



American Business Forum

American Business Forum is a non-profit body formed by US businesses in Pakistan. Our purpose is to provide a platform to American companies for business expansion, resolution of issues and attracting FDI in Pakistan. In this regard, interaction with Provincial as well Federal Governments is one of our key objectives. ABF endeavors to play a key role in promoting awareness of health and environmental issues which are vital for public health and safety. This member-focused association aims to help the general public by development of Human Resource in Pakistan and convincing people in fulfilling their social responsibilities.

First Edition of the RoundUp

Welcome to the first edition of newsletter for ABF members. The newsletter is intended to keep you up-to-date on activities, events and news of fellow members.

Please send your comments, news items, interest articles, photos, or other items to the editor.

Dinner with Senator Waqar

Federal Minister for Investment, Senator Waqar invited the members of ABF. The objective was to apprise the minister about the problems of the members' vis-à-vis Government departments and to explain him the future investment program of American Companies. Minister assured that he is available to the members anytime to resolve their problems.



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Objective Setting Meeting

All members meeting was held in Gymkhana Club on 20th March, 2009. We were honored to have Mr. Bryan Hunt as our chief guest and we would like to thank him for his valuable support to American Business Forum. The main agenda of the meeting was how to make ABF an effective and sustainable organization. Participants had an opportunity to interact with each other and exchange their view points. Valuable suggestions were proposed for the improvement of the Forum.



Meeting with William Center

ABF member met William Center, Commercial Attaché/U.S. Aid on Thursday 26th March in Islamabad. Three basic things were discussed at the meeting:

- Take input at base level.
- Provide us the list of prime contractors.
- American Companies should be involved in monitoring process. In this way they will have influence and can take leverage.

The overall objective of the meeting was to facilitate dialogue with USAID and to change American Perspective by initiating sustainable projects.

Inauguration of the Forum

The proposed date for the inauguration of ABF is 21st May, 2009. The US Ambassador in Pakistan Anne Patterson has consented to attend the ceremony. We have also invited Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Yousaf Raza Gilani to be the Chief Guest. Letter of invitation is also being sent to Chief Minister Punjab, Minister of Commerce, Advisor Finance, Minister of Investment and Minister of Industry. All the American Business Forum Members will be present along with key Government stake holders and a huge Media presence will cover this event.