

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Abdullah Ibrahim El-Kuwaiz

Career History:

- 1959 – 1981 : Ministry of Finance and National Economy of Saudi Arabia in different capacities, Economic Analyst, Economic Expert, Economic Advisor, Assistant Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs until he was transferred to GCC.
- 1980 – 1983 : Chairman of the Arab side of the Financial Cooperation Committee of the Euro-Arab Dialogue and an Alternate Governor for Saudi Arabia to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- 1981 – 1995 : Associate Secretary General for Economic Affairs ,The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- 1987 – 1989 : Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Arab Monetary Fund, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E .
- Jan. 1996 to Jan. 1997 : Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and National Economy. Responsible for formulating national economic policy and Overseeing Saudi economic relations with other countries, groups and Regional and international institutions. Also implemented government Economic policies related to customs, promotion of national industries and the encouragement of foreign investments in production and services sectors.
- Feb. 1997 to 16 May 2001 : General Manager ,Gulf international Bank, Bahrain.
- Sep.26.2002 till present** : **Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Kingdom of Bahrain.**

Regional and International Conferences meetings:

- : Member of the Saudi Arabian delegation to a number of International, Islamic, and Arab Summits including North-South Summit in Cancun, Mexico.
- : Participated in a number of ministerial meetings of the Organization Of Islamic Conference, Economic Council of the Arab League, UNCTAD and The Annual meetings of the IMF& IBRD.
- : Attended all GCC Summits and drafted all their economic decisions.

Board Membership :

a) Previous

- 1977 – 1982 : Executive Director representing Saudi Arabia, Arab Monetary Fund, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E .
- 1977 – 1991 : Board Member and a member of the Executive Committee, Gulf International Bank, Bahrain.
- 1990 – 1991 : Chairman of the Board, Saudi-Kuwait Cement Company, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- 1995– 1997 : Director, United Saudi Commercial Bank, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 1998 - 2000 : Board Member, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development - Kuwait.
- 1998-2001 : Member of the Board of Trustees: Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey, - Cairo.
- 1996 -2003 : Executive Director, representing Saudi Arab in the Board of Islamic Development Bank and its Funds and other windows, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- 2001-2003 : Chairman, Bosna Bank International d.d.Sarajevo, Bosnia-Hercegovina

b) Present

- Since 1994 till present : Deputy Chairman of the Governing Board of Oxford Energy Policy Institute, U.K.
- 2002 till present : Member of the Board of the Policy Management Company of the Infrastructure Fund of IDB – Bahrain.

Academic Accomplishments:

- B.A. in Economic and Political Science, King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- M.A. In Social Sciences with concentration on Economics, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington.

- M.B.A Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington.
- Ph.D. in Economics, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.
- Conducted a number of research projects and wrote articles in the areas of international finance, banking, economic integration economic development and energy economics, published in books and academic Journals.
- Frequent lecturer and speaker at conferences, seminars and symposiums organized by governments, regional and international funds and Arab, Asian, European, and American academic institutions and universities.
- Designate by the World Bank, in the beginning of 1995, as one of the prominent personalities the Bank consults , on a regular basis, on issues related to the economic development in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Received the Medal of Merit for accomplishments in the GCC from The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahad Ibn Abdulaziz (In the name of GCC Heads of States) in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, December 21, 1989.
- Selected in 2001 by the Arab Bankers Association of North America (ABANA) to receive its Annual Life Accomplishment Award for his contribution to Arab Banking, Arab Economic Integration and promoting economic and financial cooperation between the U.S.A and the Arab countries.

Membership of Associations:

- American Economic Association, - USA
- Middle East Economic Association, USA
- Beta Gama Segma for outstanding students, - USA
- Arab Association for Economic Research, - Egypt
- Saudi Economic Association, - Saudi Arabia
- International Institute of Public Finance, - Germany
- Senior Fellow, Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey, - Egypt.

- Member of the World Bank's Council of Advisers for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

PERSONAL Details:

Date and place of Birth : 21st August.1939. Dawadmi, Saudi Arabia
Marital Status : Married, two sons and two daughters.

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