

**Tunisian American Chamber of Commerce  
NAPEO Tunisia Local Board  
US Delegation of Investors – Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011**

**Call for Proposal**

TACC and the Tunisian NAPEO local Board are proud to announce the launch of the first NAPEO project in Tunisia. It will consist of a visit of top US entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and investors from Silicon Valley and other US regions, that will conduct workshops, roundtables and pitch sessions on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, around the key themes of entrepreneurship and early-stage investing. The delegation will more specifically review, coach and stimulate Tunisian innovative project holders and entrepreneurs, that manage companies at different stages: pre-launch, start-up, early stage or development stages.

This first event will be launched on October 31<sup>st</sup> at a cocktail ceremony hosted by TACC, which will be supported by Coca Cola, Swicorp and TunInvest. It will be followed by two days of workshops and pitch sessions hosted respectively by the Microsoft Innovation Center and the Wiki Startup incubator on November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The visit of the delegation will be closed by a diner dedicated to business angel investing hosted by Telnet. During its trip, the delegation will also be visiting Morocco and Algeria with similar activities in the two countries.

TACC and the Tunisian local NAPEO board are looking for innovative companies that are willing to have an exposure to international entrepreneurs and/or investors, in the perspective to get guidance on their projects and on how to raise smart funding at an international level. The projects could be pre-start-up projects, start-up companies, early stage companies, growth companies and/or mature companies but all need to have an innovative business model. A particular focus will be put on companies in information and communication technology, green tech sectors, bio/biotech sectors and projects launched by young promoters.

In case you are interested to participate, you will find attached an application form that you will need to fill out and send to the following address before September 30<sup>th</sup>: [Napeo@tacc.org.tn](mailto:Napeo@tacc.org.tn). Note that the form needs to be filled out in English to the best of your knowledge.

**About TACC**

TACC is a Tunisian NGO, a chamber of commerce that operates in Tunisia under the law of non-profit associations (law n°154 of 1959, law n°90 of 1988 and law n°25 of 1992). It was first established in 1989 in Tunis and counts a network of 500 members.

TACC's mission is to strengthen economic, commercial and cultural bonds between Tunisia and the United states and to help businesses and individuals get the most out of the exemplary relationship between the two nations. After the recent Tunisian revolution, TACC is committed more than ever to help-by all possible means-the Tunisian economy

recover and the Tunisian people prosper.

**About NAPEO**

NAPEO (U.S.-North Africa Partnership for Economic Opportunity) is a new regional public-private partnership that enhances the network of entrepreneurs and business leaders in the United States and the Maghreb. For more information on NAPEO, please refer to <http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/rls/fs/2010/152223.htm>. NAPEO is the regional component of, a collection of public-private partnerships committed to broadening and deepening engagement between the United States and local communities abroad. For more information on PNB, please refer to <http://www.state.gov/s/partnerships/newbeginning/index.htm>

The Tunisian NAPEO Board is constituted of members of the Tunisian civil society and the private sector. The local board has been partnering with TACC to launch a series of projects to improve the entrepreneurship environment in Tunisia and improve the Maghreb regional integration.