

AgTalk

Water-Food-Energy Nexus



Uniting against Poverty



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Presented by

H.E. Mr. Suleiman Jasir Al-Herbish
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Venue: International Center for Biosaline Agriculture, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Agenda

11:30-12:00	Arrival of invitees
12:00-13:00	Presentation on Water-Food-Energy Nexus
13:00-13:30	Q&A
13:30	Reception

About OPEC Fund for International Development

The OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) is the development finance institution established by the Member States of OPEC in 1976 as a collective channel of aid to the developing countries. OFID works in cooperation with developing country partners and the international donor community to stimulate economic growth and alleviate poverty in all disadvantaged regions of the world. It does this by providing financing to build essential infrastructure, strengthen social services delivery and promote productivity, competitiveness and trade. OFID's work is people-centered, focusing on projects that meet basic needs - such as food, energy, clean water and sanitation, healthcare and education - with the aim of encouraging self-reliance and inspiring hope for the future.

Brief biography of H.E. Mr. Suleiman Jasir Al-Herbish

Mr. Suleiman Jasir Al-Herbish, a Saudi national, has been Director-General and Chief Executive Officer of the OFID since November 2003. Mr. Al-Herbish is a long-time supporter of people-centered development, a principle he has kept at the heart of OFID throughout his stewardship of the institution. He has been especially vocal on the issue of energy poverty alleviation, a cause he has championed tirelessly at the highest level and one that forms the central pillar of OFID's strategic plan.

Since assuming office, Mr. Al-Herbish has led numerous initiatives to make OFID's work more relevant and efficient, including the broadening of financing mechanisms and the strengthening of cooperation with other development organizations. Over the years, he has overseen the conclusion of milestone partnership agreements with a large number of bilateral and multilateral partners.

Mr. Al-Herbish has also driven institutional change at OFID, particularly in the areas of human resource development and corporate communications, the latter with a view to increasing recognition and understanding of OFID in both its Partner and Member Countries as well as within the wider development community.

Mr. Al-Herbish holds a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from the University of Cairo and an M.A. in Economics from Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas. Prior to his appointment at OFID, he served for 13 years as the Governor of Saudi Arabia at OPEC. He is currently in his third term of office at OFID, having been re-elected unanimously by the institution's highest authority, the Ministerial Council, in June 2013.