



The Lebanese International Business Council (LIBC) was established in 1999 as a non-profit organization that aims to bring together Lebanese businesspeople around the globe by creating a platform for business opportunities, Promoting Lebanese industries and encouraging trade. LIBC also provides Lebanese communities abroad with a united voice, encouraging them to influence and participate in business, political and social decisions in their host countries.

OUR MISSION

“To promote the economic and financial development of Lebanon by encouraging investment in various profitable projects while bringing together Lebanese businesspeople around the globe.”

The creation of LIBC is a natural response to the increasing need for the Lebanese diaspora to work together and become a major economic force in today’s society, whether in their country of origin or in their adopted homelands. In addition to catering for businesspeople, LIBC will also invite Lebanese doctors, journalists, intellectuals, and other prominent individuals worldwide to be part of its global network. The council strongly encourages and believes in a diverse membership that represents a variety of backgrounds, which will transcend the boundaries of various nationalities, divisive politics, and sectarianism.

An International Board of Directors

Representing the best of the Lebanese business world, the Board of Directors includes the Executive Committee and selected coordinators that are appointed for a specific country or region. The latter are considered Lebanon’s “business ambassadors” who can assist members abroad and promote trade between Lebanon and international markets.

Specialized Regional Committees

The LIBC works with its various representative committees situated across 30 different countries and regions in Europe, Africa, the Americas, and Australia. These committees are made up of specialized individuals who work within a specific field, such as Economy and Trade, Finance, Industry, and IT among others. Their task is to study the needs and opportunities of their respective fields in local markets and in Lebanon. They provide valuable assistance to the Board of Directors and to the members.

A Multi-Faceted Strategy

LIBC believes that the Lebanese have the ability and the responsibility to create an economic force that will play a momentous financial and political role in today's global marketplace. The council aims on paving the way for the Lebanese, wherever they may be, to position themselves as a powerful economic and financial community in the international business world. Already, LIBC has set up many initiatives to realize its goals, such as developing an interactive website and hosting highly successful conferences that will link the Lebanese worldwide.

A Networking Website

LIBC has developed an interactive website (www.libc.net) with updated information on the organization and its members. The website's aim is to encourage constructive suggestions and comments, display the profile of member companies, and promote the synergistic benefits that each member can offer to the others. Other services to benefit from include support for businesspeople and travelers, as well as access to a database of professionals and contacts all over the world.

Successful Conferences

LIBC has organized conferences and workshops, both in Lebanon and abroad, with outstanding results.

November 2001 – Belgium

November **2001** witnessed a conference by LIBC in Belgium, which has a very active Lebanese community. A related dinner was hosted under the auspices of Prince Laurent of Belgium where Minister **Charles-Ferdinand Nothomb** underlined the vital role of the Lebanese community in the Belgian economy.

May 2002 – Dubai

In May **2002**, LIBC organized a conference called the Lebanese-Arab Investments and Economic Integration, which was organized in Dubai with the support of the Ministry of Economy and Trade, represented at the conference by Mr. **Basil Fuleihan**. Another highlight of the event was the participation of Banque du Liban, which was represented by the bank's First Deputy Governor, **Nasser Saidi**. The conference was held under the auspices of **Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashed Al Maktoum**, who is The Deputy Governor of Dubai, Minister of Finance, and administrator of various government agencies.

June 2003 – Sao Paulo

In June **2003**, LIBC achieved major success with Planet Lebanon 2003, held under the patronage of President **Luiz Ignácio Lula da Silva** of Brazil and the President of the Council of Ministers Mr. **Rafic Hariri** of Lebanon. The Conference was a breakthrough in history, as it witnessed the signing of various trade accords between the two countries.

July 2004 – Beirut

Set to be the best yet, LIBC's fourth conference, Planet Lebanon **2004** that was held in Lebanon under the patronage of H.E The President of the Republic Mr. **Emile Lahoud** and the participation of H.E. the President of parliament Mr. **Nabih Berri** and H.E. The President of the council of Ministers Mr. **Rafic Hariri**. With an accompanying exhibition, the conference received considerable interest from the

Business world. Planet Lebanon **2004** featured business associations, exporters, producers and a host of other establishments and organizations. Various government agencies also took part in this event.

November 2005 – Curacao

LIBC Fifth Conference Planet Lebanon **2005** was held in Central America in the Island of Curacao. This conference in Central America received a great appreciation from the leader of Curacao and the government of Holland.

The Conference was also attended by Sheikh Saad El Hariri and by a large delegation from the Lebanese Government, ministers, and members of parliament and businesspeople.

The Lebanese community from Curacao, Venezuela, Panama, and other Central American countries attended and welcomed the Conference, since it has significantly supported their cause and placed them on the map of Lebanese Expats as an important community in supporting Lebanon.

A very important Traffic around About (Circle) was named after the late prime minister Rafic El Hariri.

July 2010 – Beirut

The Lebanese International Business Council organized in July 2010 the sixth Conference of the LIBC, the emigrant business "Planet Lebanon 2010", which was held under the auspices of President Michel Suleiman and his presence.

July 2012 – Beirut – Monroe Hotel

The Lebanese International Business Council organized the Expatriate Forum 2012 in Monroe Hotel in Beirut and included sessions on the right of expatriates to vote and ways to promote tourism in Lebanon and included tours to several Lebanese regions.

July 2016 – Beirut – Monroe Hotel

The Lebanese International Business Council organized The Immigrants' Reunion 2016 in Monroe Hotel in Beirut and included sessions on

- *The Restoration of the Lebanese Nationality and the rights of Lebanese Immigrants to vote abroad,*
- *Expatriates' deposits in Lebanese banks: Safety and FATCA LAW*
- *Opportunities for Lebanese Diaspora to invest in tourism industries. Encouragement by the Ministry of Tourism and IDAL*

The Conference was also attended by Minister of foreign Affairs Mr. **Gebran Bassil**, Minister of Interior & Municipalities Mr. **Nehad Machnouk**, Minister of Tourism Mr. **Michel Faroun** and Minister of Finance represented by The General Director Mr. **Alain Bifani** and included tours to several Lebanese regions.

August 2017 – Beirut – Phoenicia Hotel

The Lebanese International Business Council organized in August 2017 the 7th conference of the LIBC, the Lebanese Diaspora Connections: "Planet Lebanon 2018", which was held under the Patronage of the Prime Ministers H.E. Sheikh Saad Hariri and his presence, followed a tour by Medyar.

August 2018 – Beirut – Phoenicia Hotel

The Lebanese International Business Council organized on August 6th, 2017, the 4th Immigrants' Reunion 2018 conference of the LIBC, Expatriates' New Vision for Economic Development, which was held under the Patronage of the Prime Ministers H.E. Sheikh Saad Hariri and his presence, Under Topics of:

- New Vision for Investment in ICT Future
- The outlook of Real Estate Investments

- Medical, Religious & Leisure Tourism
- Followed a tour Eco-Village Bader Hassoun, Khan El saboun.

July 2019 – Beirut – Seaside Arena - Pavillion

The Lebanese International Business Council organized a gala dinner on July 30th, 2019. The Purpose of this Gala Dinner is to engage immigrants and to launch our 20th anniversary conference which will take place in 2020.

The Lebanese International Business Council hosted the annual dinner sponsored by Prime Minister Saad Al Hariri and with the presence of Minister of Defense Elias Abu Saab, Minister Jamal Jarrah, Deputy Nazih Najem, Roula Tabesh, and a number of ministers, representatives, ambassadors, economists, businessmen, more than 250 expatriates from 40 countries and residents of PAVILLON SEASIDE ARENA.

A major expatriate conference was also announced in 2020, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Lebanese Emigrant Business Council. The SWAP band performed the Lebanese Nostalgia songs.

During the Gala Dinner, the Chairman of the Lebanese International Business Council (LIBC), Dr. Nassib Fawaz, was honored.

August 10th, 2022 – MEA Training Center

The Lebanese International Business Council was a partner sponsor for Parade loubnany which was held in the magnificent Middle East Training & Conference Center in Beirut. Note that Lebanon's Industrial Parade was the first-of-its-kind show of export-ready Lebanese industries, investment opportunities, and innovative products.

<https://loubnany.com/lip-2022/>

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