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EUROPEAN CORPORATE COUNCIL ON AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST

BILATERAL MEETINGS

Building bridges with Africa and the Middle East: the role of Gruppo San Donato and GK Investment Holding Group in the future of healthcare

Closeout Report

First edition

Rome, Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23, 2020



The European House

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About the *ECAM Council – Bilateral Meetings*

The first *European Corporate Council on Africa and the Middle East* took place immediately following the implementation of restrictive measures to fight the spread of the Covid-19 virus. An extraordinary effort to gather cabinet ministers, prominent scientists and thought leaders from the Middle East, Africa, and Europe suddenly found itself in peril, despite the increasing need for strategic dialog and debate among leaders of the healthcare sector during the pandemic.

In order to ensure the continuity of dialog about the current Covid-19 health crisis and the best strategies to adopt in the healthcare field after the pandemic, GK Investment Group and Gruppo Sand Donato, in cooperation with The European House – Ambrosetti, organized the first ***ECAM Council–Bilateral Meetings***. Held in Rome on November 22-23, 2020, the event consisted of a series of roundtables and bilateral meetings with health ministers and ambassadors from the Middle East and Africa, and members of the Italian government.

Launching the first edition in Italy is an inspired choice. Italy is one of the centers of the ancient world, with historic links to the rest of Europe and the region. Italy has been commended for its handling of the Covid-19 pandemic and, more than ever, Italy can be a thought leader in strengthening political and economic stability in the MENA region.

The European Council on Africa and the Middle East sprung from Chairman Kamel Ghribi's vision of universal healthcare for all. Throughout his many travels, Kamel Ghribi noticed that many private healthcare organizations in developing countries were underfinanced and hindered from achieving their full potential. Is there a best formula? What are the benchmarks?

The ECAM Council's mission is to develop realistic, effective and lasting solutions for more sustainable healthcare throughout the African and the Middle Eastern region. We have a great challenge ahead of us at ECAM Council.



Key figures and achievements

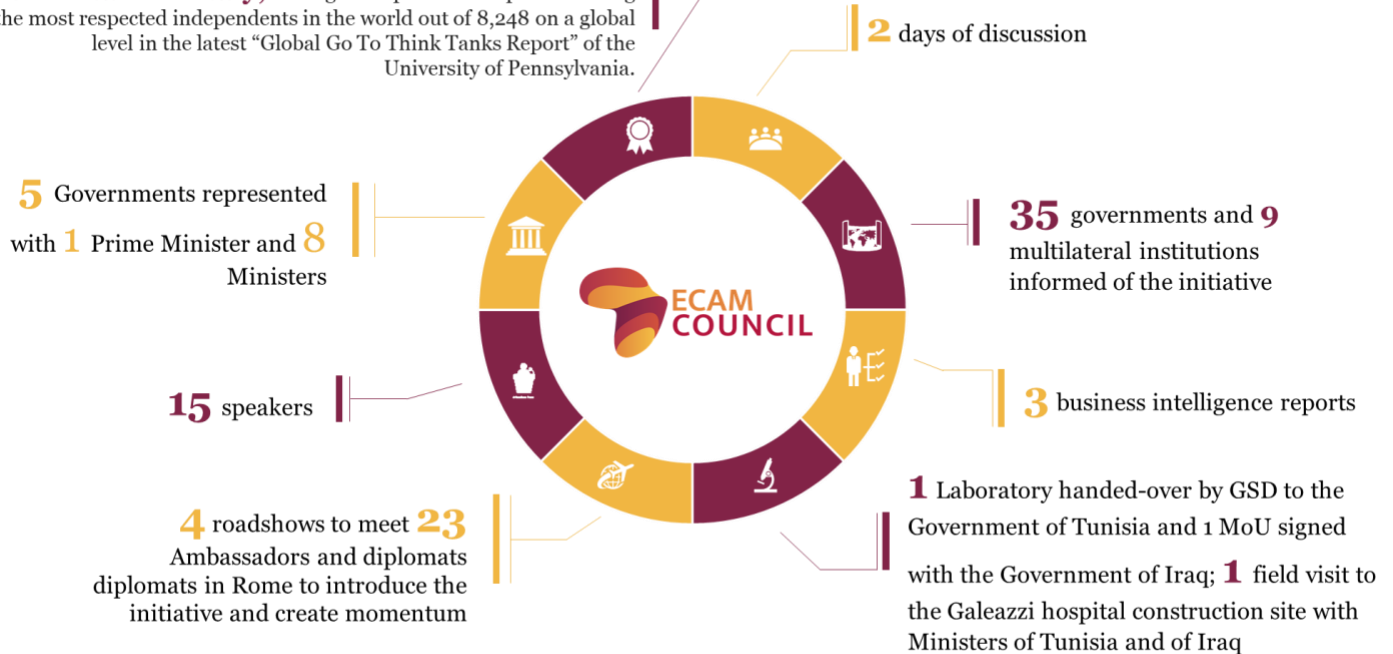
The first ECAM Council was the result of an extraordinary business diplomacy effort to introduce the initiative to partner countries in the Middle East and Africa, as well as international institutions. Despite the hurdles posed by Covid-19, this effort resulted not only in a series of bilateral meetings between government officials, but also in increased brand awareness of GSD and the GK investment group among policy makers in the Middle East and Africa. Specifically, the key numbers of the first ECAM Council are:

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Key figures

For the **7th** consecutive year, The European House – Ambrosetti was named — in the category Best Private Think Tanks — the **no. 1 think tank in Italy**, among the top 10 in Europe and among the most respected independents in the world out of 8,248 on a global level in the latest “Global Go To Think Tanks Report” of the University of Pennsylvania.



Institutional engagement

4 roadshows to meet **23** ambassadors in Rome to introduce the initiative and create momentum

5 European governments:

- *Italy*
- *France*
- *Germany*
- *Switzerland*
- *Albania*

9 Multilateral agencies:

- *Arab League*
- *UNESCO*
- *African Union*
- *WHO*
- *World Food Program*
- *European Commission*
- *IRENA*
- *European Investment Bank*
- *GAVI alliance*

8 Governments from the Middle East:

- *Iraq*
- *Jordan*
- *Kurdistan*
- *Kuwait*
- *Oman*
- *Saudi Arabia*
- *Turkey*
- *United Arab Emirates*

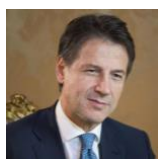
5 Governments from North Africa:

- *Algeria*
- *Egypt*
- *Libya*
- *Morocco*
- *Tunisia*

16 Governments from Sub-Saharan Africa:

- *Angola*
- *Botswana*
- *Ethiopia*
- *Ghana*
- *Ivory Coast*
- *Liberia*
- *Kenya*
- *Namibia*
- *Nigeria*
- *Mozambique*
- *Rwanda*
- *Sudan*
- *Tanzania*
- *Uganda*
- *Zambia*
- *Zimbabwe*

The Speakers



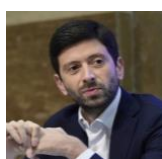
Giuseppe Conte
Prime Minister, Italy



Kamel Ghribi
Chairman GK Investment Holding Group, Vice President of Gruppo San Donato, President of GSD Healthcare



Luigi Di Maio
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy



Roberto Speranza
Minister of Health, Italy



Pierpaolo Sileri
Deputy Minister of Health, Italy



Luciana Lamorgese
Minister of Internal Affairs, Italy



Angelino Alfano
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Paolo Rotelli
President of University Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Italy



Hasan Mohammed Abbas Al-Tameemi
Minister of Health and Environment, Iraq



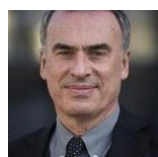
Mutahi Kagwe
Minister of Health, Kenya



Hala Zayed
Minister of Health and Population, Egypt



Faouzi Mehdi
Minister of Health, Tunisia



Ranieri Guerra
Assistant Director-General, WHO



Gianvito Martino
GSD Pro-Rector, San Raffaele University & Research Hospital, Italy

The Program

Thursday, October 22, 2020

10am – 12.30pm **THINKING BEYOND THE PANDEMIC: TOWARDS A NEW PRIVATE – PUBLIC COOPERATION**

HOTEL HASSLER, SALA MEDICI

Round Table discussion and adoption of a shared agenda

Kamel Ghribi (Chairman, GK Investment Holding Group;
Vice President, Gruppo San Donato)

Paolo Rotelli (Vice President, Gruppo San Donato;
President, San Raffaele Vita-Salute University)

Gianvito Martino (Pro-Rector, San Raffaele University & Research
Hospital)

Ranieri Guerra (Assistant Director-General, World Health Organization)

Hala Zayed (Minister of Health, Egypt)

Faouzi Mehdi (Minister of Health, Tunisia)

Hasan Mohammed Abbas Al-Tameemi (Minister of Health, Iraq)

Mutahi Kagwe (Minister of Health, Kenya)

Pierpaolo Sileri (Deputy Minister of Health, Italy)

Photo opportunity

1pm – 3pm

Working lunch

HOTEL HASSLER, RESTAURANT IMÀGO

4pm – 5pm

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Meeting: *Sala Tina Anselmi*

Welcoming remarks:

Giuseppe Conte (Prime Minister, Italy)

Luigi Di Maio (Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation,
Italy)

Roberto Speranza (Minister of Health, Italy)

5pm – 5.30pm

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

BILATERAL MEETING:

Roberto Speranza (Minister of Health, Italy)

Hasan Mohammed Abbas Al-Tameemi (Minister of Health, Iraq)

5.30pm – 6pm

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

BILATERAL MEETING:

Roberto Speranza (Minister of Health, Italy)

Faouzi Mehdi (Minister of Health, Tunisia)

Thursday, October 22, 2020 (continued)

9pm – 10.30pm **DINNER**
HOTEL HASSLER, SALA MEDICI
(Piazza della Trinità dei Monti, 6)

With the participation of:
Luigi Di Maio (Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy), **Luciana Lamorgese** (Minister of the Interior, Italy)

Friday, October 23, 2020

9am – 9.30am **MINISTRY OF HEALTH**
BILATERAL MEETING:
Roberto Speranza (Minister of Health, Italy)
Hala Zayed (Minister of Health, Egypt)

9.30am – 10am **MINISTRY OF HEALTH**
BILATERAL MEETING:
Roberto Speranza (Minister of Health, Italy)
Mutahi Kagwe (Minister of Health, Kenya)

11.30am – 12.45pm **CIVIL PROTECTION**

Meeting with the Scientific Technical Committee (CTS)

1pm *Working lunch*
HOTEL HASSLER, RESTAURANT IMÀGO
(Piazza della Trinità dei Monti, 6)

2.30pm **SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:**
Gruppo San Donato – Republic of Iraq

3pm **FINAL DISCUSSION**

Key highlights from ECAM Council – Bilateral meetings

Kamel Ghribi (Chairman, GK Investment Holding Group; Vice President, Gruppo San Donato)

“Italy is the natural gateway to Europe, it is the right partner for Africa and the Middle East, with positive relations with all the countries in these regions”

Luigi Di Maio (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy)

“Africa and the Middle East are of strategic importance for Italy. Italy is ready to increase the depth of partnership in these regions and can be counted on as a trustworthy partner and friend”

Paolo Rotelli (Vice President, Gruppo San Donato; President, San Raffaele Vita-Salute University)

“Italy ranks among the top countries in the world in many healthcare indicators, from life expectancy to morbidity and avoidable mortality—results achieved with a very low expenditure on GDP compared to other countries. All this is possible thanks to a universal system based on public/private cooperation to deliver high quality services”

Hala Zayed (Minister of Health, Egypt)

“The pandemic knows no border, and no one is safe unless everyone is safe. High-income countries will not be safe if low-income countries are not safe. We need to work cooperatively to save people’s lives, in both healthcare and financial and technological security”

Pierpaolo Sileri (Deputy Minister of Health, Italy)

“Over the last 40 to 50 years, the paradigm of the healthcare system was to treat those who are sick. To fight the pandemic, we need to change strategy, moving closer to communities where we see outbreaks and treating people at home”

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Mutahi Kagwe (Minister of Health, Kenya)

“A key element to increase resiliency against the pandemic is the diversification of production of medical commodities across the region. Especially at the beginning of the pandemic, rich and poor countries alike had the resources, but could not procure medical commodities”

Faouzi Mehdi (Minister of Health, Tunisia)

“We are facing a global crisis so we should help and support each other in order to tackle this pandemic and focus on what will happen next, with a particular emphasis on advancements in healthcare sector”

Hasan Mohammed Abbas Al-Tameemi (Minister of Health, Iraq)

“Now we know a little about this pandemic but the challenges we face are still significant. We think that the success in tackling this pandemic does not depend on the strength of healthcare system, but on the prevention rules that are able to put an end to this virus”

Online resources

Three business intelligence reports

Drafted exclusively for the ECAM Council–Bilateral meetings, these three reports tackle strategic issues for cooperation in the healthcare sector across the Mediterranean and beyond. The three reports are:

- 1.** *The importance of regional healthcare hubs to increase public health resilience*
- 2.** *Thinking beyond the pandemic: towards a new private –public cooperation to foster healthcare investment*
- 3.** *Covid-19 medical research*



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