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Accountable Leadership. Women's Empowerment. Youth Development.



'Women across the globe and particularly here in the Arab world have made brave advances towards empowerment, leadership and change in fields that were unthinkable a generation or two ago. In business, science and Governments, women have worked hard to succeed to become leaders and inspire future generations. Women who constitute half if not more to our Society are now venturing into fields traditionally dominated by men and contrary to stereotype they are increasingly choosing to pursue degrees in the sciences, business, law and engineering. The UAE is once such country which has shown major improvements on the socioeconomic participation of women.'

H.E. Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi, *Minister of Development and International Cooperation UAE*
GTF 2014 Award Honoree for Excellence in Global Thinking



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'Creating more opportunities for real face-to-face dialogue and shared experience will go a distance in healing rifts and increasing cooperation, trust, and mutual respect between East and West, and the business community can play a critical role in achieving these objectives.'

At Global Thinkers Forum we have a goal to increase understanding between peoples in the Arab World and the West through personal communication, shared experiences, exchange of ideas, and collaborative projects. So far, in our three years of operations, we have convened more than one thousand leaders, decision makers, entrepreneurs and academics in physical meetings, and more than 10,000 decision-makers worldwide are part of the wider Global Thinkers Forum network.'

Elizabeth Filippouli

Founder & CEO Global Thinkers Forum



3RD GLOBAL THINKERS FORUM AWARDS GALA

‘ARAB WOMEN AS CHANGEMAKERS – A CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS’

The 3RD Global Thinkers Forum Awards (GTF 2014) was held on November 28, 2014 at Mina A'Salam at Madinat Jumeirah in Dubai UAE. Some of the leading Arab women in the region were awarded for their contribution as leaders and drivers of positive change. In partnership with the Dubai Business Women Council (DBWC), the evening aimed at celebrating excellence.

The Awards Gala, which was hosted by Becky Anderson, CNN's high profile anchor, was attended by local, regional and international CEOs, investors, entrepreneurs and DBWC partners and mentors, in addition to a number of media representatives.

Opening the evening's proceedings, Her Excellency Sheikha Lubna bint Khalid bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Minister of International Cooperation and Development, highlighted the role of Arab women as change makers, the importance of 'global thinking' in an interconnected world, the importance of recognising excellence and creating role models for young women and congratulated the Global Thinkers Forum for their work in the Arab region.

Under the title 'Arab Women as Changemakers: A Celebration of Achievements,' GTF showcased the capabilities of Arab women as leaders, promoting better understanding of global trends and generating opportunities for growth, investment and international exposure.

The event also commemorated the 43rd National UAE day with a live concert by world-acclaimed Belgian Maestro Sir Dirk Brosse.

'GTF 2014 rightly celebrates the role of Arab women as change makers in our societies. We engage and we empower, we lead and we nurture.'

HRH Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan President, Royal Scientific Society Jordan & GTF 2014 Award Honoree for Excellence in Positive Change





"We have assembled for this prestigious occasion to celebrate and felicitate women leaders and their achievements. The GTF and DBWC share one common goal of empowering women and it encourages us to further leverage the importance of platforms like these to gain a bigger share of voice. We applaud women for the role they play in our society and I would like to personally thank my peers for the ongoing support which has motivated and inspired me to work towards this cause. I am constantly energised through my interactions with the younger generation as I continue to believe that our women are destined to achieve great success in their chosen field of work."

H.E. Raja Al Gurg, *President of the Dubai Business Women Council, GTF 2014 Award Honoree for Excellence in Leadership*



'Responsible media can help people find the right piece of information to change their lives but in the end it is always the individual himself or herself. With each click of the mouse, with each shared post, with each press on the button to consciously and actively determine how to use that information. Information is king but knowledge is power.'

Muna AbuSulayman – *Co-Host Kalam Nawaem MBC & GTF 2014 Award Honoree for Excellence in Media*





'I am the older generation of my country's leadership. But the UAE enjoys farsighted leadership. I am delighted to see here the younger generation of Emirati women leaders and I know that our country is in good hands.'

Dr Shaikha Al Maskari, Chairperson
*Al Maskari Holdings & GTF 2014
Award Honoree for Excellence in
Business*



'As we look ahead at this critical junction in Arab history, I remain convinced more than ever before that the future of the Arab region will be supported and enhanced by a greater role for women and we hope it will be a future marked by progress, by opportunities, by progress I repeat, and by stability which the people of our region need.'

Mrs Haifa Al Kaylani, Founder &
*Chairman Arab International Women's
Forum & GTF 2014 Award Honoree for
Excellence in Life*



'I feel so proud and honored to have achieved such a huge accomplishment and represent my country throughout. Although it was a tough experience with a lot of exhaustion, I am so glad to say it has paid off in the end. I never set out to make history, but it's so gratifying to know my passion for adventure earned me a place in history. My courage, curiosity and everything that makes me who I am today were planted in my heart as a child. I was blessed with parents who never asked me to change and taught me that my dreams are a reflection of the endlessness of my capabilities.'

Raha Moharrak, *1st Saudi woman to climb Mt Everest & GTF 2014 Award Honoree for Excellence in Pioneering*



'There are so many stereotypes in the West about women in the Arab World. Arab women, including the Arabian Gulf women, are the victims of the press and social media these days as they tarnished the true value and image of today's women. This reflects the West's limited knowledge and outlook on the world. Our role now is to correct such a tarnished image and to spread awareness of the true picture hence we may be correctly judged.'

Dr Rafia Ghubash, *Founder Women's Museum UAE & GTF 2014 Award Honoree for Excellence in Gender Equality*





'I think values and ethics in the education system and in the workplace are extremely important to make women feel comfortable and provide them with a conducive environment so they can perform better and get chances to be promoted within the system.'

Dr Ismahane Elouafi, *Director General of ICBA-Agriculture for Tomorrow & GTF 2014 Award Honoree for Excellence in Science*



'It is remarkable that we are celebrating women who have done it right. They have defined the narrative of women's future, have found themselves as undisputed change makers and also have made new paths for others to follow. I am part of a cultural institution, the Bugandan Kingdom of Uganda, which is formed over 800 years and I am also extremely aware that our women are very conscious and respectful of their positive cultural grounding and proud of their heritage. I implore you to begin a journey together. It requires us to have open minds to the endless possibilities and opportunities that come with partnerships and investments between Arab and African women.'

Her Royal Highness the Nnabagereka (Queen) Sylvia Nagginda of Buganda



World-acclaimed Maestro Sir Dirk Brosse with soprano Christine Belbelian





H.E. Mohamed Ait Ali, Ambassador of Morocco to the UAE and
H.E. Faris bin Rumi Al Naimi, Ambassador of Qatar to the UAE



Mr & Mrs Nabyl Al Maskari



Mr & Mrs Mohammed Aqel, Elizabeth Filippouli



Yousef AlBabtain, Elizabeth Filippouli, Yorgo Mavrelis



Haifa Al Attia, CEO Queen Rania Foundation and CNN's Becky Anderson



HRH Queen Sylvia with (L to R) Ms. Solome Nakaweesi-Kimbugwe, Mr. Akbar Verjee, Mrs. Nilufer Verjee, Mr. Jameel Verjee

GTF 2014 AWARD HONOREES PROFILES

The GTF 2014 Awards Ceremony's honorees were nominated by the GTF Board of Advisors who select leaders with a proven track record of excellence in life, ethical thinking and actions. Global Thinkers Forum 2014 Awards of Excellence were presented to:



EXCELLENCE IN GLOBAL THINKING
H.E. Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi

Minister of International Cooperation and Development – Her Excellency Sheikha Lubna joined the Federal Government in 2004 as Minister of Economy, becoming the first woman to assume a cabinet position in the UAE. She was later appointed in 2008 as Minister of Foreign Trade, and then in 2013 as Minister of International Cooperation and Development, with the responsibility of boosting the UAE's role as a major donor and key player in global human development. During her two previous posts, the country enjoyed its most economically prosperous period and highest volumes of foreign trade. In 2013 Forbes Magazine recognized her as the most powerful Arab woman and the world's 67th most powerful women.



EXCELLENCE IN POSITIVE CHANGE
HRH Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan, President Royal Scientific Society

Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaya is Founder and President of El Hassan Science City, President of the Royal Scientific Society and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Princess Sumaya University for Technology. Her Royal Highness is also Director and Chair of the National Campaign for Public Awareness of the Drivers of Change, a Jordanian initiative to outline and debate the factors that are driving change in the Kingdom. Princess Sumaya is an advocate of science and technology as a catalyst for change in the Arab World, through education, research

and innovation. She seeks to promote sustainable development by maximising human potential through education and opportunity. The Princess is an avid archaeologist and is closely involved with the work of the British Institute in Amman for Archaeological Research and the Council for British Research in the Levant.



EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP
H.E. Raja Easa Al Gurg - President Dubai Business Women Council

Raja Easa Al Gurg has achieved laurels for her stellar leadership of the group under the tutelage of her father, the Chairman, His Excellency Easa Saleh Al Gurg. Her counsel and valuable insights have significantly contributed to the growth and expansion of the organisation. Mrs Al Gurg has carved a niche for her support and encouragement of Arab women entrepreneurs. Named by Forbes International as the 4th most powerful Arab businesswoman in 2006, Mrs Al Gurg is also in the list of the '100 Most Powerful Arab Women 2012', compiled by CEO Middle East.



EXCELLENCE IN GENDER EQUALITY
Professor Rafia Obaid Ghubash - Founder Women's Museum UAE

Dr. Ghubash is a Full Professor of Psychiatry and Consultant Psychiatrist. Currently she is the President of the Arab Network for Women in Science and Technology.

The career of Professor Ghubash has to be seen in the light of both the society she was born in and the society she is helping develop. With a strong sense of history and an equally strong sense of values, she returned home with a PhD in epidemiological psychiatry from London University, to start her academic career as an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, in the newly established School of Medicine of the UAE University in Al Ain. She is also the Founder of the first Women's Museum in the UAE.



EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE
Dr. Ismahane Elouafi

Dr. Ismahane Elouafi is Director General of ICBA-Agriculture for Tomorrow since 2012. Before joining ICBA, she was leading the Research and Partnerships Division at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Ismahane holds a PhD in Genetics and has a passion for Science, its management and its integration with Policy. She believes that, in order to gain efficiencies and alleviate discrimination and poverty, Science has to be the basis of our decisions and development plans. In 2014, the CEO-Middle East Magazine listed Dr. Ismahane among the World's 100 Most Powerful Arab Women; in the Science category.



EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA
Muna AbuSulayman Co-host Kalam Nawaem MBC

Muna AbuSulayman, named one of the 500 Most Influential Muslims in the World in 2009-2012 for her work in

media, gender, leadership and education, is a very popular Arab media personality and humanitarian. Currently as the head of Directions Consulting and Partner in Glowork, she is focusing her development efforts on unemployment and entrepreneurship in the Arab world. As the former Secretary-General of the Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation, she supported innovation and strategic initiatives to combat poverty, empower women and reframe the Islam-West dialogue. She is also a founding Co-Host of KalamNawaem, one of the Arab world's most popular TV shows.



EXCELLENCE IN LIFE
Mrs. Haifa Fahoum Al Kaylani, Founder Chairman Arab International Women's Forum

Launched in May 2014, Edraak has attracted over 105,000 learners from across the Arab World, including Gaza, Syria, Libya and Iraq. With eighty percent of Arabs able to learn only in Arabic, Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan was determined not to allow the region to miss out on the opportunity offered by the Massive Open Online Courses movement to help reverse these trends. With the launch of Edraak, education professionals in the Arab World have made a new stride towards the development of a well-rounded regional online educational system. Award to be received by Mrs. Haifa Dia Al-Attia, CEO Queen Rania Foundation.



EXCELLENCE IN CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING
H.E. Sheikha Mayassa bint Hamad bin Al Thani

Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani is Chairperson of Qatar Museums, Doha Film Institute and Reach Out to Asia. Through her work at Qatar Museums, Sheikha Al Mayassa connects and amplifies the nation's cultural institutions and heritage sites.



EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC OFFICE
Mrs. El Adaoui Zineb, Governor

President of the Rabat Regional Court of Accounts since 2004 Ms El Adaoui is the first Moroccan woman to be appointed (in 1984) as a judge of accounts, and later Head of section at the court of auditors (1993 to 2004). She has been a magistrate with exceptional grades since 2004. Ms El Adaoui is a member of the Moroccan board of the International Women Forum. She was member of the Regionalization Advisory Commission. In 2013, she became the first Arab woman, indeed African and Muslim, ever to hold the position of a governor.



EXCELLENCE IN PHILANTHROPY
Dr. Atallah Kuttab Chairman And Founder Of Saaned

Dr. Atallah spent three years working in engineering consulting in the private sector and ten years in education, which included planning, teaching, and research at Birzeit University in Palestine and at Heriot-Watt University in Scotland. In the period 2005-2011, he was Director General of the Welfare Association, the lead foundation supporting Palestinians primarily in Palestine and Lebanon. He is a Founding Member of Arab Human Rights Fund and Founding Member of the Arab Foundations Forum.



EXCELLENCE IN CULTURAL CREATIVITY
Hayv Kahraman, Artist

Hayv Kahraman was born in Baghdad, Iraq. Spanning drawing, painting, and sculpture, her practice engages with very difficult issues surrounding female

identity in her homeland – how women are victimised within their own culture, made subservient to men and often suffer the most from the effects of the war. Kahraman tells these tales of horror with a demure grace through her stunningly beautiful paintings.



EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION
H.E. Noura Al Kaabi - CEO twofour54

Her Excellency Noura Al Kaabi Chief Executive Officer of the Media Zone Authority – Abu Dhabi (twofour54)

Twofour54 is a government initiative whose primary objectives are to foster Arab-focussed media and digital businesses in the UAE and develop sustainable media and creative industries for the UAE and the MENA region in addition to provide training and talent development and facilitates world-class content through its production facilities. Noura is an honouree for the Young Global Leader Class of 2014 and is the first Emirati to be ranked on Foreign Policy magazine's 'Top 100 Global Thinkers List', an honour she received in 2013.



EXCELLENCE IN PIONEERING
Raha Moharrak - 1st Saudi woman to climb Mt Everest

Raha graduated with a Bachelor's in Visual Communications from the American University of Sharjah then started her career at a leading advertising agency. Her life changed the day she summited Kilimanjaro and challenged herself, her society, and culture. From a young age her eccentricity was obvious, blessed with parents who never asked her to change, teaching her to dream big and live even bigger. Raha made history by being the first Saudi woman to summit Everest, forever proving we could attempt the impossible and maybe even achieve it no matter where we are from.



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
EDRAAK (Award received by Haifa Al Attia, CEO Queen Rania Foundation)

Launched in May 2014, Edraak has attracted over 105,000 learners from across the Arab World, including Gaza, Syria, Libya and Iraq. With eighty percent of Arabs able to learn only in Arabic, Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan was determined not to allow the region to miss out on the opportunity offered by the Massive Open Online Courses movement to help reverse these trends. With the launch of Edraak, education professionals in the Arab World have made a new stride towards the development of a well-rounded regional online educational system. Award to be received by Ms. Haifa Dia Al-Attia, CEO Queen Rania Foundation.



EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS
Dr. Shaikha Al Maskari - Chairperson Al Maskari Holding

Dr. Shaikha started with ADNOC Group and in 1989 she joined her family petroleum company, Tricon Energy Operations and steered it to become the Tricon Group comprising of multinational firms with strong international partnerships, several of which with government linked corporations. In 2008 Shaikha established Al Maskari Holding for all her family's diversified enterprises, with offices in UAE, GCC, MENA, USA, Europe, Turkey and Singapore. Shaikha set up her family charity, United Mercy Foundation, which sponsors orphans, widows, provides medical and food emergency relief in the ME, Africa and Asia.





QUOTES FROM MEMBERS OF THE GTF BOARD & INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

'We are how and with whom we collaborate. I have an (overly) relational view of life and this is both a source of energy and some mischief. Life is (too) short. I learn this over and over, and it is important to remember in order to step across the silliness. I work every day to keep focused on what matters.'



Dr Marc Ventresca,
*GTF Advisory Board Member & Strategy and Innovation faculty, Saïd Business School and Fellow,
Wolfson College, University of Oxford*

To understand the current global condition we need more than data. We need new categories for gathering and interpreting data. This is the larger project of The Committee on Global Thought, which I co-chair with Joe Stiglitz.



Professor Saskia Sassen
*GTF Advisory Board Member & The Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and Co-Chair for The Committee on
Global Thought, Columbia University.*

'Thinking globally should make us see that nothing is actually done in isolation and that actions may have an impact beyond the immediate geography or human network we are aware of. Globalization means to me a giant collective interlinked community. And therefore, thinking globally means to me acting responsibly and respectfully with and towards self and others.'



Diane Erdei
GTF Advisory Board Member & VP, Transformation Management Bertelsmann

'Ladies of The Empowerment Plan are proof that just because they ended up in an unfortunate situation, it doesn't mean they aren't driven, intelligent, creative, and fully capable of maintaining employment. They take so much pride in the product they are making and are able to emotionally connect with the individuals receiving the coat because they understand first hand what it is like to be homeless.'



Veronica Scott
Founder & CEO, The Empowerment Plan

'When you're an entrepreneur the journey never ends. You are constantly learning. You're learning from the market, your colleagues, your employees and yourself. Personally, it was always a challenge to prove to myself I could do this - and succeed. That I wasn't looking at myself as a female entrepreneur but rather just as an entrepreneur. I am always pushing myself to do more and to grow, and learning is an everyday part of my life. Never stop learning or growing - it's how we evolve and add value to ourselves and others.'



Maha Abouelenein
GTF Advisory Board Member & MENA Entrepreneur



'My approach to collaboration is simple yet subtle: plan for what you need to achieve in such a way that you not only achieve a result for yourself, but an outcome that benefits you, your customers and your staff, and critically your wider community. Build into the brief and design of a project - not just its implementation - wider stakeholder engagement, capturing needs, interests, concerns and expectations. Focus on common ground, yet be very realistic about working through, or just putting up with, difference. Effective collaborations are like a good marriage: unity, but not uniformity. There is also space for a good family row!'



Lucian Hudson
GTF Advisory Board Member & Director of Communications, The Open University

'Living in a society that receives daily pressure at every level and being anxious to maintain the coherence of its social structure, entrepreneurship and moreover groups and companies associated with it, are invited to adapt their daily activities in a dynamic, full of new challenges and perhaps sometimes unknown, socioeconomic environment.'



Michael E. Economakis
GTF Advisory Board Member & Executive Vice Chairman A.G. Leventis

'It is important to pump enabled and skilled human resources into markets and environments, equally so is to create an enabling Honoree environment to reap the value of dear spending on education that can be reached by setting knowledge-based economies and national policy settings.'



Reem N. Bsaiso
GTF Advisory Board Member & Senior ICT Expert

'If we are all connected, it is virtually impossible for an individual to create change without joining forces with many others. We must rise to leadership as individuals but work in tandem with others to bring about pervasive change. Our global fate rests in the breadth of our engagement and the strength of our relationships.'



David Santulli
Founder and Executive Director United Planet

'Within each phase, a mentor stands beside his/her mentee in a shoulder-to-shoulder relationship, empowering them to develop their own leadership, problem-solving and decision-making skills. Mentors don't tell them what to do but provide them with hope, aspiration and motivation.'



Kathleen Bury
CEO, Mowgli Foundation

'Ideas do not build the path. It is a combination of thoughts, being aware and unaware and deep feelings that build up the path. And for me the path is important, not the idea. ... It is on a path that meanings take shape with utmost delicacy, and it is the continuation of any work that gives meaning to you and then you send a new translation of that meaning from your mind to the world around you.'



Mania Akbari
Iranian Filmmaker, Actress, Artist and Writer





GTF 2014 EVENTS:

Date: March 27, 2014

Global Thinkers Forum Afternoon Tea - London, UK

Topic: 'Leadership & Collaboration'

Venue: HomeHouse

GTF's Afternoon Tea in London on March 27 was a mind stimulating conversation on leadership, transformation and collaborative advantage. Twenty handpicked CEOs, thinkers, decision makers and GTF Advisory Board members exchanged knowledge and ideas on successful leadership practices. The event was viewed as an opportunity to network with like-minded individuals and create new paths for partnership and business.



Lucian Hudson, Communications Director
The Open University UK



Akinwale Omoboriowo II - CEO, Genesis Energy



Diane Erdei, VP Transformation
Management Bertelsmann



Date: April 14, 2014

Global Thinkers Forum - Women, Innovation & Entrepreneurship – Dubai, UAE

Venue: Google UAE offices

Self-motivation to succeed, a passion for entrepreneurship, eagerness to learn and to network brought almost 100 people to the Google UAE offices for Global Thinkers Forum - Women, Innovation & Entrepreneurship that took place on April 14, 2014.

The sold-out event which was in partnership with Google UAE and Oasis500 (the premier network of seed investors in MENA), fell under one of GTF's five-years goals, among which are to help train incumbent and future women leaders across all sectors, create results-driven projects that will attract investment, and create additional, relevant opportunities for knowledge exchange and collaboration for women and youth. In addition, joining forces with an entity like Google, which actively supports entrepreneurship and women globally, has been a tremendous asset to GTF's work in the MENA region.

The six ambitious women entrepreneurs in the spotlight have been under the wings of Oasis500

and they aimed at attracting investment from the likes of Wamda, Eureka, Endeavour, and Acumen Fund. Angels representing early investment communities were present and keen to find out about the ventures' business plans, financial projections and exit strategies. Presentations were quick, but sound and robust. Nur Alfayez, Lamia Tabba-Bibi, Maha Khatib, Sima Najjar, Randa Jazaeri and Riham Mahafzah impressed everyone in the room showing how an initial idea can be turned into a successful profitmaking venture.

As Google's Head of Global Communications and GTF Board Member Maha Abouelenein highlighted: *'Women-led tech companies achieve 35 percent higher return on investment, and, when venture-backed, bring in 12 percent more revenue than male-owned tech companies. Yet women are still underrepresented in start-up communities.'*



Maha Abouelenein





Hani Masri, Elizabeth Filippouli, Lorraine Hariton



Geraldine Sharpe-Newton, Richard Peel



Date: July 3, 2014

Global Thinkers Forum: A Conversation with Lorraine Hariton

Topic: From the Silicon Valley to the White House

Venue: Arab British Chamber of Commerce, London, UK

An exceptional GTF evening took place in London on July 3 featuring Lorraine Hariton in conversation with Stryker McGuire. Until recently, Lorraine was the Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs at the US State Department's Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs while Stryker is the London-based senior editor for Bloomberg Markets. During the event, they discussed entrepreneurship, challenges for women entrepreneurs across the globe, and the STEM gap.

Naturally, given her post, Lorraine received questions on Secretary Clinton's intentions to run for US President in 2016, to which she diplomatically responded: 'As a visionary woman leader, Secretary Clinton would give an entirely new approach to US politics, but for now the big upcoming event in her life is expecting her first grandchild!'

The event was in partnership with the UK Media Society and hosted at the Arab British Chamber in London.



Saira Khan, Shahira Amin, Souad Talsi MBE, Mania Akbari, Elizabeth Filippouli

Date: October 16, 2014

Global Thinkers Forum – Women in MENA & The Future

Venue: Grace Belgravia, London UK

Global Thinkers Forum Roundtable: *Gender equality priorities and accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the MENA region*

This GTF Roundtable event, which took place Oct. 16 at London's Grace Belgravia, featured Mania Akbari, internationally acclaimed Iranian filmmaker, actress, artist and writer; Shahira Amin, Egyptian journalist and former deputy head of Egyptian state-owned Nile TV; Souad Talsi, MBE, founder of Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Centre UK; and Saira Khan, Business Woman.

The women discussed the challenges that women in MENA face because of their gender. Sexual violence, which includes harassment both verbal and physical, continues to be a serious problem. Egyptian women face harassment on a near daily basis, specifically on the streets and in public transportation, and mob sexual assaults have spiked since the 2011 revolution. Also, female genital mutilation (FGM) – though now criminalized – is still committed because it is so deeply rooted in socio-cultural tradition.

Women's participation in the public sphere and political life continues to be low. This is largely due to the fact that MENA remains a patriarchal region. During the roundtable, the panelists said that for

women's voices to be better heard, men's attitudes toward women must change. For example, there are rural places where men will not marry a woman who has not received FGM. But women's attitudes must also change. If they want to be heard, they must rally behind women who will give them a voice. If there is a female political candidate, for example, women voters right now are more likely to vote for the male candidate because they still believe that a man will do a better job.

To evolve women's voices in MENA, the focus should be on giving girls access and equal opportunities to education. Economic empowerment of women will not only increase their confidence in their abilities but it will also open the door for them to be empowered socially and politically. Legislation on sexual violence is extremely important. A recent law was passed in Egypt against sexual violence and was a significant deterrent against violence during Eid this year. MENA governments must commit to not only protect women but also to give them the opportunity to be heard. Civil societies should work together to increase dialogue across the region to ensure that steps are consistently being taken to empower the women of MENA.

Date: September 1st, 2014

Global Thinkers Forum: 3rd Annual Board Luncheon

Venue: HomeHouse London, UK

On Sept. 1 GTF Board members flew to London from Germany, Nigeria, Turkey and Saudi Arabia for the 3rd annual Board Luncheon. Members discussed GTF's ongoing networking efforts to collaborate and promote positive change. Members agreed that the focus on empowering women worldwide should be maintained and also highlighted the high level networking, meeting pioneering minds and knowledge exchange that GTF offers to its members and international audience



IN 2014 GLOBAL THINKERS FORUM PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

April, 2014 – Brussels

Commissioner Füle hosted the launching conference for regional structure dialogue

"EU-Southern Neighbourhood Civil Society Forum"



GTF moderated the main panel that highlighted the following key messages:

- **Civil Society has a key role to play** in any real democracy and **must be included** in democratic transition processes. The EU will therefore **continue to increase its support** to civil society in the Southern Neighbourhood and strive to make civil society actors and organisations more effective in advocacy and dialogue.
- **Dialogue is an indispensable part** of policy-making and of political, socio-economic and cultural development. But dialogue is a tool, not an aim in itself. Furthermore, certain **preconditions need to be met** for meaningful dialogue to take place.
- In **addition** to dialogue at national level, and **complementary** to this, we need to have **dialogue at regional level**, and we need to sustain it. These two levels of dialogue are **mutually supportive** and **much value** can be added through the regional level.





May 15, 2014 – New York, USA

GTF CEO Elizabeth Filippouli at the 2nd Annual Forbes Women's Summit: The Entrepreneurship of Everything



"The Forbes summit was one of the best events for women that I have ever attended. And I have attended, organized or co-hosted quite a number of international gatherings in the past fifteen years!", GTF CEO Elizabeth Filippouli says. What was particularly exceptional about this 2nd Annual Forbes Womens Summit in New York was that all 200+ women who attended had these elements as common denominators: vision, passion and lack of fear.

The topic this year was *Power Redefined*. How do we define 'power'? And how do we need to redefine it again and again in life as we go, grow, get challenged, fail, learn, succeed, mature?

Adjectives that best characterize this high-powered crowd: visionary, pioneering, hardworking, fearless. 250+ invited participants, 250 change makers. Under the capable leadership of (a powerhouse herself) Moira Forbes, this multi-generational gathering of women influencers succeeded in forging new partnerships and discussing solutions and actions to make the world a better place.

June, 2014 – Tunis

Civil Society Dialogue meeting

The overall objective of this meeting has been to create a regional structured dialogue "to help bring civil society out of the periphery of EU-Mediterranean relations". It is regional, not national and so complementary; structured, meaning organised, timetabled, budgeted and staffed; and a dialogue, which should engage each side of the Civil Society-EU-Governments triangle.



Randa Habib, Commissioner Stefan Fule, Elizabeth Filippouli

October, 2014 – Phanar, Istanbul, Turkey

BLESSING FROM HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW



His-All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Yorgos Mavrelis - COO Interamerican, Elizabeth Filippouli

It was a great honour for GTF to receive the blessing of one of the most enlightened spiritual leaders of the 21st century. We had the special opportunity to hand the GTF 2013 Award for Excellence in Peace & Collaboration to His All Holiness - a very small acknowledgment of his magnificent, lifetime work for positive change. At a time when hostility and misunderstanding between the Christian West and the Muslim world have reached a deadly standoff, Patriarch Bartholomew, who speaks seven languages including Turkish, is making a dedicated effort to reach out to Muslims throughout the Middle East.



November, 2014 – Vienna, Austria

Arab-International PR Summit



The 2nd Arab International Public Relations Conference "Dialogue Management in a World of Cultural Diversity" was held on the 3rd and 4th of November 2014, at Austria Trend Park Hotel schonbrunn, Vienna-Austria. It was organized by the Arab Administrative Development Organization (ARADO)-the Arab League, and strategic partnership with the International Public Relations Association (IPRA). More than 60 participants – from 30 Arab and foreign countries - attended the conference, together with a group of experts in the field of PR, who presented 23 scientific papers.

MOWGLI FOUNDATION

“Master your ability to be a change-leader”

November 27, Dubai, UAE

To support and strengthen the Global Thinkers Forum 2014 Awards for Excellence Gala, ‘Arab Women as Change-makers: A Celebration of Achievements’, GTF have collaborated with Mowgli to deliver a unique one-day leadership development workshop which served to empower change-makers within the Arab Region to inspire, influence and transform themselves and others through strong leadership to become change-leaders.

Participants were given the opportunity to explore the concept of ‘serving to lead’, the important role of the mentor in drawing out one’s full potential, as well as considering the values and qualities each of them has to underpin their career and personal aspirations as potential change-makers.



ALECSO WORKSHOP

GTF CEO Elizabeth Filippouli met with the senior management team of **The Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO)** in Tunis in June to establish a partnership promoting education, training and communication of ALECSO’s operations to the international community. In December 2014 during the annual ALECSO Forum, GTF conducted a workshop on values-based leadership for organizational excellence.



PARTNERSHIPS IN 2014

The New York Academy of Sciences: GTF is proud to be an implementation partner for the NYAS Global Stem Alliance Project, which aims to encourage students to pursue STEM careers through education and mentoring programs with young scientists.

UN Women: The creation of UN Women came about as part of the UN reform agenda, bringing together resources and mandates for greater impact. It merges and builds on the important work of four previously distinct parts of the UN system, which focused exclusively on gender equality and women's empowerment. GTF's event with Mervat Tallawy falls under this new partnership and also serves the GTF Five-Year Goals.

United Nations' Global Partnership for Youth: As part of this collaboration, GTF will help develop a list of youth priorities based on the thousands of opinions from youth across the world who have participated via a UN crowdsourcing platform. These priorities include: Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship, Health, Good Governance, and Peace and Stability.

The Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs: The Carnegie Council is the world's leading voice promoting ethical leadership on issues of war, peace and global social justice.

The UK Media Society: The Media Society is a unique organisation that brings together people who work in all parts of the media. Their objective is to inspire, provoke, surprise, educate and entertain. It's a charity, proud of its diverse membership, of which journalists are a significant part.

ALECSO: The Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) is a Tunis-based institution of the Arab League, established in accordance with Article 3 of the Arab Cultural Unity Charter by an announcement made in Cairo, Egypt, on 25 July 1970. ALECSO works to coordinate cultural and educational activities in the Arab world.

The Mowgli Foundation: Mowgli is an award winning, UK-headquartered mentoring organisation founded to support the sustainable development of societies through the mentoring and evolution of entrepreneurs and leaders. GTF is planning an event together in Dubai on the 29th of November to coincide with the GTF Gala.

Shekra: The Shekra Network is based in Egypt and is a closed investors network. Investors join the network based on recommendations from existing members.

Women's Start Up Lab: Women's Startup Lab is a high caliber collective of edgy and hardcore startup founders based in San Francisco, California, who are intensely results-driven. They're fun and dedicated to collaboration and giving back. The program's rigor, energy and commitment is unlike any other accelerator organization.

ELPIS: Greece-based philanthropy advisory firm. ELPIS seeks to connect philanthropists to specific investment opportunities, be it locally or internationally. Projects focus in the areas of education, social welfare, arts and culture, human rights, the environment, health and science, economic development and capacity building, and public policy and advocacy.

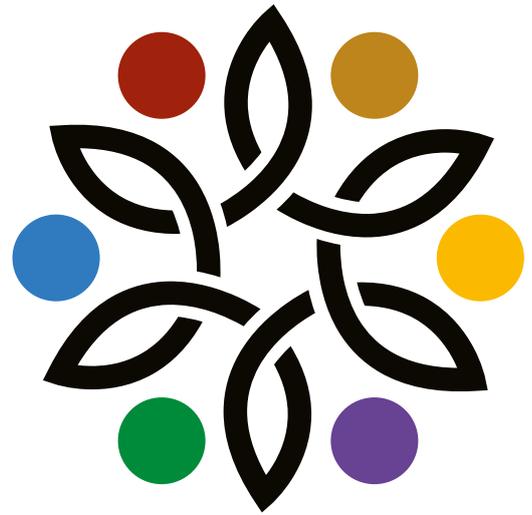
Dubai Business Women Council: Established in 2002, under the umbrella of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Dubai Business Women's Council is the official representative organisation for business women, both professionals and entrepreneurs, in the Emirate of Dubai.

The DBWC was created to fill a very large gap in the Dubai economy and to motivate National Women to heed the guidance of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, when he said "It is not strange for a UAE woman to be an ambassador; she who proves herself merits praise and encouragement" (www.sheikhmohammed.co.ae)

HOW DO WE OPERATE?



In order to ensure that the appropriate systems and processes are in place to steer the overall direction, effectiveness, supervision, and accountability of the organization, GTF Board of Advisors and Global Growth Board have been established, serving as the pillars on which the institutional and financial long-term sustainability of GTF is based. The overall strategy as well as day to day operations and decision making are managed by the GTF Executive and Editorial teams.



Ameera Binkaram, President Sharjah Business Women Council -
Elizabeth Filippouli Founder & CEO Global Thinkers Forum



Geraldine Sharpe-Newton,
President UK Media Society



Dr Roger Hayes,
Senior Counsellor APCO Worldwide



Maggie Eales,
GTF Director Global Networks



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President Royal Scientific Society



Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan of Jordan is Founder and President of El Hassan Science City, President of the Royal Scientific Society and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Princess Sumaya University for Technology. HRH is also Director and Chair of the *National Campaign for Public Awareness of the Drivers of Change*, a Jordanian initiative to outline and debate the factors that are driving change in the Kingdom. HRH is an advocate of science and technology as a catalyst for change in the Arab World, through education, research and innovation. She seeks to promote sustainable development by maximising human potential through education and opportunity. The Princess is an avid archaeologist and is closely involved with the work of the British Institute in Amman for Archaeological Research and the Council for British Research in the Levant. HRH was appointed by HM Queen Rania as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the first Jordan National Museum, where she is overseeing its development.

Maha Abouelenein

Head of Global Communications Google MENA



Maha Abouelenein is the Head of Global Communications & Public Affairs for Google in the Middle East & North Africa. With more than 20 years experience in corporate communications, PR strategy and campaign management, Maha oversees the company's communications efforts across 18 countries in MENA. As Head of Communications for Google in the Middle East and North Africa, she demonstrates how the internet is a net contributor to society and shares the magic and momentum of Google in MENA. Maha is an American Egyptian and has been a communications expert in the Middle East for the past 15 years.

Hakan Altinay

Senior Fellow Brookings Institution



Hakan Altinay is a non resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a global ethics fellow at the Carnegie Council, and a world fellow at Yale University. His book, *Global Civics: Responsibilities and Rights in an Interdependent World* was published in 2011, and has been translated into Chinese and Spanish. He was the founding Executive Director and Chairman of the Open Society Foundation in Turkey.

Reem N. Bsaiso

CEO G-TeN, Senior ICT Expert



Reem is an independent Senior Consultant specializing in knowledge economy policies and public reform; her focus is on ICT in Education and national training schemes, working with international agencies on ICT in Education in the MENA region, such as World Bank, UNESCO and EU Investment Bank. She is Founder of Global Tech-Net (G-TeN), a non-profit initiative registered at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Jordan. Reem is ex-CEO of World Links Arab Region and World Links International, initiated by the World Bank committed to spreading and merging ICT and knowledge economy skills in education and training of youth and women. She has created scalable and sustainable schemes to reach hundreds of millions of youth through highly effective and low cost models.

Victoria A. Budson

Founding Executive Director Women & Public Policy Program, Harvard



Victoria A. Budson is the founding Executive Director of the Women and Public Policy Program (WAPPP) at Harvard Kennedy School. Budson founded and chairs From Harvard Square to the Oval Office: A Political Campaign Practicum (Oval Office), an initiative of WAPPP that provides a select group of Harvard graduate students with the training and support they need to ascend in the electoral process at the local, state and national levels. In addition she advises the Obama White House Administration on policies to close gender gaps. She serves on the Planning Committee for the Women in Public Service Initiative of the U.S. Department of State that focuses on training women leaders for public and electoral service.

Greg Beitchman

VP Content Sales & Partnerships CNN International



Greg Beitchman is VP Content Sales and Partnerships, CNN International. In this capacity he is responsible for overseeing and developing the network's content sales business internationally, with a focus on leveraging its broadcast and digital assets. His role encompasses content sales and partnerships, out of home services, and licensing deals. He also works across CNN's NewSource content syndication service, its out-of-home distribution channels, and its international affiliate business of more than 1,000 broadcast partners. Prior to joining CNN International, Beitchman worked for Reuters where he was Global Head of Multimedia Content.

Sir Dirk Brossé
Conductor



Sir Dirk Brossé, born in Ghent, Belgium, in 1960, is a multi-faceted composer and a respected conductor on the international music scene. He is currently Music Director of 'The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia', Music Director of the Filmfestival Ghent and Music Director and Principal Conductor of the 'Star Wars in Concert World Tour'. Sir Dirk Brossé began his music studies at the Music Conservatories of Ghent and Brussels. He subsequently specialised in conducting, which he studied in Maastricht, Vienna and Cologne. Alongside his many guest professorships, he is currently Professor of Composition and Conducting at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Ghent. Dirk Brossé has conducted all the leading Belgian orchestras, among them, the Brussels Philharmonic, the Royal Flemish Philharmonic, the Orchestra of the Flemish Opera and the National Orchestra of Belgium.

Stephen Cole
Senior Presenter Al Jazeera English



Stephen Cole is the senior news anchor for Al Jazeera in Doha and London, Stephen is a veteran of international television news having fronted Sky News, CNN, BBC World and BBC News 24 for the past 22 years. In addition he was the inaugural host of the respected BBC News technology programme **Click** which he presented for six years. Stephen is also an accomplished and respected corporate speaker who has chaired and moderated panels comprised of presidents and prime ministers at prestigious events across the globe such as the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Diane Erdei
VP Controlling & Sourcing Finance Transformation, Bertelsmann



Diane Erdei is VP Controlling and Sourcing Finance Transformation for Bertelsmann. She is currently based in Gütersloh, Germany. With more than 10 years of deep professional experience in commercial and finance areas, Diane is currently engaged in driving Operational Excellence in Controlling and Sourcing Finance by actively shaping the global Controlling and Sourcing Finance by actively shaping the global Controlling 2.0 vision and transforming processes across the Bertelsmann company. Prior to joining Bertelsmann, Diane held a variety of roles during her 8 years with General Electric (GE) and 3 years with the Raiffeisen Group developing broad expertise both on the Capital as well as on the Industrial side. In her latest role as Head of Financial Planning and Analysis for GE Energy Germany, GE Austria and Switzerland, she supported the design of the company's regional growth strategy from a financial perspective and in parallel led strategic cross-functional projects.

Michael E. Economakis
Executive Vice Chairman AG Leventis



Michael E. Economakis started his career 34 years ago, in Coca-Cola Hellenic the 2nd biggest bottler of The Coca-Cola Company in the world, operating in 28 countries – in Sales, holding variety of Sales Field positions in the first years of his career. He then progressed throughout his career into ever-increasing roles of responsibility within Coca-Cola. As of 2006 up to 2009, he was Managing Director of Pivara Skopje AD, a three parties JV Company (Coca-Cola Hellenic, Heineken, M6), being responsible for the operations of Coca-Cola Hellenic and Heineken in Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as well as for sales and distribution operations for beer business in Kosovo, Albania, and Southern Serbia.

Dr. Daniel Fung



Daniel R. Fung, SBS, SC, QC, JP, is the first person of Chinese extraction who served as Solicitor General of Hong Kong (1994-8) under Chris Patten, the last Governor of the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong and the Honorable C H Tung, the first Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR, is a specialist in complex commercial litigation and in public law, specifically judicial review of legislative and administrative action, supervision of regulated industries including the financial services and the television & broadcasting sectors. In addition, Mr Fung is a specialist in China-United States relations, specifically the security dimension and military-to-military relations, and in Chinese state-owned enterprises covering both and overseas operations.

Theodore Asprogerakas-Grivas
Law Expert



Theodore is a copyright and media law expert. He is a member of the Athens Bar and provides legal consultation and representation on all Intellectual and Industrial Property issues internationally. He also practices active litigation on such matters before national Courts, the European Court, the General Court of the European Communities and the European Court of Human Rights. His law firm "Prof. Asprogerakas – Grivas Law" is considered as one of the most prestigious law firms in Greece and abroad in intellectual property matters. It represents big Media Enterprises, Radio and Television Companies, New Media Enterprises, Internet Companies, Cable and Satellite Broadcasters, Digital Service Providers, Publishing Enterprises, Production Companies, Authors, Performers and Collecting Societies.

Gary Horsley
International Communications Consultant



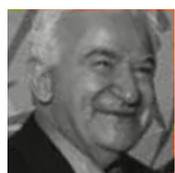
For more than 30 years Gary has been a consultant on international communications issues, helping to shape strategies that reach out to client audiences, markets and partners across the globe. During that time he has worked with major industrials, professional services, government departments and NGOs, helping them to communicate effectively across different cultures. He has extensive experience of working with European institutions, providing communications strategy and actions in areas as diverse as EU investment in R&D and the work of the EC's Humanitarian Office. In three years of this latter role he managed many donor networking and aid support activities, including events in the West Bank and Gaza and EU presence at the signing of the anti-landmines treaty in Ottawa. For the last six years Gary has been at the heart of a media consultation involving journalists and associated media interests from EU Member States and the countries on the Union's borders to the South and East.

Lucian Hudson
Director Of Communications, THE OPEN UNIVERSITY UK



Now in his fifth communications chief role, Lucian J. Hudson helps transform top organisations through strategic communications. He has held top communications posts in four UK government departments, including Director of Communication, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Director of e-Communications – the first holder of this post. Lucian recently was an independent expert reviewing communications capability at the Cabinet Office and No10 (report published June 2013). Before joining The Open University and after leaving the Civil Service, Lucian was Partner and the first Managing Director of Cornerstone Global Associates, providing international strategic consultancy to government, business, civil society organisations, universities and business schools. An accredited CEDR mediator, Lucian is an expert in brokering collaborative resolution. Lucian was a senior executive and television journalist with the BBC and ITV for 17 years.

Hani Masri
President Tomorrow's Youth Organization



A long-time advocate for Middle East peace and children's issues, Mr. Masri founded Tomorrow's Youth Organization. This non-profit organization provides programs in Technology (IT), Arts, Sports and Health for impoverished children aged 4-8, as well as social and economic development programs for women. TYO is a point of light for under-privileged

children and communities in the Middle East. It represents the best aspects of the American people and international goodwill, contributing, managing, and operating essential services and activities for all members of communities afflicted by conflict, isolation, and poverty. TYO is an influence for personal and community development throughout the region. Working in cooperation with the highest quality institutions and organizations, TYO aspires to break ground in non-formal early childhood education and women's empowerment.

Valerie Keller
CEO VERITAS/WEF YOUNG GLOBAL LEADER



An entrepreneur, consultant and public policy advocate, Valerie Keller's work bridges sectors and industries. As CEO of a social enterprise she focused on sustainable models for economic development including field research and pilot programs serving more than 20,000 in the poor regions of the U.S. along the Gulf Coast. She has provided U.S. Congressional expert testimony and served as regional broadcast media guest host and commentator. Valerie has raised \$100M USD and served on more than a dozen governing and advisory boards including the board of the Global Thinkers Forum. As Associate Fellow of Oxford University's Said Business School, Valerie is focused on engaging corporates and institutions for initiatives across the school.

Roya Mahboob
CEO CITADEL



Roya Mahboob was named to TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World for 2013 for her work in building internet classrooms in high schools in Afghanistan and for Women's Annex, a multilingual blog and video site. The TIME essay was written by Facebook COO, Sheryl Sandberg. Roya is an Afghan entrepreneur and businesswoman. She is the founder and CEO of the Afghan Citadel Software Company, a full-service software development company based in Herat, Afghanistan. She is garnering much attention for being the first female tech entrepreneur in Afghanistan, where women rarely work outside the home. Roya is working for women's education and empowerment by providing access via social media and the internet. Mahboob founded the Afghan Citadel Software Company (ACSC) in 2010 along with two university classmates with an investment of \$20,000. The aim was to create jobs for recent university graduates—especially women—in Afghanistan's growing tech market.

George Mavrelis
COO INTERAMERICAN



George Mavrelis is a senior business executive in Greek insurance industry since the decade of 1990, holding diversified positions in the Commercial and Operational sectors of Insurance Companies. In 2005 George joined INTERAMERICAN Group of Companies, part of Achmea, as Chief Commercial Officer. From 2005 till 2012, he managed major achievements such as the creation and development of alternative sales distribution channels, the restructure of sales networks, the design and implementation of the new regulation and remuneration on Sales Distribution Channels and also the design and promotion of new insurance and investment (Unit Link) products. Through these activities, George demonstrated strong competencies such as leadership, communication and influence, result orientation, problems prevention and solution. Currently he holds the position of Chief Operating Officer of INTERAMERICAN Group and also the position of Chairman and CEO of Road Assistance, Interamerican Finance and Imperio.

Lindsey Oliver
Commercial Director Bloomberg Television



Lindsey is an experienced media professional and she is also a trained lawyer and has worked for large media organizations in both capacities. General Counsel for CNBC Europe for ten years, Lindsey moved across to head up their distribution team. Following her tenure at CNBC Lindsey became Commercial Director at Al Jazeera English, based in Doha, where she was part of the team that launched the English language version of one of the world's most controversial media brands. After successfully rolling out the channel Oliver moved to the Internet arena with Jalipo, an online content provider, before taking up her current position at Bloomberg Television. In her role she is responsible for distribution across Europe, Middle East and Africa and has been leading The Channel's International localization initiative which, under her guidance has seen the completion of several new localization deals including BloombergHT in Turkey, Al Arab in the Middle East, RBC in Russia and Bloomberg West Africa in Nigeria.

Akinwale Omoboriowo II
CEO Genesis Energy



Akinwale Omoboriowo II (AOII) is a 1993 graduate of Economics from University of Jos, alumni of the London Business School, from where he acquired specialist training in Electricity Pricing & Modeling course in 2006, and a 2011 Post-Graduate Diploma Alumni in Strategy & Innovation from the Prestigious Oxford University's Said Business School,

U.K. AOII has over 16 years of experience in the Oil & Gas Sector and Power Sectors in Africa, where he has consistently led other equally distinguished colleagues in pioneering several initiatives including but not limited to African-owned & managed Independent Power Producing companies, well-Structured Oil Trading Companies, thriving Utility Companies, amongst others. Akinwale Omoboriowo II's top management work-history includes being an Executive Director of Christley Petroleum Ltd, the Managing Director of Besse Oil & Services Ltd, Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder of PPI (a Foremost Oil & Gas Company in Africa, with several trail-blazing market initiatives to its credit), Vice-Chairman of Vatterfields Utility Ltd (a Utility Company currently managing & operating PrePaid & PostPaid Revenue Collection initiatives in West Africa), and CEO of Genesis Electricity Ltd (GEL).

Nabila Ramdani
Journalist



Nabila is a Paris-born freelance journalist of Algerian descent who specialises in French politics, Islamic affairs, and the Arab World. She writes columns for The Guardian, The Observer, The Independent, London Evening Standard, and New Statesman. Nabila also produces features and news stories for a wide range of other Fleet Street publications, including the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph, Daily Mail, Mail on Sunday, and Sunday Times. Nabila has been named by Decide Now Act "101 Innovation" as one of 101 most innovative individuals in the world for social good. She has also been honoured with the title Young Global Leader 2012 by the World Economic Forum.

Richard Sambrook
Professor of Journalism, University of Cardiff



Richard Sambrook is Professor of Journalism and Director of the Centre for Journalism at Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies at Cardiff University. For 30 years, until February 2010, he was a BBC journalist and news executive. He spent ten years on the management board of the BBC becoming successively Director of BBC Sport, BBC News and, latterly, Director of BBC World Service and Global News. From 2010 until 2012 he was Global Vice Chairman and Chief Content Officer of the Edelman public relations agency.

Lucian Sarb
Director, EURONEWS



Lucian Sârbc began working for TVR (Televiziunea Română), the Romanian public broadcaster and shareholder of euronews, in 1994. During his time with TVR, Lucian Sârbc came to know euronews in his capacity as a member of the Board of Directors, from 2003 to 2005. He was instrumental in organising a project between euronews and TVR to launch the first daily news programme of euronews in Romanian, in 2004, broadcast on the channel TVR2. Since then, the service has been expanded to include five weekly magazines, still broadcast on TVR2. Lucian Sârbc then went on to serve as Project Manager and Editorial Director of The Money Channel. Since 2006, he has helped establish and develop the leading business and financial news channel in Romania.

Geraldine Sharpe-Newton
President UK Media Society



Geraldine has had a 35-year career in media relations and corporate communications. She has been head of communications for three of the world's major news organisations, CBS News (in New York), ITN (in London) and CNN International. Her early experience in American broadcast journalism led her to become one of the first public relations executives to specialise in the electronic media. Geraldine worked for Burson-Marsteller Public Relations in New York where she covered all sectors from Fortune 500 companies to some of the world's great wines. She handled the U.S. launch of The Economist and became a Vice President at Simon & Shuster Publishing, where she advised sports figures, politicians and writers. Leading ITN's Press & Public Affairs operation for nine years brought her to the heart of British and European politics, news and cultural life.

Professor Saskia Sassen
Columbia University



Saskia Sassen is the Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and Co-Chair, The Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University (www.saskiasassen.com). Her recent books are *Territory, Authority, Rights: From Medieval to Global Assemblages* (Princeton University Press 2008), *A Sociology of Globalization* (W.W. Norton 2007), and the 4th fully updated edition of *Cities in a World Economy* (Sage 2011). She is currently working on *When Territory Exits Existing Frameworks* (Under contract with Harvard University Press). Recent edited books are *Deciphering the Global: Its Spaces, Scales and Subjects* (Routledge 2007), and *Digital Formations: New Architectures for Global Order* (Princeton University Press 2005). The *Global City* came out in a new fully updated edition in 2001. For UNESCO she organized a five-year project on sustainable human settlement with a network of researchers and activists in over 30 countries.

Professor Marc Ventresca
Saïd Business School, University of Oxford



Marc Ventresca is an organisational and economic sociologist who teaches strategy, leadership and organisation theory at Saïd Business School with a focus on innovation and on how new markets get built. He is a Fellow of Wolfson College and affiliated Fellow of the Institute for Science, Innovation and Society (InSIS). He also works as Senior Scholar with Center for Innovation and Communication at Stanford University. Marc holds a lead faculty role in research and teaching initiatives focused on innovation and entrepreneurship, including service as faculty lead for Science Innovation Plus (a collaboration on enterprise skills with the Oxford Sciences Division). His research investigates governance innovation among global financial markets, entrepreneurial leadership in knowledge- and -information intensive organisations, and value creation in emerging ecosystem services markets. Beyond Oxford, Marc serves on several journal editorial boards and is a regular reviewer for the U.S. National Science Foundation and the Oxford University Press.



Maggie Eales

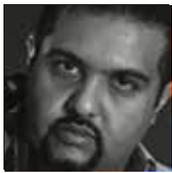
Director Global Relations



Maggie's career with international media spans four decades in executive roles. She joined CNN in 1992 and served as Senior Vice President CNN & Turner responsible for relations with broadcasters in EMEA, negotiating sales of CNN stories and Live Breaking News to both private and public broadcasters and overseeing a multi-million dollar budget. Her role also encompasses oversight for CNN International EMEA marketing, PR and business development functions. She worked with CNN colleagues to develop the CNN Journalism Fellowship which takes place at CNN Headquarters in Atlanta. The programme mentors journalists from across the world to gain greater expertise of news gathering from CNN. Maggie was also responsible for the development and implementation of the CNN MultiChoice African Journalist Awards, an event she has been involved with since 1998.

Salim Amin

Chairman, Camerapix & Africa24



Salim Amin is Chairman of Camerapix, Founder and Chairman of The Mohamed Amin Foundation and co-founder and Chairman of A24 Media. As Executive Producer and Presenter, Salim finished a documentary chronicling his father's life in March 2006 entitled "MO & ME" which has to date won ten Awards for Best Documentary in the United States, Canada, India and on the African Continent, including the Grand Jury Award at the New York International Film Festival. The documentary achieved a successful theatrical release in Kenya and was screened at the prestigious British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), as well as the Cannes Film Festival in 2007.

Deema Bibi

CEO INJAZ



Deema W. Bibi is the CEO of INJAZ, a member organization of Junior Achievement Worldwide. Ms. Bibi elevated the work scope of INJAZ to new horizons by reaching out to all governorates of the Kingdom of Jordan. Her strategic plans and directives enabled INJAZ to develop high-impact programs, and to expand those programs to reach out to more than 120,000 students annually, and to build a strong network of supporters, including 2,500 qualified volunteers, 250 companies and institutions and a c-level, dynamic board of 50 business leaders. Prior to INJAZ, Ms. Bibi was the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Program Manager at the United Nations Development Fund for Women regional office (UNIFEM), responsible for the creation and management of ICT and education-related initiatives in the Arab region.

Shannon McElya

CEO Green Successes



Shannon has a unique talent as a technology and partner evangelist to translate technology vision into compelling customer and partner benefits and create a partnership ecosystem. She has a proven track record bringing startups to market, including three successful IPOs and several profitable acquisitions. Shannon specialises in envisioning business strategies, creating marketing and business initiatives that drive demand, quickly developing solid alliances and channels to facilitate revenue generation and steady growth. By blending technical acumen and passion, she represents leading-edge and disruptive technology as a new market evangelist. Shannon also has deep knowledge in sustainability, clean tech, renewable energy and enabling technologies.

Chris Gaunt

Chairman, British Chamber of Commerce Turkey



Chris has a degree in Modern History from Leeds University in the UK. He began his career in 1973, in the Wine and Spirit Division of the Whitbread Brewery Group, and went on to work in prominent UK Beverage companies progressing to senior management positions with HP Bulmer and Allied Domecq. In 1992 Chris embarked on his International career and moved to Croatia as a consultant with Coopers and Lybrand to work on a major restructuring project for a newly privatized group of FMCG companies. In 1993 Chris joined the Coca-Cola initially in Croatia, followed by Senior Management/ GM positions in Eastern Europe and start up operations in Central Asia.

Sue Phillips

Deputy Director, Films & Exhibitions National Museum of Qatar



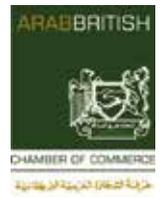
Sue Phillips career spans more than 30 years in high profile- news broadcasting. She joined the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) in 1978. After senior production roles in London, Moscow, Rome and Washington DC she became CBC's London Bureau Chief in 1997. Subsequently Sue worked as Managing Director of News World International responsible for International Broadcast conferences in London, Barcelona and Singapore attended by heads of news organizations from around the globe. Phillips also produced the first Eurasia Media Forum in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The event celebrates its 12th anniversary in 2014. Sue was appointed London Bureau Chief at Aljazeera in 2004 and was integral to the creation of the channel including setting up the London Broadcast Centre in time for the launch in November 2006.

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WHAT DO ATTENDEES LIKE ABOUT THE GTF EVENTS?

'The venue, atmosphere.'

'A very well organized and high profile event. I was very impressed with the level and caliber of people attending the event.'

'The idea.'

'Well organised.'

'The inspirational speeches.'

'Overall idea and the elegant touch.'

'We enjoyed the Awards Gala Evening and we were impressed by the gathering and organization of the event'

'Very warm welcome and gracious ceremony.'

'The GTF event was exceptionally well organised. We connected with several very interesting people and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.'



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