



The HSBC China - Middle East Forum

31st May, 2011

DIFC Conference Centre, Building 4, DIFC, Dubai

Panel Topics:

China: What Next?

China's Gateway to the Middle East & Africa?

Roundtable Discussions:

- Convertible Renminbi
- Green Technology
- State Economy
- Dollar Peg
- Energy

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The HSBC China – Middle East Forum Agenda

8.00am – 9.00am	Network Breakfast
9.00am – 9.05am 9.05am – 9.15am	Preview Master of Ceremonies Dyala Sabbagh, Gulf Intelligence Simon Cooper, CEO, HSBC Bank Middle East
9.15am – 10.05am	Session A Panel A – China: What Next? Panelists: Gerald Lawless, Executive Chairman, Jumeirah Group Zhou Jiabin, CFO West Asia (Middle East & Africa), COSCO Group Nick Levitt, Head of Commercial Banking, HSBC UAE <i>Moderator: Sean Evers, Managing Partner, Gulf Intelligence</i>
10.05am – 11.00am	Session B Roundtable Discussions: Reach 3-point Consensus in Table Debate Topic 1: The logic for China and Gulf states to peg directly, or indirectly, to the US\$ is weakening. Under what circumstances should countries move to end the peg? <i>Moderator: Frank Kane, Columnist, The National</i> Topic 2: Faced with scarce oil supplies and polluted cities, Beijing has ordered its booming auto industry to make a great leap forward in clean technology. How could Middle East companies and governments position themselves to be partners with China on this big push? <i>Moderator: Bruce Stanley, Middle East Editor, Bloomberg</i> Topic 3: Are the days numbered for China's top-down macro economic decisions and for its state-owned monopolies – why? <i>Moderator: Bill Spindle, Middle East Bureau Chief, Dow Jones</i> Topic 4: The ongoing shift of the center of economic gravity from the Atlantic to the Pacific will have major implications on trade, finance, investment, energy consumption, corporate strategy and geopolitical developments. Who are the winners and losers when it comes to energy with this power transfer and why? <i>Moderator: Tom Ashby, Business Editor, The National</i> Topic 5: China has launched a trial scheme allowing a growing list of mainland Chinese companies to settle with foreign companies using the Yuan. It may take a while for the Renminbi to be adopted as a major trade-settlement currency – but what is the best way for corporations to prepare for this inevitability? <i>Moderator: Tariq Qureishy, CEO, Vantage Communications</i>
11.00am – 11.15am	Coffee Break
11.20am – 12.00pm	Session C Roundtable Moderators Present 3-point Consensus on Topic Question
12.05pm – 12.15pm	Session D Bayt.Com survey: How Prepared are Mideast firms for the China opportunity? Ali Sinaei, Head of Online, Bayt.Com – presents findings from their survey
12.15pm – 1.00pm	Panel B – China's Gateway to the Middle East & Africa? Panelists: James McCallum, CEO, Senergy Alessandro Magnoli Bocchi, Chief Economist, Kuwait China Investment Co. Kersi Patel, Head of Trade, HSBC MENA <i>Moderator: Sean Evers, Gulf Intelligence</i>
1.05pm – 1.15pm 1:15pm – 2:00pm	Closing Comments by Nick Levitt, Head of Commercial Banking, HSBC UAE Networking Buffet Lunch