



## LABC Delegation Meets Lebanon's Minister of Economy and Trade to Strengthen Economic Cooperation and Job Creation

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Beirut, Lebanon-- The Lebanese American Business Council (LABC), a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., visited His Excellency the Minister of Economy and Trade in Lebanon to present its mission and explore collaboration opportunities aimed at strengthening economic ties between Lebanon and the United States.

The meeting opened with an introduction to LABC by its Founder, Mr. Ayman Jomaa, who emphasized the Council's commitment to fostering job creation in Lebanon and promoting Lebanese companies, both locally and within the diaspora, through strategic partnerships in the United States.

Additional briefings were presented by members of the delegation, including:

- Mr. Gaby Semaan, Chairman of A to Z.
- Mr. Joe Tekli, representing INMIND.
- Mr. Maroun Nohra, Chairman of ITALGEARS.
- Mr. Bechara Youssef, representing BEMO Bank.
- Mr. Michael Tfaili, Director of LABC.

The delegation also acknowledged the presence and support of Mr. Mohamad Abou Haidar, Director General of the Ministry of Economy and Trade, whose participation underscored the Ministry's active interest in fostering private sector partnerships that will create economic value.

LABC's primary objectives included:

- Supporting job creation initiatives aimed at providing new opportunities for Lebanese businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Connecting members of the Lebanese diaspora who join LABC with economic opportunities in both Lebanon and the United States.
- Facilitating the entry and expansion of Lebanese companies into the U.S. marketplace.

LABC looks forward to continued dialogue and collaboration with the Ministry of Economy and Trade in support of Lebanon's economic resilience and long-term prosperity.