

Rome | 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024

# Iraq Business & Cooperation Forum

Le Méridien Visconti  
via Federico Cesi, 37 - Rome



IN COLLABORATION WITH



UNIDO ITPO Italy is organizing the “*Iraq Business and Cooperation Forum*” which will be held in Rome next 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The Forum has the primary objective to facilitate partnerships and business collaborations between Iraqi and Italian stakeholders from institutions, business associations and private sector, leveraging the role of business for international development cooperation and strengthening bilateral relations between Iraq and Italy.

By bringing together key stakeholders from both countries, the forum aims to facilitate meaningful interactions, share insights on potential business ventures, and highlight success stories, business and cooperation opportunities in several selected sectors.

The initiative will feature a plenary session with high-level speakers, and BtoB and BtoG meetings, to contribute in achieving durable and sustainable development in Iraq through enhanced collaborations, targeted investments, knowledge and technology-sharing and strengthening capacity building to impact local private sector.

The *Iraq Business and Cooperation Forum* is part of the project “Investment Promotion for Iraq – Phase II” implemented by UNIDO ITPO Italy and financed by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.

# Agenda

10:00	Registration of participants and welcome coffee
10:45	<b>Welcome address</b> <b>Diana Battaggia</b>   Head of UNIDO ITPO Italy
10:50	<b>Opening remarks</b> <b>Maurizio Greganti</b>   <i>Central Director for the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy</i> <b>Marco Riccardo Rusconi</b>   <i>Director of Italian Agency for Development Cooperation</i> <b>Alaa Musa Ali Alshubber</b>   <i>Director General at the Ministry of Industry of Iraq</i> <b>Suar Aziz Ali Al-Bajalan</b>   <i>Director General at the Ministry of Trade and Industry of KRG</i>
11:30	<b>Opportunities in Iraq &amp; Italian System tools</b> <b>Salar Omar Saleh</b>   <i>President's representative of the Iraqi Federation of Chambers of Commerce</i> <b>Mustafa Yaseen Nazzal Alsemari</b>   <i>Board member of the Iraqi Federation of Industries</i> <b>Bayar Muhsin Qadir</b>   <i>Director of Industrial Zones at the Board of Investment KRG</i> <b>Marco Forzini</b>   <i>Head of Asia &amp; Oceania Office of ICE Agenzia – Italian Trade Agency</i> <b>Federica Ingrosso</b>   <i>External Relations at Simest</i> <b>Cecilia Bova</b>   <i>International Network Associate at SACE</i>
12:30	<b>Presentation of the Development Road Project and Industrial Zones (Speech and video)</b> <b>Hamid Awad Mohammed Isawi</b>   <i>Director General of the Iraqi Industrial Cities Corporation</i>
12:50	<b>Closing remarks</b>
13:00	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
14:30	<b>BtoB and BtoG Meetings</b>
-	<i>Sectoral focus on:</i>
17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Construction and Infrastructure</li><li>▪ Manufacturing, Trading and Industrial Services</li><li>▪ Food, Agroindustry and Pharma</li><li>▪ Logistic, Environmental consulting and ICT</li></ul>

The conference session will be held in Italian and Arabic, with simultaneous translation service available. Networking and B2B sessions will be held in English, translation service will be not foreseen.