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Challenges and Prospects under the Swedish EU Presidency

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Conference Location: Palaestra et Odeum, Lund University, Paradisgatan 5, 223 50 Lund

Residence: Grand Hotel Lund, Bantorget 1, 221 04 Lund

Lunch: Lilla Salen, AF Borgen, Sandgatan 2, 223 50 Lund

Dinner: Stora Salen, Grand Hotel Lund



Monday, June 8, 2009

09:00 a.m.

Welcome

Abdulaziz Sager

Chairman

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Dr. Leif Stenberg

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Dr. Per Eriksson

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09:15 a.m.

Opening Keynote Addresses

Outlining the Agenda for GCC-EU Relations under the Swedish EU Presidency

Patricia Llombart-Cussac

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H.E. Abdulrahman Abdullah Al-Attiyah

Secretary-General

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Trade Minister Ewa Björling

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10:00 a.m.	Session 1: EU-GCC Economic Relations and the Global Financial Crisis
Each speaker will have 15 minutes to present their paper.	<p>Chair: Hans-Gösta Engzell <i>Senior Relationship Manager, Middle East Nordea Bank</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Abdel Aziz Abu Hamad Aluwaisheg <i>Minister Plenipotentiary Director, Economic Integration Department Gulf Cooperation Council</i></p> <p>Dr. Lama Al-Sulaiman <i>Jeddah Chamber of Commerce</i></p> <p>Dr. Mehmet Asutay <i>University of Durham</i></p>
10:15 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break Discussion facilitated by chair
12:00 noon	Lunch in Lilla Salen in AF Borgen
01:00 p.m.	Session 2: The Gulf Security Environment and the Role of the EU
	<p>Chair: Christian-Peter Hanelt <i>Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Professor Gerd Nonnemann <i>Exeter University</i></p> <p>Professor Salih Al-Mani <i>King Saud University</i></p> <p>Professor Anoush Ehteshami <i>University of Durham</i></p>
01:45 p.m.	Discussion Period
02:30 p.m.- 02:45 p.m. 04:00 p.m.	Coffee Break End of the First Day Proceedings

07:30 p.m. | Dinner in Stora Salen at Grand Hotel Lund

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

09:00 a.m. | **Session 3: Development Issues and GCC-EU Relations**

Chair:
Edward Burke
FRIDE

Speakers:

Dr. Christopher Davidson
University of Durham

Professor Haila Al-Mekaimi
College of Social Sciences, Kuwait

Professor Ebtisam Al-Kitbi
UAE University

09:45 a.m. | Discussion Period

10:30 a.m.-
10:45 a.m. | Coffee Break

12:00 noon | Lunch in Lilla Salen in AF Borgen

01:00 p.m. | **Session 4: The Role of Culture and Identity in a Globalizing World: Improving Understanding between Europe and the Gulf**

Chair:
H.E. Ambassador Nabeela Al-Mulla
Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the European Union and Belgium

Speakers:
Dr. Abdulrahman Abouammoh
King Saud University

Dr. Abdulhadi Khalaf
Lund University

David C. Chadoir
University of Arkansas

01:45 p.m. | Discussion Period

02:30 p.m.-
02:45 p.m. | Coffee Break

04:00 p.m. | End of the Second Day Proceedings

08:00 p.m.

Dinner in Stora Salen at Grand Hotel Lund and Closing Statements

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