



Canadian Syrian Board (CSB)

From **Syrian Roots** and **Canadian Strength**, we rebuild tomorrow.

Organization Profile



- ▶ The Canadian Syrian Board (CSB) is a **non-governmental, non-profit forum** established to serve as an inclusive platform for entrepreneurs and experts within the Syrian community in Canada. It functions as a business network capable of playing an active role in connecting investors between Canada and Syria, while enriching bilateral relations on economic, social, and cultural levels.
- ▶ The Board seeks to build bridges of cooperation and facilitate the exchange of expertise and knowledge to serve mutual interests and promote sustainable development opportunities in both nations.
- ▶ Furthermore, the Board serves as a unifying space that fosters a sense of Syrian identity and belonging. It enables community members to participate effectively in economic, social, and cultural projects, contributing to the support of Canadian society while maintaining deep-rooted ties with the motherland.

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Mr. Amin Al-Hamad

Finance Director

Graduated in Commerce with an MBA, he has been managing import and wholesale distribution businesses since 1994 across Saudi Arabia, China, and Syria, and since in Canada. He specializes in financial 2019 management and growth strategies, with a strong reputation for organized, efficient operations and practical solutions that support long-term business sustainability.



Dr. Salman Karnazi

Executive director

An immigration services expert with strong experience in business development, client relations, and project management. He has supported hundreds of families through Canadian immigration programs and provided comprehensive settlement services for newcomers. He also brings a strategic vision for community development and has built effective partnerships with organizations to promote integration and inclusion in Canadian society.



Eng. Nawras Tayfour

Administrative Director

Civil Engineer, MBA
Working in the real estate sector and specializing in franchising
Interested in real estate development projects in Syria, Damascus and its surrounding areas
Founding partner in a company trading in disposable medical supplies



Mr. Adel Al-Hashemi

Executive Assistant

A psychology graduate from York University in Canada, with over ten years of experience in internal security and public safety. He has worked in emergency and crisis management and leadership development, and possesses expertise in security strategies and risk management.



Eng. Tamim Al-Khaimi

I.T officer

A solutions engineer and technical consultant specializing in business applications and process automation. With over 20 years of experience in the Canadian government sector, he designs, develops, and implements digital solutions for government entities. He delivers advanced solutions to improve operational efficiency and transform manual processes into smart, digital operations.



Mr. Raif Hazouri

Media Officer

A Syrian-Canadian businessman and founder/director of a company specializing in general contracting and interior design. He holds a Canadian degree in project management and construction. He has contributed to relief initiatives and the equipping of field hospitals, and was recognized in the "Syria's 1000 Capabilities" list for 2025.



Mr. Majdi Nawfal

Members Officer

An entrepreneur and expert in artificial intelligence and digital transformation, and founder of Aidvisor AI Solutions Inc.

He leads specialized AI training initiatives through Aidvisor Academy and delivers workshops and professional programs in Canada and the Middle East.



Eng. Muhannad Maqsousa

Damascus Office Manager

Specializing in digital transformation and e-government services since 2004, he has participated in designing digital payment systems for global central banks and launching advanced payment platforms. He has held leadership positions in innovation and digital transformation strategies at international companies and is working to transfer his experience within Syria.



Eng. Amr Barghali

Director of Partnerships and Community Engagement Development

An aeronautical engineer based in Canada with 20+ years of experience, he provides technical consulting to airlines and MRO providers worldwide. He has worked with Emirates, Air Canada, and Bombardier, specializing in Boeing, Airbus, and Bombardier aircraft. He holds a BSc in Aeronautical Engineering from the UK and is pursuing an MBA at the University of Toronto.



Mr. Wasim Turjman

Public Relations Manager

An aviation logistics and ground operations manager in Canada with expertise in supply chain management, cargo operations, and trade compliance. He has experience developing efficient logistics solutions aligned with international aviation standards and holds academic backgrounds in International Economic Relations and Business Administration. He is also a member of the Canadian Society of Customs Brokers with expertise in customs procedures and cargo classification.



Mr. Bara Fattal

Investment Affairs Manager

A finance and investment professional with experience in corporate accounting, fund operations, and investment management. He currently serves as Manager, Corporate Accounting at Sprucegrove Investment Management in Toronto. Baraa holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting from Saint Mary's University and completed both a Master of Accounting and an MBA at Wilfrid Laurier University, graduating with distinction and multiple academic honors.



Mr. Maher Alanni

Investment Affairs Assistant Manager

A specialist in Public Relations and Marketing with extensive experience in company management across Canada and the Arab Gulf region. He has worked with international NGOs and private sector organizations, contributing to strategic communication, business development, media relations, and organizational growth. He has strong expertise in business operations, team leadership, strategic planning, and managing corporate development initiatives in multicultural and international environments. His experience also includes public affairs, reputation management, and building strong partnerships across diverse sectors.



Eng. Noor Al-Satouf

Memberships Manager

A software engineering graduate from King Saud University, specializing in information management and data analysis, with experience in humanitarian work within conflict and response contexts. She has worked with international organizations supporting evidence-based decision-making, linking action analysis to public policy, and strengthening monitoring and accountability systems.



Mr. Anas Hijazi

Finance Manager

A business administration graduate with over six years of professional experience working with major Canadian companies, specializing in international taxation. He serves as a tax advisor at one of North America's largest companies, providing tax counsel and ensuring compliance with applicable tax laws and regulations. He also serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations.

Our vision

Towards a unified and prosperous Syria, where its people—both at home and abroad—contribute to its reconstruction and development; a nation that maintains balanced and integrated relations with its neighbors and the world serving as a model for stability, revival, and sustainable development

Our message

We work to unite the Syrian community in Canada within a cohesive framework channeling their energies and expertise toward economic, social, and cultural projects and initiatives. These efforts aim to enhance the community's standing in Canada while simultaneously supporting the development journey of our homeland, Syria

Organizing promotional events

Organizing economic forums that enhance trade, communication, and investment between Canada and Syria



Overcoming obstacles

Identifying obstacles facing business owners and providing necessary solutions to overcome them and ensure the continuity of projects



Consulting services

Supporting investment projects in both countries by providing technical and consultancy services to navigate and resolve challenges



Promoting cooperation and exchange

Working to strengthen friendly relations and trade, cultural and social exchange between the Canadian and Syrian communities



Stimulating trade

Providing the necessary information and data to businesspeople and investors in both countries to facilitate and develop business activity



Encouraging investment

& Providing advice and information to both Syrian Canadian investors, creating an environment that encourages them to engage in long-term projects



Strategic pillars

- Unifying Syrian efforts within Canada and abroad under a single umbrella.
- Directing talents and expertise toward development projects with tangible impact.
- Connecting Syrian investors and experts in Canada with opportunities in Syria.
- Ensuring communication between the Syrian community in Canada and official institutions in Syria.
- Fostering national belonging beyond political or ideological divisions.

Activities

- Organizing and exchanging trade missions between the two countries to strengthen economic ties.
- Hosting conferences and promotional events that bring together business leaders and investors.
- Launching strategic partnerships with the Syrian Investment Agency (SIA) and the Syrian Higher Business Council.
- Participating in community and cultural activities that strengthen the bonds of the Syrian community and support its integration into Canadian society.

Partnerships & Affiliations

These official partnerships and affiliations are the culmination of a successful business mission to Damascus on April 26, 2025, during which an ambitious program for economic and developmental cooperation was launched.



Syrian Investment Agency (SIA)

A strategic partnership to drive the wheel of economic development.



Syrian Businessmen and Businesswomen Association

Official accreditation to strengthen and unify private sector efforts

► **Palace Visit in Damascus (April 2025)**

The Board conducted a special visit to the Palace, during which productive meetings were held to discuss and review available investment opportunities for the upcoming phase, alongside exploring prospects for joint economic cooperation. During the visit, the Syrian-Canadian delegation affirmed its serious commitment to initiating investments across various sectors, aiming to support economic development and foster long-term partnerships.



► Meetings with the Ministers in Damascus

Minister of Communications and Information Technology
Eng: Abdel Salam Heikal

Meeting Outcomes:

- Enhancing digital cooperation
- Exchanging expertise
- And supporting technological infrastructure projects



► Meetings with the Ministers in Damascus

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research
Dr. Marwan Al-Halabi

Meeting Outcomes:

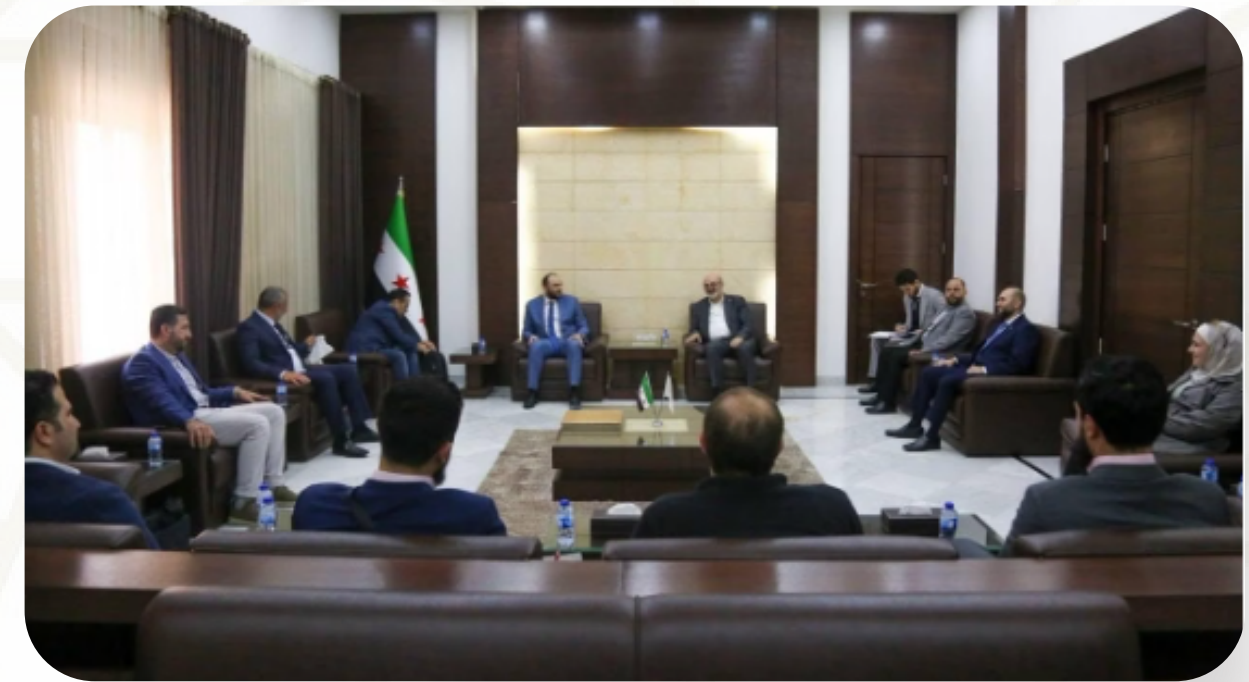
- Enhancing academic cooperation
- Developing scientific research
- Supporting university innovation



► Field visits to the governorates

Homs – Meeting with Governor Abdul Rahman Al-Ama. Discussion of investment projects, education, artificial intelligence, and the healthcare sector.

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► Field visits to the governorates

Aleppo – Meeting with Deputy Governor Fawaz Hilal. Appreciation of expatriates' efforts in reconstruction and the contribution of their expertise.

Damascus – The council participated in the SYNC'25 Conference in Damascus through its representatives in Syria, where discussions covered collaboration in artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, women's empowerment, and talent development.



► **Hassia Industrial City, Homs**

At the invitation of the Syrian Investment Authority, the delegation conducted an extensive tour of Hassia Industrial City.

Key highlights of the visit:

- Exploring available industrial opportunities
- Identifying areas for future partnerships
- Emphasizing that opportunities within the country are open to members of the diaspora



► CSB's activities in the Syrian civil aviation sector



Aleppo – Meeting with the President of the University of Aleppo, during which mechanisms for developing the Aeronautical Engineering Department were discussed



Montreal – Meeting with Omar Al-Hosari, Head of the Civil Aviation Authority, to discuss airport development and the air cargo sector



Damascus – Meeting with Sameh Arabi, Director of Syrian Aviation, as part of the field tour



Damascus – Meeting with Anis Fallouh, Director of Damascus International Airport, along with the administrative staff

▶ **The Council's activities on the international stage**

New York – Meeting with President Ahmad Al-Sharaa and Foreign Minister Asaad Al-Shaibani during a historic visit to the United Nations.

Working dinner with the Syrian American Business Council (**USSYBC**) to discuss a strategic economic partnership.



► **The Council's activities on the international stage**

Washington, D.C. – Meeting with the Syrian community alongside President Ahmad Al-Sharaa, Foreign Minister Asaad Al-Shaibani, and U.S. envoy Thomas Barrack ahead of a visit to the White House.



► **The Council's activities on the international stage**

Toronto – Meeting with UOSSM, the Mulham Volunteering Team, and the Syrian Canadian and American Forum.



► **Activities to expand international collaboration networks**

- Meetings with trade commissioners at the Canadian Embassy in Beirut and Cairo
- Meetings with active Syrian organizations in Canada

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► **Signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Syrian Businessmen and Businesswomen Association**



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