

# Saudi Arabia Delegation



His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz was appointed Minister of Energy in September 2019. In his capacity as Minister of Energy of Saudi Arabia, Prince Abdulaziz is responsible for coordinating the Kingdom's domestic and international energy policies in line with the goals of Vision 2030. This includes overseeing energy activities within the Kingdom; regulating the oil, gas, electricity, nuclear and renewables sectors in the interests of the Kingdom in the short and long term and directing Saudi international policy with regard to relations with producers (including through OPEC and OPEC+) and with consumers. He has been an active participant in shaping energy policy, both nationally and internationally for more than thirty years and he is the chairman of many energy related organizations.

Prior to his appointment as the Minister of Energy, Prince Abdulaziz served in numerous capacities in the Ministry over the past three decades, including as Minister of State for Energy Affairs, Vice Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Assistant Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Deputy Minister for Petroleum Affairs and Adviser to the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources.

HRH holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) (1985) and a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Management (1982), both from King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals. After graduation, he served from 1985-87 as Director of the Economic and Industrial Research Division of the Research Institute at King Fahd University of Petroleum

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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	8:00	Ministerial Dialogue - MSD1	Big 4 Main Hall
	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	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	

<b>Ministerial Dialogue - MSD1</b>	
<b>Date</b>	Monday, September 18, 2023
<b>Time</b>	8:00 – 9:00
<b>Location</b>	Big 4 Main Hall
<b>Session Title</b>	<i>Saudi Arabia and Canada - TBD</i>
<b>Session Description</b>	

## **Protocol Tips: Saudi Arabia**

As the liaison officer hosting the official delegation from Saudi Arabia, 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, especially if they hold titles like "Sheikh" or "Doctor." Greet them with a warm handshake, while considering that some Saudi men might prefer not to shake hands with women.

*Dress Modestly:* Saudi Arabia follows conservative dress codes. 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 polite and formal in your communication. Maintain a respectful tone and avoid confrontational or overly direct language. Allow delegation members to set the pace of conversation and be patient.

*Business Etiquette:* Be prepared for the possibility of lengthy initial social conversations before discussing business matters. Saudis value building relationships and trust before engaging in business conversations.

*Time Perception:* Be aware that the concept of time might differ. Meetings may start later than scheduled, but it's important to be punctual yourself. Show patience and understanding if schedules are adjusted.

*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.

*Gender Segregation:* In Saudi Arabia, there are often gender-segregated spaces and events. Respect any guidelines or preferences provided by the delegation related to gender segregation when planning meetings or events.

*Personal Space and Physical Contact:* Saudis 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 Saudi delegation.

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

*Cultural Taboos:* Be mindful of sensitive topics such as religion, politics, and Saudi domestic policies. These subjects can be best avoided unless the delegation initiates discussions.

### **Arabic Language Tips**

The official language of Saudi Arabia is Arabic. Here are the common phrases you may need as a Liaison Officer when interacting with Arabic speakers from Saudi Arabia:

Hello - "مرحباً" (Marhaban) - Common greeting

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