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U.S. – ARAB CHAMBER SUPPORTS CAPACITY-BUILDING AMONG YOUNG ARAB PROFESSIONALS

Washington, DC – The National U.S.–Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC) hosted two delegations from the Arabian Gulf this past week, and the focus for both delegations was professional capacity-building. Executive Vice President Gordon Gray and his NUSACC colleagues met with young professionals from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates – part of Lockheed Martin’s summer training program – as well as with Saudi female entrepreneurs visiting the USA under the auspices of the Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP).



Lockheed Martin trainees from the UAE and Saudi Arabia meet with Ambassador Gray (middle left), NUSACC's Executive Vice President, and the NUSACC team.

“The United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia are among the top two markets in the MENA region for U.S. exports,” noted David Hamod, President & CEO of NUSACC. “Both nations are deeply committed to building capacity among youth, especially in the private sector. Our Chamber, as a pre-eminent gateway between the United States and business communities in the Arab world, is very pleased to assist these impressive young leaders in developing their careers.”



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In addition to describing NUSACC's focus on expanding commercial and economic ties between the United States and the Middle East, Ambassador (ret.) Gray and NUSACC's team offered career advice, answered other questions from the participants, and highlighted relevant trade missions hosted by NUSACC. This includes NUSACC's annual [High Tech Road Show](#), which will take place in January 2016. Commenting on the meetings, Ambassador Gray observed that "the enthusiasm and knowledge of these promising young leaders is encouraging and commendable." NUSACC Director of Administration Raad Alghamdi added that "it is essential to support entrepreneurs who might become owners of large corporations and benefit the economy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the future."



Female entrepreneurs from Saudi Arabia meet with NUSACC team members to discuss entrepreneurship initiatives.

Participants saw the meetings as particularly helpful to accessing resources that can help them expand their enterprises. "We are pleased to meet with the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce," said Rasha Ibrahim Bubshait, one of the Saudi entrepreneurs. "They help entrepreneurs by guiding them to companies and organizations that will be to the entrepreneurs' benefit. The Chamber is a great resource for entrepreneurs who are sourcing and scouting new opportunities and markets." Mohammad Shutayfi, a student at Western Carolina University, said that when he returns to Saudi Arabia, he hopes "to expose all my friends and family to the possibilities and ideas engineers and scientists in Lockheed Martin are working on."

To learn more about NUSACC, click [HERE](#).

The National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, widely regarded as the voice of American business in the Arab world, is in touch with business communities across the United States and serves as the U.S. point of contact for the national chambers of commerce in the 22 Arab nations. On a daily basis, NUSACC works closely with leaders throughout the Arab world, as well as high-level decision makers in the U.S. business community, public policy research centers, multilateral institutions, nongovernmental organizations, media, and the U.S. Government.