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Subject: **1st Arab State Regional South-South Development EXPO (ASR-SSD)**
18-20 February 2014, Doha, Qatar

The General Secretariat of Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) presents its compliments to its Member Institutions and has the honor to state the following:

Honorable Members are informed that the *1st Arab State Regional South-South Development EXPO (ASR-SSD)* will be organized on 18-20 February 2014 in Doha, State of Qatar by the Regional Bureau for Arab States through its Cairo office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) through its Arab States regional office in Cairo.

For the countries in the Arab States Region going through the political transition it means broader opportunities for creating partnerships and coalitions among their development stakeholders. Serving as a potential bridge between the North-South and South-South Cooperation systems, triangular cooperation provides a unique learning opportunity for all actors involved. According to the Arab Development Challenges Report it could be concluded that the Arab States possess five critical resources, namely: **human resources, renewable energy, exhaustible hydrocarbons, water, and agricultural land.** Wisely-planned, inclusive development and utilization of the former two that are in great abundance, human resources and solar energy, combined with equitable and prudent distribution and use of the latter three that present tough and limiting constraints should be at the backbone of any policy that aims to realistically improve the lives of the Arab people.

During Arab State Regional SSD EXPO, the South-South Global Assets and Technology Exchange (SS-GATE) will host the “**SS-GATE Business Forum in Doha**” which will offer solution providers, solution seekers, and potential investors the opportunity to leverage SS-GATE’s expertise in deal-making and project facilitation. Viable solutions will be prepped and loaded onto SS-GATE’s e-platform in real time for dissemination throughout the global network. In the case where a provider, seeker, and investor/donor are matched together, SS-GATE will provide on-site facilitation to maximize the chances of a successful deal.

“SS-GATE Business Forum” will particularly focus on “Green Technology for Energy, Water and Agriculture”, contributable to green economy, including:

Energy

Wind
Solar
Micro-hydro
Bio-energy

Water

Water quantity
Supply and distribution
Water quality and sanitation
Waste water management
Drip irrigation management

Agriculture

Crops
Livestock
Fisheries
Market innovations
Land use management
Food security

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In view of the significance of the above EXPO, Member Institutions are requested to kindly circulate the said information among their members, particularly among those SMEs engaged in the above mentioned sectors, to participate in the said event. At the same time, it is also requested to kindly publicize the information in their websites / newsletters / periodicals / magazines / or in any other printed materials.

The Business-matching session and exhibition would provide the interested participants ample opportunities to have a fruitful discussions and interaction with the different participating SMEs institutions. For more details regarding this important event, please visit the following website: <http://southsouthworld.org/office/arabstatesexpo>

Interested relevant parties willing to participate are requested:

- 1) to register on the website to get ID: <http://southsouthworld.org/office/exporegistration>
- 2) to click "Private sector" in the Registration Form, then a "Project Information Form" will appear, which needs to be filled out to indicate the project idea under consideration.

Honorable Members are requested to kindly submit SS-GATE with copy to the ICCIA, the list of participating SMEs from the respective country by **31 January 2014**, so that SS-GATE could confirm their names in the Registration Form and prepare the Appointment Schedule for match-making in the following schedule:

- **Feb 5:** Returning participating SMES the list of all participating SMES to select potential partners for appointment to meet;
- **Feb. 14:** Submitting SS-GATE the list of selected enterprises for appointment;
- **Feb. 17:** Informing participating SMEs of the Appointment Schedule.

It may kindly be noted that four exhibition booths for the SS-GATE group (2 m by 2m each) will be made available **free-of-charge** to the SME participants **on the request basis**. There is no space for the physical exhibition of technology/products. In this regard, interested SMEs to use these booths need to submit a request to ICCIA as soon as possible. There is no separate application form for the use of a booth, therefore mention in the list of participating SMEs. Logistical issues, including a Qatar VISA (for those requiring visas) will be addressed by the organizers (UNOSSC Arab States Regional Office), once they receive a list of all possible participants. Passport information is required to be filled in the Registration Form, based on which an invitation letter to each participant will be sent by the organizer for the VISA purpose.

It may be mentioned that the ICCIA is cooperating with UNOSSC in organizing the 1st Arab State Regional South-South Development EXPO.

The General Secretariat of the ICCIA avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Member Institutions, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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