

The banner features a city skyline at night with various skyscrapers. Overlaid on this are several diagonal lines in shades of purple, blue, and yellow. A large, stylized white arrow with multiple parallel lines points towards the right side of the image. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and cyan colors.

6TH INTERNATIONAL MENA GUARANTEE CONFERENCE 2022

Credit Guarantees: A PATH TO SUSTAINABLE SME RECOVERY

23 & 24 May 2022

In emerging and developing economies, access to formal finance is already one of the major constraints faced by SMEs before the outbreak of COVID-19. In fact, the pandemic posed challenges of scope and scale that are unprecedented in modern times. However, **credit guarantee schemes** can facilitate SMEs' access to finance and help overcome deficiencies, playing an important role in rebuilding and facilitating their growth.

To this end, [Qatar Development Bank "QDB"](#), in partnership with the [SME Finance Forum](#), is hosting the **6th International MENA Credit Guarantee Conference** under the theme "*Credit Guarantees: A Path to Sustainable SME Recovery*".

On **23 & 24 May 2022 at 2p.m. Arabia Standard Time (GMT+3:00)**, the conference will convene leading credit guarantee experts and practitioners from the MENA region and beyond, alongside SME finance specialists and industry professionals, to discuss the performance and experiences of CGSs in addressing the financial needs of SMEs during and post-COVID-19 era, with a sustainable recovery approach.

Arabic and French simultaneous translation available

AST (GMT +3:00)	Monday, May 23rd	AST (GMT +3:00)	Tuesday, May 24th
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abdulrahman Hesham Al-Sowaidi, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Qatar Development Bank - Khawaja Aftab Ahmed, Director – Middle East, IFC <p>Keynote Speaker: Credit Guarantees: A Path to Sustainable SME Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nagla Bahr, Managing Director, Credit Guarantee Company of Egypt 	12:00 – 13:00	<p>Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Closed by invitation only)
		14:00 – 14:10	<p>Recap and Summary of Day Ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matt Gamser, CEO SME Finance Forum, IFC
		14:10 – 14:55	<p>Plenary: Digital Transformation Strategies of Credit Guarantee Institutions (CGIs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ian Sayers, Senior Adviser, Access to Financing and Investment, International Trade Centre, Geneva - Jumsheed Hussain, Executive Director of Credit and Risk Management, QDB - Humaid Mudhaffr, Business Development Manager, Kafalah <p>Moderator: Matt Gamser, CEO SME Finance Forum, IFC</p>
14:30 – 15:15	<p>Plenary Panel: Promoting Green/Climate Finance through Guarantee Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Khalid Al-Mana, Executive Director of Business Finance, QDB - Isaac Awuondo, Chairman, NCBA Group Kenya Plc - Minki Jeon, Manager of International Affairs Team, KODIT <p>Moderator: Louise Gardiner, Africa and Working Groups Coordinator, Sustainable Banking and Finance Network, IFC</p>	14:55 – 15:00	<p>Keynote Speaker: The Economic Outlook in MENA and the Role of CGIs in Rebuilding Resilient Economic Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oussama Kaissi, Chief Executive Officer, The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit
15:15 – 15:30	Break	15:00 – 15:15	Break
15:30 – 16:15	<p>Plenary Panel: Innovative Models in Effective Implementation of Credit Guarantee Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abdelmoughite Abdelmoumen, Chief Strategy Officer, National Guarantee & Enterprise Finance Corp. (SNGFE, Former CCG) - Rami al-Sabri, Managing Director, Yemen Loan Guarantee (YLG) Program - Maurits Fliehe Boeschoten, Senior Advisor, FMO 	15:15 – 16:00	<p>Break- Out Sessions</p> <p>Session 1: Credit Risk Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sh. Mariam Mohammed Al-Thani, Head of Enterprise Risk, QDB - Homam Hashem, CEO, Kafalah - Ge Dossaert, Chief Commercial Officer, Sopra Banking Software <p>Moderator: Katrin Sturm, Secretary General, AECM</p>

	Moderator: Muhammad al-Jaafari , CEO, Jordan Loan Guarantee Corporation		Session 2: Supply Chain Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arup Chatterjee, Principal Financial sector specialist, ADB - Neha Tyagi, Vice President & Regional Head – West, C2FO - Ravi Velacha, CEO, India Factoring Moderator: Giuseppe E. Gramigna , Former Chief Economist, Small Business Administration (SBA)
16:15 – 16:30	Day One: Wrap Up and Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shahira Amin, MC 	16:00 – 16:15	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shahira Amin, MC - Matthew Gamser, CEO SME Finance Forum, IFC - Khalid Al-Mana, Executive Director of Business Finance, QDB - 2023 MENA Conference Host - Tahar ben Hatira, President Directeur General, Tunisienne de Garantie

About Qatar Development Bank “QDB”

Qatar Development Bank (QDB) is a fully owned government financial entity set up by an Emiri Decree to invest in and develop local industries by supporting Small and Medium Enterprises (SME’s) in Qatar. QDB realigned its strategy to that of Qatar National Vision 2030 to promote and facilitate the development and growth of SMEs in core economic sectors that will result in long-term socio-economic benefits to the people of Qatar. In addition to providing financial assistance, the banks’ other main focus is to provide advisory support and guidance to SME’s on how to start up, grow and expand their activities, with the aim of developing a sustainable economy. QDB recently launched an added service under TASDEER or Qatar Export Development Agency (QEDA) to provide export financing and business development and promotion support to Qatar based SME exporters.

About the SME Finance Forum

The SME Finance Forum works to expand access to finance to these small and medium businesses through its global membership network of 200+ financial institutions, technology companies and development finance institutions to share knowledge, spur innovation, and promote the growth of SMEs. The SME Finance Forum was established in 2012 by the G20 and is managed by the International Finance Corporation (IFC).