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Effective Government Administration, Sustainable Diversified Economy, Creative Human Capital



# INVESTING IN PEOPLE AND THE PRIORITY OF SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION

Dr. Asad Hafeez, Acting Resident Coordinator of the United Nations and representative of the World Health Organization and his office team participated in the education conference Under the slogan "Investing in people and the priority of sustainable education". Under the auspices of His Excellency the Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Dr. Hamad Al-Adwani. In cooperation with the #Kuwaiti\_Teachers\_Association and stop development and sustainability and the Kuwait Program for Social Responsibility.

## DISCUSSION ON INVESTMENT AND ESG

Excellent discussion on Investment and ESG in Kuwait, UAE, and the GCC.

Strong steps being taken and more is needed to have the right impact to ensure a nature positive future, and to meet Paris Agreement targets. @ghassanalkhoja

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#### YOUNG AMBASSADORS VISIT TO CAMP CANADA

The United Nations in the State of Kuwait Team were delighted to join our group of #YoungAmbassadorsQ8 for a visit to Camp Canada in Kuwait to learn about how military supports diplomatic efforts throughout the region & the world.

Thanks to the Canadian Embassy @cankwt and the Ambassador of Canada to Kuwait H.E. Aliya Mawani @aliya.canada for this great initiative.

#### ALGHANIM BILINGUAL SCHOOL STUDENTS AT THE UN HOUSE

The UN in kuwait organized a school visit for Alghanim Bilingual School students to the UN House. The visit featured briefs by the UN Agencies in coordination with the #YoungAmbassador program participants at the UN. It included information on the different mandates of the UN RCO and Agencies, Funds & Programms (UNHCR, WHO, IOM & UNDP) on Agenda 2030 & the SDGs.



#### SAUD ALNASSER DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS TEAM IN THE STATE OF KUWAIT

The United Nations Team in the State of Kuwait is very pleased to announce their first collaboration with Saud AlNasser Diplomatic Institute in sharing knowledge and expertise with the bright future generation of Kuwaiti Diplomats. This collaboration is aligned with the vision and priorities of Saud AlNasser Diplomatic Institute, combining the global expertise of UN agencies and their long history and experience in working on solving matters of global concern. We extend appreciation to H.E Nasser AlSabeeh and his team, in addition to the Ministry of Foreign affairs for their strategic vision and empowerment of UN Agencies in Kuwait.

### YOUNG AMBASSADOR PROGRAM ON BIODIVERSITY

@undpkuwait in coordination with United Nations Agencies and @cankwt Embassy in Kuwait organised a special session for the #YoungAmbassador program participants on #Biodiversity in Kuwait (SDG 14 & SDG 15), presented by Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaidan "Deputy Director General of Technical Affairs at Environment Public Authority @epa\_kw ". The session took place on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the UN House.





#### YOUNG AMBASSADOR'S WORKSHOP

As part of the #YoungAmbassadorsQ8 program series, it was a great experience for our participants with @stagedinkuwait on building their communications skills. A great opportunity to explore their abilities, interests & ambitions, the art of dialogue in the most interesting and fun ways. Thanks to @ukinkuwait for hosting and to @cankwt & @nlinkuwait for the great support and promising opportunities.

## **LET'S GREEN**

As part of #Youth4ClimateActionQ8 initiative, The United Nations in #Kuwait in collaboration with @greenhands\_kw and @bio.bins launched a series of workshops and outreach programme for schools. This session was with @mishref.h.g to engage students in greening activities, raising awareness on current climate and environmental issues, reinforcement of existing environmental laws in Kuwait and introduce behavioural change to youth and future generations.

The local community-led initiative is part of the climate action by youth for youth to increase awareness of communities to improve their lifestyle towards a sustainable, resilient, healthier and self-sufficient household and community. "#Let's\_green" is part of the awareness activities for schools.





#### YOUNG AMBASSADORS AT THE KUWAIT DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE

In coordination with @cankwt and @ukinkuwait and as part of the #YoungAmbassadorsQ8 program, our participants visited the Kuwait Diplomatic Institute @kdi\_mofa. The visit included a tour of the institute and a fruitful discussion on diplomacy by Ambassador / H.E Nasser S. B. AlSabeeh, Assistant Foreign Minister for Saud N. Alsabah Kuwait Diplomatic Institute. Our Young Ambassador Participants had the opportunity to evaluate the importance of networking and nurturing valuable relationships, the art of diplomacy, and exchanged their views on current global challenges.

#### CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE YOUNG AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

#YoungAmbassador Journey comes to an end...with lots of memories and achievements that won't have been possible without these amazing high school students.

Special thanks to @cankwt and @ukinkuwait for this amazing collaboration, thank you to all participating embassies and @unitednations agencies, @mofakuwait @kdi\_mofa, schools, academia and @kfasinfo for the support and efforts put into the program.







#### **GLOBAL COMPACT**

This week in New York: @globalcompact Annual Local Network Forum returns! Global Compact #LocalNetworks are driving change in 60+ countries worldwide making the #GlobalGoals local business. #LocalNetworks empower companies to put their sustainability commitments into action. By fostering local connections, we're #UnitingBusiness to create positive change in their communities and beyond. unglobalcompact.org/engage-locally

#### **RC A.I WELCOMING MR. MAZEN SHAQOURA**

The United Nations Resident Coordinator a.i Dr. Assad Hafeez and his Team had the great pleasure to welcome at the UN House Mr. Mazen Shaqoura, newly appointed @OHCHR ROMENA Regional Coordinator and Mr Akram Khalifa, Human Rights Officer, who are attending two activities that OHCHR MENA organizes under the commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the State Kuwait.





#### COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Opening remarks by @iomkuwait Chief of Mission, Mazen AboulHosn during the launch of a 5-day training for @moi\_kuw frontline workers on "Combatting Slavery and Human Trafficking". The workshop aims to strengthen the capacity of police officers in their response to human #trafficking, by mainly tackling #SDG 8.7 which focuses on taking immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern #slavery and human trafficking.

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY FORUM

The General Secretariat for the Supreme Council and Planning and Development, the State of Kuwait, organized the Third National Knowledge Economy Forum – Knowledge Markets (virtual) on the 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.

The workshop aims to deepen our understanding on knowledge economy. The topics ranges from the importance of knowledge capital linking to both labor supply and demand sides to its impact on enhancing competitiveness, diversifying the economy, and how it will build a supportive policy environment for achieving Kuwait Vision 2035. We will also share and discuss key elements of success from relevant cases."

## PLURAL+

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### **CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL DAY**

The United Nations frame in the State of Kuwait participated in Kuwait University @ kw.university.

In conjunction with the State of Kuwait's celebrations of national holidays and to consolidate the spirit of national belonging, Kuwait University organized the celebration of the National Day and the Liberation Anniversary, under the auspices and presence of the Acting Director of Kuwait University, Prof. Dr. Fahd Al-Dubais Al-Rashidi. On Wednesday, corresponding to 2-15-2023, in the lobby of the University Administration Building in Sabah Al-Salem University City, the ceremony was attended by His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Chung Byungha, representatives of embassies of a number of sister countries, university leaders, deans of colleges, department directors, employees, students and representatives of participating external parties In the event, the distinguished artist Jassim Al-Nabhan was also hosted.

The Acting Director of Kuwait University, Prof. Dr.. Fahd Al-Dubais Al-Rashidi, during his congratulatory speech on the occasion of the national holidays that the country is witnessing in the month of liberation and independence, the 62nd National Day and the 32nd liberation anniversary. All on this occasion, recalling the sacrifices of the martyrs and the efforts of the ancestors, from which we draw the light of giving, and deepening belonging and love for the homeland.

The opening ceremony included a touching speech by the distinguished artist, Jassim Al-Nabhan, in which he expressed feelings of love, loyalty and belonging to the homeland, wishing that Kuwait's holidays and joys would continue and that God would bestow upon us the grace of security and safety.

The student Abdulaziz Law from the Republic of Senegal, from the Faculty of Arts, also participated with a poem about patriotism, entitled Manar Al-Asheqin, and the student Saba Al-Fadhli from the College of Education with a poem about patriotism. A musical performance was presented by the Ministry of the Interior Band, with the participation of the Qurain Folklore Ensemble.

It is worth noting that this celebration was sponsored by Kuwait Finance House and the National Bank of Kuwait.



## FORCE: THE CASE FOR GOVERNING CYBER ATTACKS

We had the pleasure to receive Sheikha Fadelah Athbi Fahad AlAhmad AlSabah, who was kind enough to offer a copy of her recent published book "Force: The Case for Governing Cyber Attacks".

UN RC a.i congratulated Sheikha Fadelah on her efforts. It was discussed that the book is stepping stone on cyber attacks matters in our current era.



### SDGs & AGENDA 2030

UN RCO presented the SDG & agenda 2030 in @dasmanbilingualschool event which is taking place between 12 to 15 March.

The event highlights the 17 Sustainable Development goals in 14 different zones with the future of learning approach targeting sustainable environment, developing cities, sustainable farming and technology, students and businesses participating under different goals working together to raise awareness on methods of SDG implementation. Dasman Bilingual school is committed to share the profits from this event to a global humanitarian crisis.

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## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON GENDER EQUALITY

Gender equality is an essential aspect of "leaving no one behind," one of the guiding principles of the 2030 Agenda, and it is reflected in the 45 targets and 54 indicators of the SDG. The economic empowerment of women is one of the most fundamental components of achieving gender equality and women's empowerment more broadly. Women's meaningful economic participation is integral to achieving greater security and stability around in any country. When women are economically secure, they invest in their families and communities, spurring economic growth and creating more stable societies. Also, Women's equal participation at every level lead to better financial performance and raises returns on investment. The private sector has an important role to play to support and promote gender equality by investing in the economic empowerment of women in their workplaces and communities.

The private sector in Kuwait has been leading and advancing in this area, where more than 40 companies in Kuwait have committed to the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs). Globally, there are more than 7000 companies CEOs who signed up the #WEPs www.weps.org. WEP promotes empowerment of women and gender equality in various areas such as high-level corporate leadership; employees' health and wellbeing; training for career advancement; enterprise development; nodiscrimination at workplace; community initiatives and measurement/reporting.

Leading members of the Kuwait private sector launched the Women's Economic Empowerment Platform Kuwait (WEEP Kuwait) on 6 June 2022, with a vision to foster a private sector that is gender-inclusive, and which will contribute to implementation of Agenda 2030 and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5 and Kuwait's national development priorities on growth and social protection.







#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The College of Science honors its women leaders on the "International Women's Day" in the presence of Prof. Dafahad Al-Dubais Al-Rashidi, Acting Director of Kuwait University, Mr. Nasser Al-Shatti, Head and Team of the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Dr. Muhammad Hussein Bin Sabt, Acting Dean of the College of Science and the leaders of the college, to honor the celebrated ones who They held leadership positions in the state and Kuwait University in the field of science.



# HOW TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF EXPATRIATE LABOR WITHIN THE KUWAITI LABOR MARKET

In cooperation with the ILO and the International Organization of Employers, the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry held a meeting on facilitating the movement of expatriate labor within the Kuwaiti labor market. The meeting was attended by experts of the two organizations, representatives of sectoral unions and a number of Kuwaiti companies from various sectors. This meeting comes to complete the efforts made by the Chamber with the ILO to extrapolate the challenges facing the Kuwaiti labor market, which were revealed by the Covid pandemic, and the current and future needs of this market. On the other hand, they discussed social protection for expatriate workers in Kuwait, and companies generally expressed that this protection is guaranteed by Law No. 6 of 2010 regarding work in the private sector, which protects the worker through many means, including the obligation to set a minimum wage and approve it for a period of time. Three months to notify the worker before the termination of his services, in addition to the end-of-service gratuity and the clear keenness of the Public Authority for Manpower and Kuwaiti banks to transfer salaries to the workers on the scheduled dates. Representatives of small and medium enterprises touched on the difficulties they faced regarding end-of-service benefits in light of the pandemic, as the pandemic and the accompanying measures stopped that and with the financial flows of many of these projects that were taking their first steps in the world of self-employment.



## WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ON BUSINESS IMPACT

#### LEAD THE WAY by @MastercardMEA

@Gulf\_Bank Business leaders, civil society and the Government coming together for women's empowerment. Open dialogues on social norms, policy frameworks and opportunities to advance SDG5. Impressive presentation by Gulf bank on the Gendergap analysis and best practices towards achieving tangible results. Very informative intervention by @undpkuwait Resident Representative Ms. Hideko Hadzialic on the UN perspective on gender parity.





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#### **RESEARCH STRATEGY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH**

WHO Country, Regional and Headquarters convened a stakeholder consultation to set a research strategy for climate change and health supported by the Supreme Council for Planning and Development. The activity is aligned with current work with the Ministry of Health to undertake a comprehensive vulnerability and adaptation assessment towards climate-resilient health systems. Participants from across the academia, policy and civil society sector were in attendance and contributed to discussions around the evidence to policy process from knowledge generation to translation and impact.

#### KUWAIT OIL COMPANY EXPO FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

The @unitednations team in #Kuwait participated at the 2<sup>nd</sup> @kocofficial Expo for Environmental Practices to showcase the latest environment innovations and practices and initiatives. @slb\_global Environmental Village displayed @theglobalgoals in form of cartoon bixes as part of their commitment to #SDGs.



#### **GERGEAN CELEBRATIONS**

In line with our commitment to support the community in Kuwait, the @whokuwait was honored to be part of the Gergean celebrations held at the Al Yarmouk community park by @yarmouk.hc, in the presence of Dr. Rehab Al Wotyan, Director of International Health Relations at Ministry of Health @kuwait\_moh , and Dr. Assad Hafeez, WHO Representative to Kuwait and Dr. Ghassan Al Othman the Head of Al Yarmouk Heathy Cities. Al Yarmouk - the 1<sup>st</sup> healthy city designated by WHO.

The United Nations remain committed to supporting the Kuwaiti society and promoting health for all.

### WORLD HEALTH DAY

This year, the World Health Organization celebrates 75 years of serving others to improve the health and well-being of all people around the world. Today, as we look back at our public health successes that have improved quality of life and saved millions of lives, we look with great resolve to address the health challenges of the future.

Together, we can achieve the vision of #HealthforAll so that all people, everywhere can achieve the highest attainable standard of health.



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#### **"KUWAIT PLANTS 4" CAMPAIGN**

As part of the activities of the "Kuwait Plants 4" campaign, the United Nations Human Settlements Program (Habitat) held its annual activity in a distinguished and continuous partnership with the Kuwait Oil Company, whereby a number of diplomats accredited in Kuwait were invited to visit the company's Abdalia Nature Reserve.

The invitation, in which a number of ambassadors accredited to the State of Kuwait participated, and the head of the mission of the United Nations Human Settlements Program in the GCC countries, Dr. Amira Al-Hassan, and the Deputy Head of the United Nations Human Settlements Mission, Mr. Qusai Al-Duaij, to participate in the planting of many trees and plants in the reserve, as part of the program's efforts in greening public open spaces to spread and promote environmental awareness and greening to reach carbon neutral.

The delegation was accompanied during the visit by the Director of the Public Relations and Media Group at the Kuwait Oil Company, Muhammad Al-Basri, the Head of the Media

Task Force, Bodour Sayed Omar, and the Head of the Maintenance and Reliability Support Team (South and East Kuwait), Nasser Al-Hajri. And while care was taken that the date of the visit be in the month of February, when Kuwait celebrates its national holidays.

The "Kuwait Plants" campaign continues successfully for the fourth year in a row, and aims to spread environmental awareness by greening open public spaces and encourage the greening of the State of Kuwait by supporting the initiators in this field.



#### **CANCER AWARENESS**

The WHO Rep. to the State of Kuwait Dr. Assad Hafeez, participated at the opening ceremony of 'Eighth Gulf Week for Cancer Awareness' under the slogan #يواعي, a testament to support important campaigns that have a positive impact in the local community.

#### PARTNERSHIPS FOR A HEALTHIER WORLD

As part of @who\_kuwait mission to collaborate with stakeholders in Kuwait, the country office organized a workshop led by Dr. Ahmed Mandil, Coordinator of Research Innovation at WHO EMRO, on how to become a WHO designated collaborating center.

We are committed to building strong partnerships with our stakeholders in Kuwait and beyond, and look forward to more opportunities to work together towards better health outcomes for all.

#### RAMADAN GHABGA ORGANIZED JOINTLY WITH UN AGENCIES AND THE WORLD BANK

UN agenicies working in Kuwait (WHO -UNHCR - UNHabitat - IOM - UNICEF - ILO) in collaboration with the World Bank held their anual Ramadan Ghabqa at the Kuwait Women's cultural social society head quarter that was attended by their stakeholders, diplomatic corps and many partners.

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## THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA

His Excellency Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs, met with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, on the sidelines of the donors' conference to support the humanitarian situation in Yemen, which will was held on Monday, February 27, 2022, at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, where His Excellency conveyed At the beginning of the meeting, the greetings of His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait, and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, may God protect and preserve them, and His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister, may God protect him, and their keenness to strengthen the existing close cooperation Between the State of Kuwait and the United Nations and all its organs and specialized agencies affiliated at all levels and at various levels.

During the meeting, aspects of cooperation and coordination regarding future events were reviewed, in addition to discussing the latest developments on the regional and international arenas, including the current developments in Yemen, Syria and Ukraine.

Ways to deliver emergency relief and humanitarian aid to those affected by the devastating earthquake that struck Gaziantep and Kahramanmaraş in Turkey and Syria, and Kuwaiti aid to brotherly Yemen were also discussed.

For his part, the Secretary-General of the United Nations appreciated during the meeting the prominent and pioneering role of the State of Kuwait regionally and internationally, praising its efforts and endeavors to maintain security and establish the values of peace around the world. Expressing his deep appreciation and praise to the State of Kuwait, the leadership, government and people, for the pioneering and distinguished humanitarian role that Kuwait plays in supporting the afflicted and affected peoples, praising in this context the noble Kuwaiti position in providing relief and assistance to those affected by the earthquake disaster that struck the peoples of Turkey and Syria through its facilitation of an air bridge, which was launched since The first hours for the delivery of shelter and relief aid to those in need, he also appreciated the great efforts to organize the donation campaign "Kuwait is by your side", which embodied the international coronation of the State of Kuwait as a center for humanitarian work, adding that the State of Kuwait is always at the forefront of countries seeking to achieve the goals of humanitarian work around the world.

### \$2.26M CONTRIBUTION FROM MOFA KUWAIT

@unicefgulf express it's deep and sincere gratitude for the generous contribution from @MOFAKuwait of \$2.26 million, @unicef will be able to support vulnerable children in Sudan, Somalia and Pakistan with critical life-saving needs. #ForEveryChild



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## Thank you

## SUPPORTING TURKEY AND SYRIA PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE

The UNCT Kuwait came together to address the plight of earthquake effectees in Syria and Turkey with the leadership of the United Nations Resident Coordinator a.i and successfully coordinated the emergency appeals through OCHA by UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, UNDP, WHO and WFP. **As One UN, we are all grateful to the Leadership, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the People of Kuwait for the generous and unprecedented contribution of \$97 M to the emergency appeal. About Eighty seven millions out of the entire amount will be channeled through the UN system which depicts the trust of Kuwait in us. This crucial funding can help our teams provide assistance and life-saving support where it's needed most."** 



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus 🇳 @DrTedros

Thanks @KuwaitMissionUN Ambassador Naser Abdullah AlHayen for 's contribution of \$15 million for @WHO's response to the earthquakes. We also discussed broader humanitarian needs in @WHOEMRO region. We're grateful for 's help to deliver care to people living in crises.



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#### 🦣 Martin Griffiths 🕏 @UNReliefChief • Mar 16

Thank you Kuwait for your generous pledge of US\$97.7 M for the people affected by the earthquakes in #Türkiye and #Syria.

Your contributions are a demonstration of solidarity with the millions of people who experienced unimaginable loss and suffering.

(m) UNHCR

#### @MOFAKuwait

R/Hameed Maarouf

António Vitorino @IOMchief

Thank you Kuwait for supporting our work and response to the earthquakes in Türkiye and Northwest Syria. Your donation will enable us to help thousands of people and provide them with much needed shelter, relief items, food and livelihood assistance.

#### @MOFAKuwait @KuwaitUNGeneva



Catherine Russell 🖑 @unicefchief

Grateful to @MOFAKuwait for their generous pledge of \$17M to help children and families in Türkiye and Syria impacted by the devastating earthquakes.

With this flexible funding, @UNICEF can deliver life-saving support where it's needed most. #UNICEFThanks

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L Kuwait for your generous pledge of US\$8m+ to @UNDP for the people affected by the earthquakes in #Türkiye & #Syria.

Your contribution is a demonstration of solidarity w the millions of people who have experienced loss & suffering. @KuwaitMissionUN @MOFAKuwait@KuwaitUNGeneva



**Filippo Grandi** 

I have just visited earthquake affected areas in Syria and Türkiye and seen the gravity of humanitarian needs.

Thanks to our partner @MOFAKuwait for supporting UNHCR with vital funding which enables our teams to continue reaching those most in need.

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# FIFTH UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

The representative of His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait, may God protect and preserve him, His Excellency Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs, headed the delegation of the State of Kuwait participating in the work of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (Part Two), held during The period from 5 to 9 March 2023 in the capital of the sister state of Qatar, Doha.

The conference's proceedings dealt with a number of main issues related to the implementation of new development business strategies to achieve the aspiration of the world's least developed countries and to enhance their role in the international community, and to discuss areas for providing aid to the 46 least developed countries, supporting their sustainable economic foundations, and enabling them to raise their productive capacities and qualify them for integration into the global economy. And assisting them in overcoming the negative repercussions left by the Covid-19 pandemic, and facing the repercussions of the current conflicts and wars, in addition to helping these countries to overcome their difficult conditions and examining weaknesses in the face of not achieving sustainable development in them, and strengthening intra-international trade, and supporting joint international efforts to confront the effects. The negative consequences of climate change and environmental degradation, building capacities to face future challenges, and mobilizing synergies and international partnerships to support the graduation of countries from the category of least developed countries.

During the conference, all concerned governments and international organizations were invited to cooperate and exchange advanced technological expertise to enhance the sectors of food security, health care, and human resource development, harness science, technology and innovation in this context, and support digital and structural transformation as main drivers for achieving the desired prosperity and progress. It should be noted that the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries is held every decade, and is considered one of the largest gatherings of world leaders in 2023.

## DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD PACKAGES TO MIGRANTS IN KUWAIT

During the Holy month of Ramadan, IOM Kuwait distributed essential food supplies to migrants in various areas in Kuwait. This activity took place in close coordination with migrant community volunteers and a civil society organization, and was funded through private sector donations.



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