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Prof. Dr. Belaid Rettab, in UAE since 2001 when he served as Advisor to the UAE Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs-TANMIA, and since 2003 Chief Economist & Senior Director Economic Research & Sustainable Business Development at Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry, where he established the full-fledged research department, the Sustainable Business Development Department and the Center for Responsible Business to meet the research needs of businesses in the UAE and the region, and support them to to apply sustainable business practices and business excellence principles.

Before moving to the UAE, Dr. Rettab was lecturer micro-economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam, and Economic Research Manager at EIM The Netherlands. He also served for many years as International Consultant for the European Union, UN, the World Bank and several national governments where he assisted in the implementation of several economic development and reform programs in Europe, Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa.

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