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Take advantage of two exceptional mornings, on Wednesday and Thursday 10 and 11 December, to update and refine your approaches and networks in the MENA countries.

Since the beginning of this year, all attention has been focused on the new rules of the game, both diplomatic and commercial, that are being put in place. How are sovereignty issues coming back to the fore? How are the emerging powers, the Arab countries and France positioning themselves? How can crises be transformed into new opportunities?

During this Summit, all these questions will revolve around the issue of water, its availability, the management of its resources, the challenges it presents and its potential in the Arab world.

Wednesday 10 December 2025, 8.30am - 1pm

9 h 00: Opening remarks.

- Mr. Vincent Reina*, President CCFA,
- Mr. Samir Majoul*, President of the Union of Arab Chambers.

Moderator: Mrs. Rayanne Kanaan
Secretary General, CCFA

9 h 20: Geopolitical and economic environment

- Mrs. Sabrina El Kasmi, Head of the Economic environment, Macroeconomics-Country Risk Department, Bpifrance,
- Mr. Ludovic Pouille*, Director of Economic Diplomacy, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs,
- HE Mr. Ayeid Moussaid Yahya, Ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti to France, Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps in France,
- Dr Khaled Hanafy*, Secretary General, Union of Arab Chambers.

9 h 50: First session: Water and the challenges of agricultural and agri-food sovereignty

Topics: access to and preservation of water resources, needs, local production, sovereignty, exports.

- Morocco: ONEE representative, Mr. Nizar Baraka, Minister for Infrastructure and Water, HE Mrs. Samira Sitail*, HE Mr. Christophe Lecourtier,
- Mr. Sébastien Abis*, Managing Director, Club Déméter,
- Egypt?
- Mr. Pascal Voyeau, CEO, Antéa France.

11 h 00: Focus: Water at the heart of needs and investment strategies

- Mediterranean: Mrs. Nadia Hai, Interministerial Delegate, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs,
- Syria: HE Mr. Jean-Baptiste Faivre / HE Dr Louay Fallouh (?).

11 h 45: Mr. Alain di Crescenzo*, President CCI France: Francophonie, the Arab world and business.

12 h 00: Guest of Honor: Mr. Antoine Frérot*, Chairman of Veolia.

13 h 00: Luncheon cocktail

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Thursday 11 December 2025, 8.30am - 1.00pm

9 h 00: Opening: Mr. Vincent Reina*, President CCFA.

9 h 10: Keynote address: HE Mr. Ahmed Abou El Gheit, Secretary General of the League of Arab States.

9 h 30: Focus: Water at the heart of investment needs and strategies.

- Iraq: SE Mr. Patrick Durel / SE Mr. Wade Al-Batti,
- Mr. Jean Bernadet, NGE/Sade.

10 h 00: Investments and infrastructures, what needs, what tools for investments?

- Dr Wissam Fattouh, Secretary General, Union of Arab Banks,
- Mr. Hervé Fonta, Meanings Capital Partners,
- Oman?
- HE Mr. Jasem Albudaiwi*, Secretary General, Gulf Cooperation Council,
- Mr. Thierry Mallet, Chairman and CEO, Transdev.

11 h 00: An innovative, low-carbon, cross-sector project: the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.

- Mr. Gérard Mestrallet*, special envoy of the French President Mr. Emmanuel Macron,
- Arab representatives: Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates?
- Mr. Hervé Martel, CEO, Port of Marseille-Fos.

12 h 15: Conclusions.

- Mr. Vincent Reina*, President CCFA,
- Mr. Samir Majoul*, President of the Union of Arab Chambers.

12 h 45: Closing remarks by Mr. François Bayrou, Prime Minister (invited).

13 h 15: Luncheon cocktail.

14 h 30: B-to-B meetings: one-to-one meetings between French companies, Arab companies and Arab institutional representations, French institutional representations.

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