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Safeguarding our Future

By Her Excellency Hend Al Otaiba

We live in troubling times. As **President Macron** put it in his France 2 interview last week, "War is returning to Europe. This crisis has many consequences when it comes to energy."

The shockwaves are already being felt across the world and, as countries seek short- and long-term solutions to weather the crisis, the UAE stands ready to support France and its partners. To reiterate the words of H.E. Mariam Almheiri, the UAE's minister for Climate Change and Environment: "As long as the world needs oil and gas, we are going to give it to them".

Our response to immediate energy needs goes hand in hand with a longer-term view, for which we are accelerating our programs to develop clean, sustainable energy solutions. The <u>recent agreement between EDF and Masdar</u> is a testament to this.

Beyond energy, we are continually working to address all the shared objectives that underpin our strategic alliance. As I reiterated this month in my interviews with <u>CNBC Middle East</u> and <u>Les Echos</u>, our two countries are committed to working together to further deepen our relations across many areas: **long-term energy security**, **but also sustainable development**, **culture**, **education**, **or space**.

This month, I was thrilled to participate in fascinating discussions with leading aeronautics and space entities in Toulouse. These exchanges symbolize our commitment to a safer and more sustainable future, marked by dialogue and cooperation. We are partners that require each other's support in this challenging world. We also have the responsibility to be beacons of hope and development for those who need it most, as evidenced by the UAE's recent humanitarian aid to Ukraine and the contribution alongside the World Health Organization (WHO) to Al Makassed hospital in East Jerusalem.

At a time when cooperation is so acutely needed, within our two regions but also internationally, we must continue to build bridges, leveraging our respective strengths to guarantee a safer future for all.

Diplomacy in action:

French-UAE relation October highlights

The Embassy received
Patrick Chalhoub,
President of Chalhoub
Group, leader of the
luxury sector in the
Middle East, along with
Comité Colbert members,
to strengthen FrancoEmirati cooperation in
this field. (see photo)



- H.E. Hend Al Otaiba was <u>invited to the Great Synagogue</u> "de la Victoire" by Chief Rabbi Moshe Sebbagh ahead of Yom Kippur celebrations.
- On the occasion of World Teachers Day on 5 October, the Embassy welcomed the ambassadors and organisers of the <u>UNESCO-Hamdan Prize</u> for the Development of Education
- More than <u>60 French companies were present at the GITEX Global convention</u> in Dubai, the largest technology exhibition of its kind.
- A diplomatic delegation was received at the <u>Bibliothèque</u>
 <u>Nationale de France</u> (BNF) to visit its newly opened
 museum and meet President Laurence Engel.
- H.E. Hend Al Otaiba presented her credentials as Non-Resident Ambassador to Monaco. (see below)
- H.E. Hend Al Otaiba visited Toulouse, where she met the mayor and stakeholders in aeronautics and space. (id.)

Masdar - EDF partnership announced



Emerge, the joint-venture between energy companies Masdar and EDF, signed an agreement to create a large 7 MWp photovoltaic power plant that will supply clean energy to the Khazna data center in Masdar City.

It is a concrete application of the **joint commitment** by our countries to provide cutting-edge green solutions, and proof of how our economic cooperation is constantly expanding.

H.E. Hend Al Otaiba now Ambassador to the Monaco Principality





H.E. Hend Al Otaiba had the honour of presenting her **credentials** as **Non-Resident Ambassador to H.S.H. Albert II**, Prince of Monaco, before meeting with public and private stakeholders of the Principality of Monaco to discuss **economic cooperation and the digital transition**.

Toulouse visit

H.E. Hend Al Otaiba made her first visit to Toulouse, to build on her commitment to **strengthening economic**, **political and cultural relations** throughout France.

This included a meeting with Jean-Luc Moudenc, Mayor of Toulouse and President of the Metropole; a visit to the Airbus headquarters in Blagnac; and to the Cité de l'Espace guided by its President Jean-Claude Dardelet. They discussed exchange programmes opportunities and aeronautical and space engineering developments, in light of the upcoming 'Abu Dhabi Space Debate' hosted by the UAE Space Agency in December.

A moving moment of remembrance was also marked in front of the memorial monument dedicated to the victims of the 2012 terrorist attack against the Jewish school of Ozar Hatorah (see 'tweet of the month' below).













focus on: Abu Dhabi Cultural Summit

The Abu Dhabi Culture Summit was held in Manarat Al Saadiyat (23-25 October) under the theme "A Living Culture". Speakers focused on **cultural trends**, **innovation and diversity in cultural expression**. Several participants from France spoke at the Summit, including **Prof. Pierre-Jean Benghozi**, Research Director at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and professor at Ecole Polytechnique, who spoke on a panel dedicated to 'Culture & Creative Ecosystems'.

H.E. Anwar Gargash, senior diplomatic advisor to the UAE President, addressed the audience on the last day of the summit, speaking of the UAE's spirit of openness and the importance of Culture for in international relations:

"As societies and individuals, we are stronger working together and there is much we can learn from one another. And we must recognize these challenges as opportunities to use our abilities to the fullest and take charge of our future." he said.





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