

AACC meets with High-level Delegation from the Libyan Ministry of Agriculture

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On September 4, 2023, **AACC Secretary-General Eng. Khouja** paid a visit to **H.E. Dr. Osama Abdulhadi**, Ambassador of the State of Libya to Austria at the premises of the embassy, to meet with a **delegation** from the “**Agricultural and Livestock Projects Development and Investment Agency**” of the **Libyan Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Marine Resources**.

The delegation was headed by **Dr. Ahmed Mustafa Abu Zeid**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Agency; **Ms. Sumayyah Abdulhadi**, Directorate of the International Cooperation Department; **Mr. Albashir Abokhris**, Directorate of Relations; **Mr. Hossein Basher** and **Mr. Alfeetouri Ahmad Omar Salmah**, Members of the Board of Directors. **Mr. Essa ESSA**, Minister Plenipotentiary at the embassy, was also present.

Later in the afternoon, **Eng. Khouja** received the **high-level delegation** at the premises of AACC for further discussions with **Eng. Amer Auf**, businessman, CEO of **Bags Grain Handels AG** and **member of AACC**, to explore opportunities for collaboration in advancing agricultural practices and technologies in Libya, and in strengthening international cooperation and partnerships in the fields of agriculture and livestock.

The next day, the Libyan delegation had a meeting with **UNIDO**, to discuss support in agricultural cooperation and projects.

On 6 September 2023, AACC coordinated a visit of the delegation to **BAUER GmbH Röhren- und Pumpenwerk**, an Austrian company leading in irrigation systems, waste water and slurry technologies based in Styria. The high-level delegates were warmly welcomed by **Mr. Andreas Schitter**, Shareholder and Financial Director at Bauer GmbH, who presented the company's profile. Bauer GmbH has gained renown for its smart and environmentally sustainable product line, using high-quality materials and precise manufacturing systems. With a global presence spanning over 16 locations across the world, their irrigation systems are used on 2.5 million hectares of fields worldwide, serving customers in over 100 countries. The company had previously undertaken projects in Libya two decades ago and expressed a keen interest in re-establishing its presence in the region. Encouragingly, the Libyan side responded positively to this initiative.



This visit marked a significant step in **fostering partnerships between Libya and Austria**, especially in the agricultural sector.