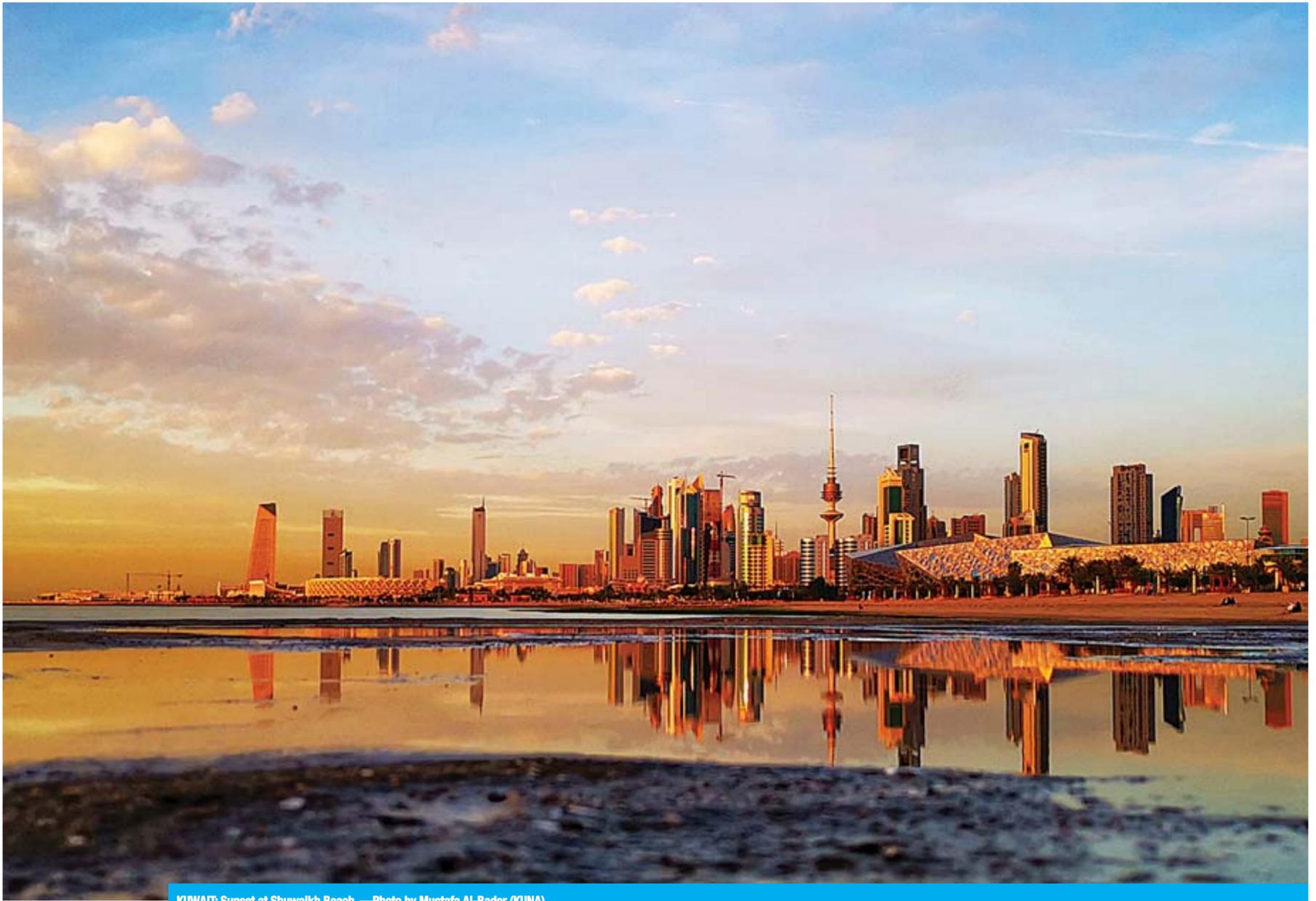


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KUWAIT: Sunset at Shuwalkh Beach. —Photo by Mustafa Al-Bader (KUNA)

# NoufEXPO inaugurates 2nd Consulting Services for the Development Plan Forum on Tuesday

## Main topics include automation, unified portal and combating wastage

**KUWAIT:** NoufEXPO announced the inauguration of the '2nd Consulting Services for the Development Plan Forum' on Tuesday 30 April at 06:30 pm at the Diamond Ballroom of Sheraton Kuwait. ENCON2 convenes under the motto of 'Role of the Private Sector in Execution and Automated Integration among Related Agencies to Boost Productivity and Combat Corruption.'

The company welcomed the patronage and presence of Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense - Chairman of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development, during the opening ceremony. "The patronage and presence of His Excellency ensure the importance of ENCON2's topics that focus on the principles upon which Kuwait's Development Plan 2035 projects are executed; these fall under His Excellency's responsibility," NoufEXPO commented.

### Main topics

NoufEXPO added, "ENCON2 will discuss the ways to improve the work environment among the agencies responsible for delivery of consulting services to boost efficiency and integration. Information technology will be a clear path to achieving this objective through automation and development of a unified portal that can streamline operations among government agencies and consulting firms. ENCON2 will also

focus on the means and processes that can combat wastage and corruption; limiting variation orders will be a high priority topic in this regard."

Meanwhile, NoufEXPO expressed gratitude to the participating sponsors and companies that viewed ENCON2 as an important platform bringing them along with government agencies responsible for Kuwait's Development Plan 2035. The company, especially, commended the participation of: Dar SSH International Consultants (SSHIC), Zain Kuwait, Kuwait Finance House (KFH), Pan Arab Consulting Engineers (PACE), Gulf Consult (GC), KEO International Consultants (KEO), Project Management International Systems (PMI), Dar Al Jazera Consultants (DAJC), Molden Technical and Consulting Projects Company (MTC), N Design Engineering Consultants, The Associated Engineering Partnership (TAEP), Ahmadiya Contracting and Trading Company (Ahmadiyah), SOOR Engineering Bureau, Techno-Management, Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA), Central Agency for Information Technology (CAIT), Public Authority For Housing



Welfare, and Environment Public Authority.

### Overwhelming participation

Commenting on the agencies that participate in ENCON2, Magdy Sabry, the Executive Manager of NoufEXPO said, "NoufEXPO is organizing the event based on an invitation from the Federation of Kuwaiti Engineering Offices and Consultant Houses in cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development, the Central Agency for Public Tenders, the Central Agency for Information Technology, and Kuwait Municipality.

### Wide participation in FDIC workshop

ENCON2 also features the participation of the Agency for Developing Madinat Al-Hareer (Al-Subiya) and Boubyan Island, Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority, Kuwait Fire Service Directorate, Ministry of Electricity and Water, Environment Public Authority, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Health, Kuwait University, Ministry of Education, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, and the World Bank. Also, the following supervisory authorities will participate in ENCON2: State Audit Bureau,

Department of Legal Advice and Legislation, Kuwait Anticorruption Authority (Nazaha), the Financial Supervisory Authority, and the Government Performance Follow-up Agency."

Furthermore, NoufEXPO welcomes the participation of several agencies in ENCON2 accompanying FDIC workshop, which focuses on the new DIDIC contracts. The workshop will witness participation of specialist from Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC), United Real Estate Company, Public Utilities Management Company, Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Salhia Real Estate Company, Action Real Estate Company, Kuwait Flour Mills and Bakeries Co, Commercial Bank of Kuwait, and Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC). NoufEXPO concluded its statement by wishing guests a pleasant stay and all participants a successful business development and networking event that will help in safeguarding a more prosperous future for Kuwait and its people.



Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

## AUB offers 30 job opportunities for special needs

**KUWAIT:** Ahli United Bank (AUB) has announced that it has made available 30 job opportunities to individuals with special needs to work in the banking sector after successfully completing training courses and suitable programs according to the plan specifically drawn by the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, the Public Authority of the Disabled, and the Civil Service Commission, within the activities of the 'Partners to Employ Them' Campaign.

This announcement was made during the bank's participation in the First Customer Service Program organized as part of the activities of the 'Partners to Employ Them' Campaign, held under the patronage of the Director of the Public Authority of the Disabled Dr Shafiq Al-Awadhi, and attended by a large number of attendees and people interested in this field.

Sahar Dashti, General Manager Customer Protection,

being responsible for social responsibility programs at Ahli United Bank, made the following statement in her speech at the ceremony: "Ahli United Bank is keen to participate in this noble initiative strongly believing in the importance of social responsibility as a key element of sponsoring physically challenged persons in the State of Kuwait." She affirmed that the Bank's management is happy with this social partnership with Al-Manabir Quranic Society, represented by Affairs, and for the bank to be among those who care for the employment of members of the social care segments within this blessed campaign.

Dashti reaffirmed Ahli United Bank's pride in providing 30 job opportunities for physically challenged persons, thereby reflecting its keen desire to achieve the goals of sustainable development as adopted by the United Nations Organization, foremost among which are the provision of good education, the establishment of partnerships for goal achievement, attaining equality by making education opportunities available for all without discrimination and targeting appropriate employment and economic development. This will be done with a view to achieving progress and development according to the New Kuwait 2035 Vision, pursuant to the guidance of His Highness the Amir. May Allah Protect Him, to provide all forms of support to physically challenged persons and participate in sponsoring various activities and events that achieve



KUWAIT: Sahar Dashti presents AUB's speech.

employment and assimilation within society.

In conclusion of her speech, Dashti thanked all entities that contributed to the success of this initiative and reaffirmed Ahli United Bank's commitment to being a role model in promoting social partnership among civil society institutions, driving the wheel of sustainable development by sponsoring and supporting such training programs and providing job opportunities to our sons and daughters who are entitled to our full assistance and encouragement.

## Financial Sector Conference major event: Diplomat

**RIYADH:** Kuwait's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Sheikh Ali Khaled Al-Jaber Al-Sabah said Friday the Financial Sector Conference 2019, which concluded in the Saudi capital on Thursday, is a major economic event and pioneering financial forum. Kuwait was eager to participate in such an important convention through Minister of Finance Nayef Al-Hajraf, Governor of Central Bank of Kuwait Dr Mohammad Al-Hashel, and the private sector, Ambassador Al-Sabah stated. During the event, a memorandum of understanding was signed between a Kuwaiti company and Saudi Projects Support Fund to finance part of the Avenues-Riyadh project, to be inaugurated in 2023, said the Kuwaiti diplomat. The conference boasted high levels of attention, with great participation of more than 4,000 experts and prominent figures from 80 countries who provided information, ideas, and experiments over 21 sessions, including key and special ones, he noted. —KUNA