balance**

Geopolitics • Innovation • Growth

November 7th - 8th 2023 | Hilton Nicosia

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08:30 Registration – Welcome coffee

09:05 Welcome and opening remarks:

THE ECONOMISTS OUTLOOK ON CYPRUS AND THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

- **Focusing on the latest critical developments in the region**

John Peet, associate editor, special reports, *The Economist*

09:15 **CYPRUS'S NEW ROADMAP AND STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE BALANCE**

Official Opening and Keynote address:

Nikos Christodoulides, president of the Republic of Cyprus

09:30 Opening Session

EUROPE'S FUTURE IN A VOLATILE ENVIRONMENT

Guests of honor and keynote speakers:

Mario Monti, former prime minister, Italy

* **Yulia Tymoshenko**, MP, former prime minister of Ukraine

THE UK TRADE AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR EUROPE

- **Strengthening relations with Cyprus**

Chris Barton, CMG His Majesty's trade commissioner for Europe

09:50 Discussion

10:10 **BUILDING REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR STRONG INNOVATION HUB
IN THE REGION**

- **Greece's priorities for innovation and technology partnerships**
- **Cyprus vision 2035**
- **Israel's input**

Dimosthenis Anagnostopoulos, secretary-general for information systems and digital governance, Ministry of Digital Governance, Greece

Takis Klerides, chairman, Cyprus Economy and Competitiveness Council

Philippos Soseilos, CEO and chairman, PwC Cyprus

Uzy Zwebner, founder and CEO, BaseCamp, co-founder, High Tech Park, Beer Sheva, Israel

* **Yanna Andronopoulou**, general manager, Microsoft Greece, Cyprus and Malta

10:40 Discussion

11:00

MANAGING THE MIGRATION FLOWS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

- **What are the main consequences of the uncontrolled migration flows?**
- **Tackling the deeper causes of mass migration – offering credible alternatives**
- **The significance of inter-state and multilateral co-operation**

Anna Koukkides Procopiou, minister of justice and public order, Cyprus

Sofia Voultepsi, deputy minister of migration and asylum, Greece

11:15

Discussion

11:30

CAN WE SUSTAIN THE PLANET?

- **The World of Tomorrow**

Keynote address:

Wolfgang Fengler, CEO, World Data Lab, fmr lead economist, The World Bank

11:40

Discussion

11:50

Coffee Break

12:20

WHY SHOULD EUROPE PRIORITISE EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH?

- **European Commission's policies and tools**
- **Can competitiveness and social justice go hand in hand?**

Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms (recorded message)

Sofia Zacharaki, minister for social cohesion and family affairs, Greece

12:35

Discussion

12:50

EXACERBATED CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST: DELVING INTO UNDERLYING CAUSES

- **Security implications for the region**

Keynote address:

Shlomo Ben Ami, former minister of foreign affairs, Israel, vice-president,

Toledo International Centre for Peace (TICpax)

- **The energy landscape in times of geopolitical turmoil**

George Papanastasiou, minister of energy, commerce and industry, Cyprus

* **Asimakis Papageorgiou**, fmr deputy minister of environment, energy and climate change, Greece

Constantinos Filis, director, Institute of Global Affairs, associate professor, American College of Greece

13:20

Discussion

13:40

EURO-ATLANTIC STRATEGY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IN THE MIDST OF THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

- Europe's strong and weak points in a turbulent global environment
- The US priorities in the region
- An update on Ukraine

Constantinos Kombos, minister of foreign affairs, Cyprus

Julie Fisher, ambassador of the United States of America to Cyprus

* **Hryhoriy Nemyria**, first deputy chairman, foreign affairs committee, Parliament of Ukraine, former deputy prime minister, Ukraine

14:00

Discussion

14:20

**GLOBAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK:
IS THE BANKING SECTOR RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY?**

- Opportunities and challenges
- Financial stability in the environment of elevated interest rate
- Will high inflation persist?
- Fintech and future outlook

Wim Van Aken, mission chief for Cyprus, European Stability Mechanism

Elizabeth McCaul, member of the supervisory board, European Central Bank (via connection)

Michael C. G. Charalambides, CEO and managing director, ECOMMBX

- A credit rating agency's viewpoint

Simon Ainsworth, associate managing director, Moody's Investors Service

14:45

Discussion

15:05

SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN: CYPRUS'S ROLE

Ian Lesser, vice-president, The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)

Irfan Siddiq, British high commissioner to Cyprus

15:20

Discussion

15:40

Networking Luncheon

16:30

End of 1st day sessions

09:00 **Registration – Welcome coffee**

09:30 **NAVIGATING THE ROAD TOWARDS PEACE**

- **A momentum of opportunity**
- **The importance of the two sides working together**
- **Focus on increased intra-island trade and economic connectivity**

Colin Stewart, special representative of the secretary-general, head of UNFICYP and deputy special adviser on Cyprus

Mario Nava, director-general, DG REFORM, European Commission (recorded message)

Goran Tinjic, program manager for southern Europe, World Bank

Yaprak Özyalçın, owner and director, MOS Glass

Christos Konteatis, business development manager, Caterways

10:10 Discussion

10:30 **BUILDING AN EDUCATIONAL LEGACY – CREATING NETWORKS OF EXCELLENCE**

- **Developing R&D hubs at universities**
- **Reskilling-upskilling the workforce: the role of the education system**
- **Public-private synergies in the sector • Brain regain – attracting talent**

Monica Verzola, vice-president, Lifelong Learning Platform (LLL) (via connection)

El-Iza Mohamedou, head, OECD Centre for Skills (via connection)

Terpsa Konstantinidou, director of higher education, Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth, Cyprus

Panayiotis Zaphiris, rector, Cyprus University of Technology

John Kalogerakis, CEO, JMK Anthropocentric Strategic Leadership Development, president of IUPT Consultative Body

11:10 Discussion

11:30 **EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN: PAVING THE WAY FOR A SUSTAINABLE GROWTH MODEL THROUGH INNOVATIVE INVESTMENTS**

- **The significance of regional partnership and synergies**
- **The significance of innovative investments**

George Theocharides, chairman, Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (CySEC)

Evgenios Evgeniou, chairman, Invest Cyprus

Stelios Elia, managing director, BC Partners

Goran Tinjic, program manager for southern Europe, World Bank

Kypros Zoumidou, group CEO, Capital.com

Anna Motruk, partner, Energame

12:10 Discussion

12:30 **Coffee Break**

13:00 REVIVING CYPRUS'S GROWTH MODEL: HOW?

Christodoulos Angastiniotis, president, Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Andreas Yiasemides, president, Cyprus Investment Funds Association (CIFA)

- **A case study on blue economy**

Hila Ehrenreich, chief executive, Israeli National Centre for Blue Economy and Innovation

13:20 Discussion

13:40 STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COLLABORATION THROUGH MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- **The Cypriot Government's priorities**

Alexis Vafeades, minister of transport, communications and works, Cyprus

- **The business response:**

* **Alexandros Exarchou**, vice-chairman of the BoD and CEO, Intrakat

13:55 Discussion

14:10 DEVELOPING TECH CLUSTERS FOR A KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY

- **Cyprus as a promising tech destination – Cyprus's tech ecosystem**
- **Sharing expertise on technology in the eastern Mediterranean**
- **Digitalisation of the government services – digitalisation for the SMEs**

Philippos Hadjizacharias, deputy minister of research, innovation and digital policy, Cyprus

Ioannis Petri, managing director, Athlos Capital

Dimitris Spentzas, chief technology officer, Ambience

- **Financing innovation**

Elena Pantazi, partner, talent and portfolio development, Northzone (via connection)

Demetrios Zoppos, founding partner, 33East

14:40 Discussion

15:00 Networking luncheon

16:00 End of conference

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