



U.S.-Middle East Free Trade Coalition



Support Trade Expansion and Economic Development for the Middle East Join the U.S.-Middle East Free Trade Coalition

The United States has embarked on a bold initiative to expand free trade between the U.S. and Middle East and to encourage economic development, transparent and accountable governance, and enhanced prospects for the people of the Middle East region, leading to the creation of a Middle East Free Trade Area (MEFTA) by 2013.

The American business community has a vital stake in strengthening economic and trade ties with countries in the Middle East through a MEFTA. The US-Middle East Free Trade Coalition has four primary objectives: 1) supporting the negotiation and conclusion of commercially meaningful free trade agreements between the United States and governments in the Middle East region; 2) providing unified and overarching US business leadership and commitment to the MEFTA vision; 3) establishing an umbrella business group to oversee and focus on the key components of MEFTA through a range of educational, advocacy, outreach, and other activities; and 4) providing an efficient, broad-based business mechanism and steady pool of corporate chairs to lead future bilateral FTA business coalition efforts.

The National Foreign Trade Council and the Business Council for International Understanding have coordinated closely in mobilizing business support for recent FTA negotiations with Morocco and Bahrain and serve as the co-secretariat of the Middle East Free Trade Coalition, with interested corporate leaders serving as business chairs of individual country FTA Task Forces supporting the advocacy and negotiating effort of future FTA negotiations. A Steering Committee of interested members serves as the decision-making team for the MEFTA coalition and as a pool of future corporate chairs for each bilateral FTA initiative under the MEFTA. The broader membership is open to any American company and association interested in supporting the MEFTA.

To join, please complete the form below and email to cdittrich@nftc.org or fax to (202) 452-8160. For details regarding membership, please contact Jeff Donald at BCIU at (202) 775-6025 or Mary Irace or Chuck Dittrich at (202) 887-0278.

- Yes, my organization will join the Middle East Free Trade Coalition
- Please contact me about my organization joining the Steering Committee of the Middle East Free Trade Coalition

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