

# Iraq Delegation



*Date and Place of Birth: Basra, 1958*

*Academic Qualifications:*

*BSC Mechanical Engineering/ University of Basra*

*MSC Mechanical Engineering / University of Basra*

*Career and Positions:*

*The Minister has a long experience of more than 40 years in the oil sector.*

*He has held the following positions:*

*Manager of Designs Department in South Oil Company (2000-2003).*

*Manager of Projects Commission in South Oil Company (2003-2008).*

*Manager of Projects Commission/ First Deputy SOC Director General (2008-2012).*

*Assistant Director General for Licences Affairs/ Deputy Director General of SOC (2012-2015).*

*SOC Director General (2015-2017).*

*Basra Gas Company Director General & Chairman of BGC Board of Directors (2017).*

*Chairman of BGC Supreme Board of Director (2017).*

*When he was in office, South Oil Company witnessed significant increases in the production capacity of crude oil and associated gas, particularly after developing the fields of: Rumaila, West Qurna/1, Zubair, West Qurna/2, and Majnoon.*

*He played an active role in installing and operating a modern system of meters to calibrate the quantities of oil lifted from export ports.*

*He played an important role in the establishment of the Basra Natural Gas Complex project with a capacity of (400 mmscfd), which enhances the ability of Basra Gas Company to invest 40% of gas production in the Artawi field, leading to raising the invested gas production rates to (1.4) billion SCFD from the fields of North Rumaila, Zubair and West Qurna/1.*

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	Date	Time	Event	Location
			Arrival at YYC	YYC Airport
	Sunday, September 17th	16:00	Arrival at Mayors Reception	MacLeod Hall – Telus Convention Centre
	Sunday, September 17th	18:00	Arrival at Opening Ceremonies	Telus Convention Centre
	Monday, September 18th	17:30	Arrival at Ministerial Reception	Fairmont Palliser
	Monday, September 18th	17:45	White Hat Ceremony Minister Group Photo	Fairmont Palliser – Oval Room
	Monday, September 18th	18:00	Ministerial Reception Program Starts	Fairmont Palliser – Crystal Ballroom
	Tuesday, September 19th	11:15	Ministerial Roundtable – MRT2	Auditorium 1 – BMO Centre
	Tuesday, September 19th	17:15	Canada Night Event - Ticketed	Nutrien Western Event Centre
	Tuesday, September 19th	20:00	Arrive at Cirque de Soleil Event	Lot 6 – Stampede Park
	Thursday, September 21st	14:45	Closing Ceremonies	Big 4 Main Hall A&B
			Departure from YYC	YYC Airport

Legend	
Common Event	
Country Specific Event	

Ministerial Round Table - MRT 2	
Date	Tuesday, September 19th
Time	11:15 – 12:15
Location	Auditorium 1 – BMO Centre
Session Title	Is the World on Track to Reach Net-Zero Emissions on Time?
Session Description	<i>It is evident that the world is not on track to reach net-zero emissions on time to meet the ambitious climate targets set out in the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement aims to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius.</i>

	<p><i>Achieving this requires global efforts to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by mid-century.</i></p> <p><i>Many countries were not yet on track to meet their individual targets for emission reductions, and the collective efforts fell short of what was required to limit global temperature rise effectively.</i></p>
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## **Protocol Tips: Iraq**

As the liaison officer hosting the official delegation from Iraq, you will require a high level of cultural sensitivity. Here are some important considerations to keep in mind:

*Research and Preparation:* You will find the biography of the leader of your delegation in this Handbook. Please feel free to research the delegation's background, including the individuals' positions and roles. Understanding their specific interests and objectives will help you tailor your interactions effectively.

*Formal Greetings and Respect:* Address delegation members using their appropriate titles and honorifics, such as "Sayyid" (Mr.), "Sayyida" (Mrs./Ms.), or "Doctor". In Iraqi culture, handshakes are common but wait for delegation members to initiate. Physical contact between genders might be limited in certain situations. Begin meetings with a warm welcome and expressions of gratitude for their visit.

*Dress Modestly:* Dress in a professional, modest manner, especially if you're meeting delegation members of the opposite gender. Women should consider wearing loose-fitting, modest attire that covers the arms and legs.

*Communication Style:* Be diplomatic and patient in your communication. Iraqis often appreciate indirectness and diplomacy. Use a friendly and open body language to create a welcoming atmosphere. Maintain good eye contact during conversations to convey respect and engagement.

*Hierarchy and Titles:* Iraqi society values hierarchy and age. Show respect for senior delegation members by acknowledging their status and age.

*Dining and Hospitality:* Given that meals such as the opening ceremonies are part of the program, inquire about any dietary restrictions or preferences within the delegation. While dietary inquiries were made as part of the delegate registration process the information provided may be incomplete. Be prepared to guide delegation to halal options wherever possible. Please note that in most cases these will be the vegetarian option.

*Personal Space and Physical Contact:* Iraqis value personal space, especially when it comes to the opposite gender. Avoid extended eye contact with individuals of the opposite gender, and refrain from physical contact unless initiated by the Iraqi delegation.

*Privacy Concerns:* Be cautious about taking photographs, especially of delegation members without their permission, as privacy is highly regarded.

*Cultural Taboos:* Avoid exposing the soles of your feet towards people, as it can be seen as disrespectful. Be cautious when discussing sensitive topics, including politics and religion.

### Language Tips

The official language of Iraq is Arabic. Here are some common Arabic phrases that a Liaison Officer might find useful when interacting with Iraqis:

Hello - "مرحباً" (Marhaban) - Common greeting

Another common greeting is "أهلاً" (Ahlan).

Welcome - "أهلاً وسهلاً" (Ahlan wa sahlam)

Please - "من فضلك" (Min fadlik)

Thank you - "شكراً" (Shukran)

Yes - "نعم" (Na'am)

No - "لا" (La)

Goodbye - "وداعاً" (Wada'an) - Common farewell