

# VDMA Dubai-Meeting

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**09:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (VAE-time)**

**06:00 a.m. to 08:00 a.m. (German-time)**

**Online-Meeting**

Due to current situation we have to hold our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Dubai-meeting online.

Unfortunately we will not be able to have a regular event and I will miss it as much as you, because we are losing a valuable possibility for networking and private talks about business situation in the Middle East. However, I want to keep up the meetings and hope we will be able to share some impressions and refresh some contacts nevertheless, so you can get in direct contact afterwards.

In the current situation it is probably most important to exchange impressions how business has picked up in the region. Dr. Dalia Samra-Rohte from German-Saudi Arabian Liaison Office of Economic Affairs (AHK Riad) and Oliver Oehms from German Emirati Joint Council for Industry & Commerce (AHK UAE) will share with us their impressions and information on current economic and business situation in the region that will be completed by impressions and experiences of participants.

As the current situation not only in the Middle East but also globally is urging VDMA members to reduce costs, we have been contacted by members about possibilities for cost cutting. Dr. Anna-Luisa Lemmerz from Anders Legal Consultancy will give you a first insight in the legal framework to be observed in the UAE when considering reducing staff, changing to another location or even winding up a business. Unfortunately, these are questions that some of our members are confronted with and might be interesting to know for everybody.

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## **Agenda**

- 09:00 a.m. Welcome and introductions**  
Dr. Alexander Koldau, VDMA Foreign Trade
- 09:10 a.m. Current situation in Saudi Arabia -economy, business environment**  
Dr. Dalia Samra-Rohte, German-Saudi Arabian Liaison Office of Economic Affairs (AHK Riad)
- 09:30 a.m. Round Table Saudi – statements of the participants**
- 09:50 a.m. Current situation in Gulf countries - economy, business environment**  
Oliver Oehms, German Emirati Joint Council for Industry & Commerce (AHK UAE)
- 10:10 a.m. Round Table Gulf countries – statements of the participants**
- 10:30 a.m. Legal aspects of adapting business operations in the UAE – downsizing, change of location, winding up**  
Dr. Anna-Luisa Lemmerz, Anders Legal Consultancy, Dubai
- 10:50 a.m. Miscellaneous, Topics for next meeting**
- 11:00 a.m. End of meeting**