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It is important to note that democracy is a broad concept. There is no “one size fits all” answer. There are many elections happening in the world today but the results do not always equate with the virtues we commonly associate with democracy. These virtues are, essentially, the rights we are familiar with from international declarations: freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of association, etc.

For those of us observing from the comforts of liberal societies, we face a choice. Do we support the values themselves (that is, the rights) or do we have faith in the process, that is, do we support the elected, even if problematic? Or should that support be conditional on the acceptance and protection of human rights?

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Joel H. Rosenthal  
President, Carnegie  
Council for Ethics in  
International Affairs  
Athens, April 2015





# GLOBAL THINKERS FORUM 2015 – ANNUAL REPORT

“ **A**ccountability is one of democracy’s most important components. Citizen participation, political equality, civic consciousness, self-actualization, decent treatment by authorities, sense of individual political value, respect for constitutional norms, protection of human rights, responsiveness to public opinion, social and economic leveling and, of course, “freedom” have all been associated with this form of political domination. I hope that this international conversation between some of the world’s most brilliant academics will be the beginning of an ongoing conversation that will create new thinking around leadership, ethics and accountability.

As Global Thinkers Forum, we are extremely proud and honoured to partner with Carnegie Council for this very important event and I would like to personally congratulate the President of Carnegie Council Joel H. Rosenthal for their exceptional work of global impact. We are delighted to have laid the ground for Carnegie Council’s first ever presence in Greece and we are looking forward to maintaining this collaboration—and growing it—in the years to come.

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Elizabeth Filippouli  
Founder & CEO, Global Thinkers Forum



# GTF 2015 - CARNEGIE COUNCIL

Carnegie Council  
& Global Thinkers  
Forum present:

DEMOCRACY  
AND VALUES:  
HOW  
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FOSTER  
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LEADERS TO  
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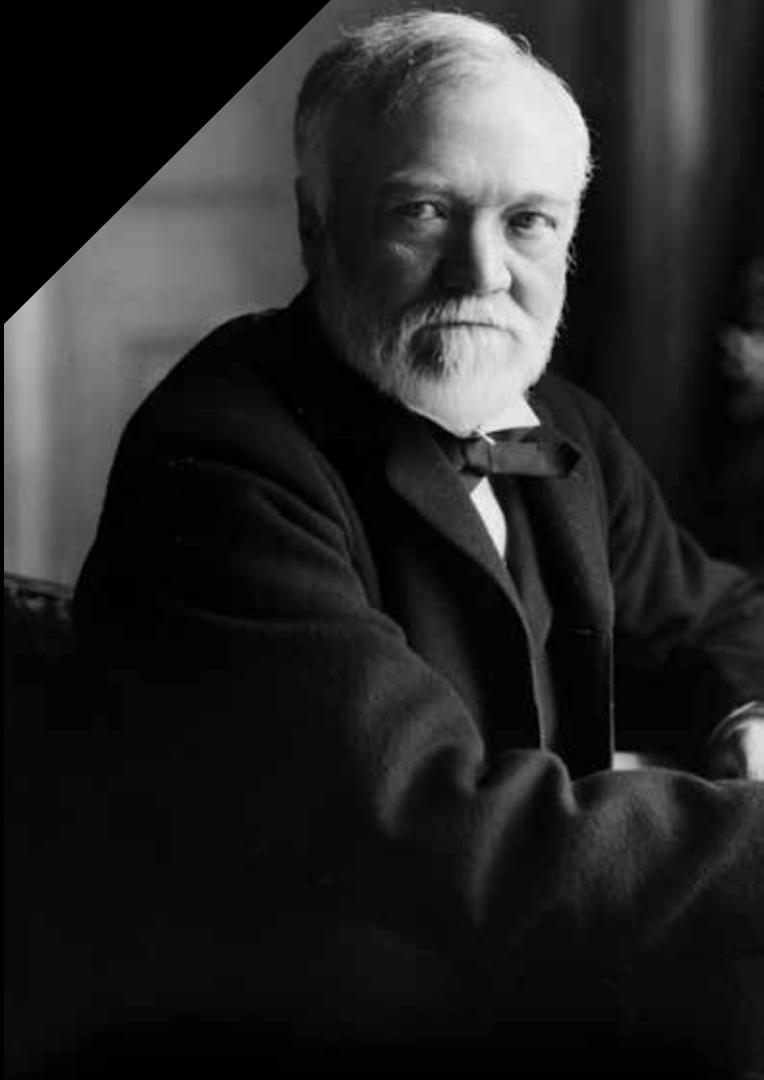
A Global Ethics Network Conference in Athens, Greece, April 25, 2015.

The moral triumphs and failures of leaders carry a greater weight and volume than those of nonleaders. In leadership we see morality magnified, and that is why the study of ethics is fundamental to our understanding of leadership. At this critical moment, as the future of Greek politics, the integrity of the Eurozone, and democratic values at large hang in the balance, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs (New York) and Global Thinkers Forum (London) convened a diverse group of scholars to discuss ethical leadership, the future of democracy and political accountability.

The symbolic backdrop for this discussion was Athens, Greece - the birthplace of Democracy. The Conference was organized under the auspices of the Mayor of Athens Mr. Yorgos Kaminis.

The Global Thinkers Forum-Carnegie Council Conference in Athens was an intensive, multi-phased dialogue with 140+ Greek academics, public officials, business leaders, activists, students, and citizens. With their support, we pursued ethical questions that lie at the heart of the Greek tradition of democracy and develop a new understanding of global citizenship that transcends national borders. The retreat of virtue has become the plague of our times. Greed is legitimate; to have riches however obtained, including outrageous bonuses or avoiding tax, is the only game in town. But across the west the consequences are becoming more obvious. Politics, business and finance have become blighted to the point that they are dysfunctional, with a now huge gap in trust between the elite and the people. How shall we hold leaders accountable? The conference included speakers from Carnegie Council's Global Ethics Network and draw on Greece's rich Hellenic culture and philosophical tradition to help professionals and the public better understand and tackle contemporary democratic challenges. Carnegie Council sent a delegation from its Board and senior staff. This international gathering has created a foundation for future much needed Leadership-focused initiatives in Greece.

The event was hosted at the Theodoros Karatzas Building of the National Bank of Greece.



# Quotes from THE GLOBAL THINKERS FORUM-CARNEGIE COUNCIL CONFERENCE April 2015

"The most important element in leadership is accountability. A responsible leader self-evaluates. A responsible leader cares about everyone she affects-not just those to whom she reports. Ethics is about Socrates' question 'How should one live?'. It is not merely a list of do's and don'ts."

Joel H. Rosenthal - President, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs



"While we have an incredible knowledge now, we have crossed a threshold of knowledge that has never been done before (...) you would hope that all of this would have changed the society that we live in 2015. A society of some kind of consideration and varied interest. But look at what is happening now, we have wars all over the place, we have population shifts."

Professor Dimitri Nanopoulos - Physicist/President Academy of Athens



## Leadership & Accountability

"Democracy is based on the promise for a better future. Today leaders cannot promise any more. Globalization is reshaping the capacity of leaders to act on things and trust is the missing link between society and government. History shows that the demise of political institutions is the result of their lack of capacity to deliver and to pursue their own aims."

Dr. Bartolomiej E. Nowak – Global Ethics Fellow, Carnegie Council



"The models related to media, government, society have to change. The paradigm has to change, and we need a new values system. We need to provide hope for young people."

Dr. Agni Vlavianos- Arvanitis – President, Biopolitics International Organisation - Athens, Greece



## Leadership & Accountability



"The only way to produce truth is through education. In Greece the education system is terrible. Teachers do not respect their educational missions. And unless we start from zero the crisis will be eternal."

Yiannis Boutaris – Mayor of Thessaloniki, Greece



"It is important to put continuity as a top priority of everything we do. Discontinuity has destroyed every effort for progress in this country (Greece)."

Phaidon Tamvakakis – Vice President, AlphaTrust



## Democracy and Its Challengers



"We live in an interconnected world. What about cultural rights? Identity? Dignity? The key to everything is the right to education. Creative activity of mind can develop critical thinking, critical debate. Identity-related questions, inherently linked to human dignity and self-respect, are frequently at the root of violence and peace issues."

Helle Porsdam – Global Ethics Fellow; Professor of American Studies at the SAXO Institute, University of Copenhagen



"Democracy for all its troubles and challenges is still safe."

Dr. Dimitris Keridis – Associate Professor of International Politics, Panteion University -Member, Scientific Council Institute for Democracy K. Karamanlis



"You need accountability and rule of law in society, and you need self-correction."

Shahira Amin – Award-winning journalist, Egypt



## Collective Liability

"We need regulatory control and good governance mechanisms to ensure good absorption of funds. Sometimes governments fund activities that are against the best interest of its people."

Professor George Pagoulatos – Professor of European Politics and Economy at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges



"How much change is actually change? There is a grey area between ethics and politics. There is always a gap between promised and realization of promises."

Paschos Mandravelis – Journalist



"Citizens are morally liable only if the rules of the democratic game are respected."

Gregory Farmakis – Entrepreneur





“One of the most important challenges of the 21st century for western societies is the training of citizens to make proper and efficient financial decisions.”

Professor Nikos Philippas – Professor of Finance, Department of Business Administration, University of Piraeus



“We need a very strong moral discussion. Does Angela Merkel use economics as sub-discipline of moral philosophy?”

David Rodin, Carnegie-Uehiro Senior Fellow; Global Ethics Fellow; Member of “Ethics & International Affairs” Editorial Board



## Corruption & Trust



“Corruption comes in many forms: improper payments, cronyism, patronage, graft. As development progresses, demand for better governance tends to rise.”

Devin T. Stewart, Senior Programme Director & Senior Fellow, Carnegie Council



“I don’t think we have Democracy in the West, so how can we preach Democracy to other countries? Those with power take over from public authorities that diverge from serving the public interest. We need radical transparency and participation in the decision making. It is time to turn Democracy to the people. It is time to restore Democracy to its most fundamental form. I am glad that this conversation is taking place in Greece.”

Carne Ross - Founder & Director Independent Diplomat



“Corruption is endemic. We need to see the institutional infrastructure and cultural infrastructure more collectively.”

Kostas Marinos - Ph.D.



## Business & Ethics

“What is the difference between business ethics and human ethics? We need to foster ethics across all levels in our lives. Big data, artificial intelligence, bio-ethics, ethical social behavior, democratic principles. And we need to learn from each other.”

Panagiotis Mihalos – Honorary President of the Hellenic Entrepreneurs Association (EENE)



## Audience

“Religion should not be in public space, it should be a private undertaking.”

“Culture represents a source of information, inclusiveness. Without the right to education you cannot participate to anything else. If a population is illiterate can we ensure Democracy?”

“Bringing the Carnegie Council to Athens is a dream come true.”

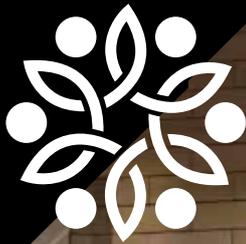


“If Roosevelt and Churchill were governing today, they would not have achieved what they achieved, because of technology.”

Achilles Tsaltas – Vice President,  
Conferences – International New  
York Times

# GTF: BUILDING BRIDGES, CONNECTING GLOBAL THOUGHT-LEADERS

Within four years since its birth, GTF has acquired a reputation for organizing world-class events that offer opportunities for networking with international decision makers.



Iliana Schmatelka, Managing Director, International Leadership Institute, Austria/Bulgaria and Yiannis Boutaris, Mayor of Thessaloniki, Greece



(L to R) Nikos Dendias, Member of the Hellenic Parliament / former Minister of National Defence, Greece and Bartolomiej Nowak, Global Ethics Fellow Carnegie Council



Carnegie Council & Global Thinkers Forum present:



(L to R) Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis, President, Biopolitics International Organisation, Greece, Professor Dimitri Nanopoulos, Physicist/President, Academy of Athens and Joel H. Rosenthal, President, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs



GTF Founder & CEO Elizabeth Filippouli with the team of GLOVO volunteers

# COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, ATHENS

H.E. the Mayor of Athens  
Mr. Yorgos Kaminis  
granted the auspices of  
the City of Athens to  
Global Thinkers Forum  
2015 and kindly hosted a  
cocktail reception at the  
historical mansion of the  
Old Athens Town Hall.



Areti Georgili of Free Thinking Zone, Athens with  
Elizabeth Filippouli CEO, Global Thinkers Forum



Yorgos Kaminis, Mayor of Athens



Amalia Zeppou, Vice Mayor of Athens



Michael Spanos of Global Sustain and Olga Stavropoulou of MILITOS



Mina Kakania of OMNI APICO & political analyst Yannis Koutsomitis



# GTF 2015 EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS



H.E. Ameera Binkaram and Elizabeth Filippouli

## SBWC & GTF Partnership

As of 2015, GTF has officially partnered with Sharjah Business Women Council (SBWC). SBWC's Chairperson H.E. Ameera Binkaram was selected as a GTF Advisory Board Member in recognition of her outstanding efforts in strengthening the participation of Emirati women, in particular, and women in the Arab region, in general, in various business sectors. H.E. Ameera Binkaram also oversees the launch of training initiatives and programs as well as workshops which contribute to encouraging Arab women to effectively participate in social and economic development process. SBWC has the support of Sheikha Jawaher bint Mohammed Al Qasimi, Wife of the Ruler of Sharjah, Chairperson of the Supreme Council for Family Affairs and Honorary Patron of Sharjah Businesswomen Council, who always encourages women to effectively participate in development process.

## January 29, 2015 DBWC Workshop

GTF CEO Elizabeth Filippouli joined its strategic partner Dubai Business Women Council in Dubai to organize a DBWC members-only event. Elizabeth led members through a half-day session based upon GTF's VALORE method. The session focused on Leading with Values for Organizational Excellence, spurred discussion that focused on important values and how they are integrated in both personal and business life. Elizabeth also led a dialogue regarding how businesses can better operate through shared values that ultimately strengthen employee performance. "Through our partners we are able to give our members access to insightful knowledge that can usually be hard to come by" said Mrs. Raja Al Gurg, President of the DBWC.





GTF partner, Cyprus National Olympic Committee



GTF partner, Leventis Foundation, Nigeria

## March 9, 2015 Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth

More than 730 Commonwealth flags around the globe were raised on March 9th in a symbolic gesture of unity and celebration for the Commonwealth's "family of nations." The event invited participants to show their appreciation for the values upheld by the Commonwealth and the opportunities it provides for "friendship and cooperation with fellow Commonwealth citizens around the world."

Global Thinkers Forum was proud to participate in this event and was also the main supporter and co-organiser with our partners in Nigeria, the Leventis Foundation, and in Cyprus with the Cyprus National Olympic Committee. "Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth is a most imaginative way for people in local communities—wherever they live, learn or work—to join together with others throughout the Commonwealth in a spirit of respect and understanding to celebrate the variety of unmatched diversity of our global family," said Elizabeth Filippouli, GTF CEO.

April 16, 2015

## Marmara Foundation international meeting in Istanbul

GTF participated in the international meeting of Marmara Group Foundation on the topic of Economy Democracy Relations - "Social Inequality," held in Istanbul, Turkey. Among the speakers were: the Chairwoman of EU and Human Rights Platform of Marmara Group Foundation Mrs. Mujgen Suver, the Vice Rector of the Istanbul Kemerburgaz University Prof. Dr. Emre Alkin, the Head of the Sociology Department of Bahçeşehir University Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Narlı and many other distinguished guests from Turkey and Europe.

Elizabeth Filippouli highlighted the issue of digital illiteracy and digital inequality. Participants made a call for "an advanced democracy and economy, the rule of law, improvement of the quality of life, income equality, elimination of gender and social inequality and exclusion of discrimination with economic, social and environmental axis of sustainable development".



Participants of Marmara Foundation international meeting

June 25, 2015

## Meeting with UAE Foreign Trade Minister H.E. Lubna Al Qasimi

GTF was received by H.E. Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi in her Abu Dhabi office on June 25. Ms. Filippouli was accompanied by H.E. Ms. Ameera Binkaram, Chairperson of Sharjah Business Women Council (SBWC).



The meeting was an opportunity to discuss the purpose and impact of GTF's 1st Arab Women as Changemakers and the organization's common goals with SBWC, which is a partner. H.E. Ms. Binkaram also briefed the Minister on HRH's Sheikha Al Jawaher's Royal Patronage of the Global Thinkers Forum Awards Gala, as well as SBWC's latest work and strategies.

H.E. Sheikha Lubna is the first female minister of the UAE and is a shining example of leadership and success of today's Arab women. Her insight and guidance is a major contribution to GTF's work in furthering the cause of women in the region and worldwide.

H.E. Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi meeting GTF CEO Elizabeth Filippouli and H.E. Ameera Binkaram of SBWC

## BHCC 70 Years Anniversary Dinner 1945 – 2015

GTF supported and was present at the celebration of the 70 Years Anniversary of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. The event took place in Athens on December the 8th 2015 in the presence of His Excellency the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos, representatives of Greece's political, business and cultural community, and more than 350 members and friends of the Chamber.



(L to R) Harris Economopoulos, President of BHCC, with Gulten Gaunt, Elizabeth Filippouli of GTF and Chris Gaunt, Chairman, British Chamber of Commerce Turkey

## Global Thinkers Forum featured on Wikipedia

As of August 2015, Global Thinkers Forum has its dedicated page on Wikipedia with a complete overview of GTF history, the organisation, five-year goals, strategic partnerships and latest initiatives.

Global Thinkers Forum	
Motto	All Elements for Global Leadership
Established	2012
Type	Non-profit organization
Purpose	Education & Development
Headquarters	London, UK
Region served	Global
Global official language	English
CEO & Founder	Gulten Filippouli
Website	www.globalthinkersforum.org

# GTF SESSION & ANNUAL LUNCHEON

May 29, 2015

Global Thinkers Forum hosted its Annual Board Luncheon in London. Board Members met to review and discuss updates of the work of GTF during the past year and future events, the global expansion of Global Thinkers Forum, strategic planning and fundraising for the coming years.

The Luncheon, in its 4th year, was also an opportunity to welcome new Members of the Advisory Board, such as HE Ms. Ameera Binkaram, Chairperson of the Sharjah Business Women Council, Mrs. Haifa Al Kaylani, Founder and Chairwoman of the Arab International Women's Forum, as well as HRH Queen Sylvia of Buganda (Uganda).



(L to R) Chris Gaunt, Chairman, British Chamber of Commerce Turkey; HE Ameera Binkaram, Chairwoman, SBWC; Elizabeth Filippouli, CEO, GTF; Haifa Al Kaylani, Founder & Chairman, Arab International Women's Forum; Tania Azar, Head of Women Economic Development, SBWC; Asli Uves, Intern GTF; Lucian Sârb, Director of News and Programmes, EURONEWS; Geraldine Sharpe-Newton, President, UK Media Society; Lucian Hudson, Director of Communications, The Open University UK.





April 2015

## CEO Clubs Greece Workshop

On April 29, 2015, Global Thinkers Forum conducted a training seminar on 'Values-Based Decision-Making' for members of the CEO Clubs Greece in Athens, Greece. GTF CEO Elizabeth Filippouli explained the fundamental differences between values, beliefs and behaviours and how successful managers need to draw on values-based decision making.

Attendees included managers and CEOs from some of the biggest Greek and Greece-based companies. Participants also had the opportunity to reflect on their personal values and understand how cultural transformation can be achieved by harnessing employees' positive values and eliminating any negative values that exist in the organization.



Elizabeth Filippouli, CEO, GTF and Achilles Tsaltas, Vice President, Conferences - International New York Times



September 2015

## Athens Democracy Forum

GTF was proud to be media partner of the Athens Democracy Forum, organized by the International New York Times in Athens on September 13-15th. The Forum was endorsed by the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, and brought together speakers and delegates who are experts in their fields of politics, academia, human rights, the law, NGOs, journalists as well as corporate executives committed to CSR issues.

Participants discussed three main challenges that leaders face in today's globalized and digital world: 1) the growing inequality in our world (both income and social); 2) technology and the fact that its pace of change is much faster than what our institutions can cope with; 3) the polarization of society manifested by the rise of political parties of the extreme left and right.

# NEW YORK – WASHINGTON DC GTF MEETINGS

## Meeting with Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah II

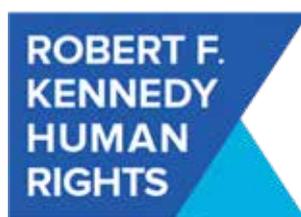
Global Thinkers Forum was launched in Amman, Jordan in October 2012 under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania and sponsorship by the King Abdullah Fund for Development, recognizing and embracing the value of GTF's mission. On November 3, GTF Founder & CEO Elizabeth Filippouli had the honour to meet again with Her Majesty Queen Rania in New York and express once more the Board's profound thanks to HM for her continuous support. Within four years, Global Thinkers Forum has been growing at a fascinating speed, having presence in five countries and it is planning to return to Jordan in the near future.



Elizabeth Filippouli, GTF Founder & CEO and Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah II.



GTF Founder & CEO, Elizabeth Filippouli & John Heffernan, President of Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights



## Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights

On the 28th of September, GTF Founder and CEO Elizabeth Filippouli met with John Heffernan, President of Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights in Washington, DC to inaugurate a very important partnership with the foundation.

## UN Women Secretary

GTF Founder and CEO Elizabeth Filippouli had the pleasure to personally meet with Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka on September 27 in New York. Ms. Filippouli thanked Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka for her support of GTF and discussed GTF's expansion into Africa. Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka is the first woman Deputy President of South Africa. As Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka stated, leaders need to take personal responsibility for their commitment to gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women, & Elizabeth Filippouli, GTF CEO



## UN Foundation Gala

On November 3, GTF participated in the UN Foundation & Global Leadership Awards Gala in New York. The gathering was organised in recognition of the achievement of leaders from multiple sectors who have helped tackle the world's most pressing challenges. The UN Secretary General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon reinforced the UN's commitment: "We are resolved to creating a better world". GTF was part of a fantastic group of visionary women entrepreneurs, led by Ingrid Vanderveldt, Founder & CEO of EBW2020.



UN General Secretary Ban-Ki-Moon speaking at the UN Foundation Gala



EBW2020 Founder & CEO Ingrid Vanderveldt and GTF Founder & CEO Elizabeth Filippouli with the EBW2020 team

## EMPOWER WOMEN & SOCIAL GOOD



United Nations Entity for Gender Equality  
and the Empowerment of Women



October 2015

### Empower Women Campaign

Global Thinkers Forum was proud to partner with UN Women's Empower Women initiative on the "Every Purchase Matters" campaign, promoting the concept of conscious consumerism. The campaign aimed to inform people how they can make a difference through their individual purchases and help shift towards gender-responsive corporate policies. A successful highlight was the #ShopGood Twitter chat that took place on November 4, engaging the public in the conscious consumerism conversation and providing many insights on how to make a difference by changing the way people shop.

Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights: A group of experts and advocates passionate about realizing Robert F. Kennedy's dream of a more just and peaceful world. Led by human rights activist and lawyer Kerry Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights includes lawyers, advocates, entrepreneurs, and writers, united by a commitment to social justice. Overseen by a board that includes some of the nation's leaders in business and academia, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights is a diverse group of talented individuals committed to the pursuit of a more just and peaceful world.

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EBW2020: A global movement to Empower a Billion women. Created by entrepreneurial guru Ingrid Vanderveldt, EBW2020 aims to mentor and empower one billion women to reach their full potential as confident leaders and entrepreneurs. At EBW2020 we bring together women and entrepreneurs from around the world around three pillars: mobility, mentoring, and money.

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Nnabagereka Development Foundation (NDF): A fully registered charitable organisation founded in 2000 by the Queen of the Kingdom of Buganda (Nnabagereka), Her Royal Highness Sylvia Nagginda Luswata. NDF is the leading organisation using cultural frameworks and voices to engineer development solutions. NDF's unique positioning is grounded from the Buganda Kingdom's cultural background enables it to balance positive traditional practices and values with modern contemporary values. Strategically positioned as an organisation using cultural leadership, platforms and spaces to engineer development; NDF is a highly credible organization and well positioned in society to make differences at the national and international level.

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International Fundraising Consultancy (IFC): Managed by directors John Baguley PhD, MBA and Jasvir Kaur MBA, the IFC seeks to provide a high quality, friendly and professional service. With its associated consultants, international partner agencies and family of professional fundraising services, IFC can provide fundraising and management consultancy or undertake hands-on fundraising projects, to cover most organisations' needs in the UK where it was founded or anywhere in the world.

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Arab International Women's Forum (AIWF): Established in 2001 as an independent not for profit or-

ganisation, is a unique network linking Arab women with their international counterparts and serves as the voice of Arab women, showcasing their development, ability and competence in business, professional and public life, creating greater global awareness of women's success and prospects in the Arab world. The Arab International Women's Forum (AIWF) has a clear aim to support and enhance the role of women in the social and economic development of their countries and across the Middle East region.

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Sharjah Business Women Council (SBWC): Aims to inspire, empower, and encourage women to reach their full potential in the business world. At SBWC, each individual's passion and talent is seen as the kernel around which a beautiful pearl develops – a pearl that takes time and careful nurturing grow. To help with this growth, SBWC offers a supportive and motivating environment and hands-on help in a number of ways, including facilitating funding, organising seminars and workshops to help women expand their skillsets, an array of promotions, and range of membership programmes.

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Athens Democracy Forum: Event hosted by the International New York Times and the United Nations Democracy Fund in Athens, Greece on September 13-15. Held to coincide with the UN International Day of Democracy, the annual forum brought together diplomats, scholars, corporate executives, politicians, thought-leaders, and journalists from around the world to discuss at the foot of the Acropolis the state of liberal democracies and the major challenges they face in the world today.

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International New York Times: English language international newspaper. It combines the resources of its own correspondents with those of The New York Times.

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Turkonfed: A nation-wide confederation representing 23 federations and 155 associations in Turkey. The main issues of Turkonfed are regional development, vocational education and employment, competitiveness and innovation. In these areas, it leads academic and field studies, detects problems, generates solutions and shares its opinion with national counterparts. Furthermore, it focuses on enhancing the structures and competitiveness of Small and Medium Size Enterprises (SMEs) throughout Turkey.

**Empower Women by UN Women:** Dedicated to empowering women to achieve their full economic potential by inspiring both women and men to become advocates, change makers and leaders in their community. It equips them with resources, opportunities and a global platform that facilitates networking, learning and sharing of experiences.

**Biopolitics International Organisation (B.I.O):** Founded by Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis in 1985, out of the urgent need to raise awareness of environmental problems, and to accelerate the implementation of new and more effective approaches to safeguarding the earth for the generations to come. The term "biopolitics" was created out of love for biology and the belief that bios – life – is a link that unites all people. With friends and representatives in 165 countries around the world, B.I.O. has been one of the fastest growing environmental organizations. Focusing on the development of international policy – biopolitics – to guarantee global environmental harmony and just economic growth.

**Solidarity Now:** Established in 2013 by the philanthropic fund, the Open Society Foundations (OSF), to mitigate the damage engendered by the humanitarian crisis that Greece is currently enduring. At Solidarity Now, we believe that to emerge from this crisis, Europe must reclaim its vision of a community based on solidarity. Solidarity Now's mission is multi-fold, to counter the most serious effects and urgent needs promulgated by the crisis, through the provision of relief services to members of the society most affected.

**Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth:** Inaugurated on Commonwealth Day 2014 and immediately embraced as a pioneering and innovative new way for people to celebrate the Commonwealth in local communities. The Commonwealth flag is our shared symbol of a unique global community in which every citizen is celebrated for his or her own uniqueness. Our flag unites us wherever we are around the globe. Flags were raised at over 750 places across the Commonwealth in 2015, and all looks set for there to be more than 1,000 local ceremonies and celebrations on Commonwealth Day 2016.

**British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC):** Founded in 1945, BHCC is an independent, autonomous, non-profit organisation with the aim to promote bilateral Greek-British trade and to provide business and investment services for its members. The BHCC represents members' interests in both Greece and the UK.

**free thinking zone:** Concept bookstore for contemporary art and thinking founded by Areti Georgilis in 2011.

## GTF MENTORING PLATFORM

As part of its 5-year goals (2012-2016), in 2015 GTF launched a very important initiative fulfilling its ongoing mission on youth development.

The Global Thinkers Mentors platform is part of the Global Thinkers Forum women empowerment and youth development goals. The aim is to add value to young people's lives through their individual interaction with inspiring people, willing to guide them and advise them on issues of career and life. It is also about bridging the gap between the current and future leaders of the world. It is about effecting positive change in the world by nurturing the next generation of leaders and let youth shine.

In our 2016 global program we have matched fourteen Mentors with fourteen Mentees coming from 13 different countries representing Middle East, Africa, Asia and Europe.



To find out more, visit:  
[www.globalthinkersmentors.org](http://www.globalthinkersmentors.org)

# BOARD OF ADVISORS & GLOBAL GROWTH BOARD 2015



The GTF network consists of pioneering minds & values-driven thought leaders who are passionate about creating a better world.

GTF's focus is on three key areas :

- Accountable Leadership
- Women Empowerment
- Youth Development

## VALUES

Our values are at the core of our organisation and serve as a compass to everything we do:

- Ethical Behaviour & Governance : We manifest at all times a professional code of ethics and values.
- Accountability : We act with integrity, fairness, and honesty. We are driven by a sense of accountability towards humanity.
- Collaboration : We build bridges of collaboration to achieve positive change.
- Empowerment : We help women and youth with capacity building.
- Cross Cultural understanding : As global thinkers, our work starts and ends with understanding different cultures. We embrace diversity and work effectively across cultures.
- Fresh Thinking : We seek to introduce fresh and innovative thinking in everything we do.

## MISSION

Global Thinkers Forum is committed to effecting positive change through collaboration, accountable leadership and strategic thinking around some of the world's key challenges. Women are at the heart of these issues and so is youth, around which we create exciting initiatives and dynamic discussions.

## GLOBAL THINKERS FORUM BOARD OF ADVISORS 2015

Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan of Jordan

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.

Victoria A. Budson

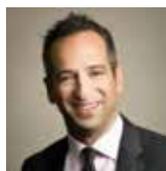
Founding Executive Director Women & Public Policy Program, Harvard



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. She was appointed by Governor Patrick in 2010 to serve on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, which she now chairs, and also serves on Boston Mayor Menino's Women's Workforce Council. In addition, she has served on the board of directors for the National Council for Research on Women, iVillage cares, and the National Women's Political Caucus among others. She has held a seat on the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and has served as the Northeast Regional Development Director for EMILY's List. She is often quoted in news publications, television, and radio programs, including CNN International, Fox News Live, The New York Times, The Daily Beast, The Boston Globe, New York Times Magazine, New England Cable News, and Talk of the Nation, Radio Boston and The Connection on National Public Radio. Budson holds a BA from Wellesley College and an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School.

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. An accomplished journalist with over 20 years' experience, Beitchman's multiple achievements span both editorial and commercial disciplines, and include the development of strategic partnerships and channel launches for Reuters, Times Global Broadcasting, CCTV and The Tribune Group, as well as a range of international editorial postings in India, China and Japan among others. He holds a BA in Government and East Asian Studies from Colby College and speaks fluent English, Japanese, French and Hindi / Urdu.

Hakan Altinay

Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution



Hakan Altinay is the President of the Global Civics Academy. Altinay is a nonresident 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 Arabic, Chinese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. He is also the Director of the European School of Politics in Istanbul.

Reem N. Bsaiso

CEO G-TeN, Senior ICT Expert



Reem is a Senior Consultant specializing in knowledge economy policies and public reform; her focus is on merging 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's an advocate of Open Education Resources (OER), part of the US Department of State "Open Book Initiative" with the League of Arab States, and member of the UNESCO-Paris Advisory Panel of Experts on Debt Swaps & Innovative Approaches to Education Funding. She is the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of the new Global Outreach, to bridge knowledge across the Gulf and between West and East. Reem is ex-CEO of World Links Arab Region and World Links International, initiated by the World Bank committed to spreading and merging ICT-based Knowledge Economy & Entrepreneurial skills in education and training of youth

and women. She has created scalable and sustainable schemes that reached millions of students and youth through highly effective and low-cost models. She was part of the Prime Ministerial National Agenda of Jordan for the Labour, Employment & Vocational Training and Education components. In 2002 – 2003, she initiated Jordan's first National ICT Training Strategy, anchoring ICT-literacy, e-learning and technical maintenance in public education under a UNDP/ Government of Jordan scheme.

## H.E. Ameera A. Binkaram

### Chairperson, Sharjah Business Women's Council



Ameera is focused on Arab women's empowerment and leadership in the region. A true ambassador for progressive values, she is focused on a broad range of human, animal and environmental issues. Since 2010, Ameera has been the Chairperson of Sharjah Business Women's Council. She is also the President of the Board of Trustees and a founding member of Friends of Cancer Patients Society (FoCP) that was established in 1999. Since 2011, Ameera has been a Jury Member for the Emirates Women Award and in 2012, she was honoured to be awarded the UAE's "Humanitarian of the Year" by the Arab Women Award, an organization whose jury committee she has since been invited to lead. She was also elected to head the Women's Chapter for the world's oldest and largest international non-profit business association for CEOs: the CEO Clubs. She also serves on the board of Education for Employment (EFE), a non-profit organization dedicated to youth employment, with a network of six locally-run non-profit affiliates across the Middle East and North Africa. Ameera is also a member of the Olave Baden-Powell Society, which supports the mission of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world, and she sits on the board of the WAGGGS Development Fund headed by Princess Benedikte of Denmark. She also represented her country in 2011 as part of the International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) as a guest of the US Embassy.

## Haifa Fahoum Al Kaylani

### Founder & Chairman, Arab International Women's Forum



Mrs. Haifa Fahoum Al Kaylani, Founder & Chairman, Arab International Women's Forum is well-known in international government and business circles as a high-impact change agent focusing on leadership in cultural and gender issues. An economist and graduate of the American University of Beirut and Oxford University, she brings a wide range of skills and experience to her personal mission of encouraging greater cultural understanding between Arab and international communities, supporting a strong role for women in that process.

Mrs. Al Kaylani holds senior roles in several cultural, commercial and educational UK and international organisations. These include: Board Member, The Women's Leadership Board at Harvard Kennedy School; Advisory Board Member, The Middle East Institute, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; Advisory Board Member,

The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World, Lebanese American University, Beirut; Board Director, EastWest Institute, and Board Member, The Arab British Chamber of Commerce in London. Mrs. Al Kaylani serves on The Commission on Global Security, Justice & Governance. Mrs. Al Kaylani became the first Honorary Member, the Euro Mediterranean Association for Cooperation and Development (2012) and serves as a Freeman of the City of London.

Mrs. Haifa Al Kaylani received recognition as one of the Women eNews 21 Leaders for the 21 Century (2006); was included in the Muslim Power 100 Leaders in the UK listing (2007) receiving the Education Excellence Award; she is a recipient of the International Alliance for Women 2008 World of Difference Lifetime Achievement Award; and was named one of the 20 leading Muslim women in the UK in The Equality & Human Rights Commission Muslim Women Lists 2009-2012 and received the United Kingdom Muslim Woman of the Year Award in 2013. Mrs. Haifa Al Kaylani was presented with an Award for an Outstanding Contribution as a Women Leader of Palestinian Origin and was honoured by the Qatari Businesswomen Association and presented with an Award for her contributions to the growth and development in the Arab region. She was the recipient of the Global Inspirational Leadership Award 2013 and was honoured for individual achievements as a role model and having made contributions worthy of acknowledgement towards the role of women in Emerging Economies by the Georgia General Assembly.

Mrs. Al Kaylani was included in the Power 100 List, compiled by Arabian Business Monitor and recognised on the Arabian Business Power 500 List published by Arabian Business Magazine and placed in the highest ever recording of 118 women in a list of Arab men and women leaders. Mrs. Al Kaylani was inducted in 2013 by the Centre of Economic Leadership & Development into The Global Women Leaders Hall of Fame as a distinguished achiever and symbol of female achievement globally. Mrs. Al Kaylani received The Excellence in Life Award presented by The Global Thinkers Forum in Dubai December 2014.

In 2015, Mrs. Haifa Fahoum Al Kaylani, received "The Pearl Initiative Recognition for a Career Focused on Arab Women in Leadership", presented by the Pearl Initiative Honorary Chairman H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Narayan, Minister of Culture, Youth and Social Development in the United Arab Emirates on the occasion of The Pearl Initiative & United Nations Global Compact Forum held in Dubai.

## 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

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Royal Flemish Philharmonic, the Orchestra of the Flemish Opera and the National Orchestra of Belgium. Outside his native Belgium, he has conducted the London Symphony Orchestra, the London Philharmonic Orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra London, l'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, the Philharmonic Orchestra of Shanghai, the Vancouver Opera, the KBS Symphony Orchestra of South Korea, l'Orchestra de l'Opéra de Lyon, the World Symphony Orchestra (Japan), the Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra, the Ulster Symphony Orchestra of Northern Ireland, the Camerata St Petersburg, the Hong Kong Philharmonic, the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra and the National Orchestras of Venezuela and Ecuador. Sir Dirk Brossé is also a versatile and prolific composer. He has written some 200 works, including concerti, oratorios, lieder, chamber music and symphonic works, that have been performed all over the world and have been recorded in more than 40 countries. His most important works are 'La Soledad de América Latina', written in collaboration with the Nobel Prize winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez, 'Artesia', a universal symphony for orchestra and ethnic instruments, the ethno-classical symphony 'The Birth of Music', the oratorio 'Juanelo', the lieder cycles 'Landuyt Cycle' and 'La Vida es un Sueno', the 'War Concerto' for clarinet and orchestra, and the violin concertos 'Black, White & Between', 'Sophia' and 'Echoes of Silent Voices'. In 2010, at the request of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, he wrote 'The Halloween-e'en Dances'. This Halloween-inspired work is specially written for age-old, traditional Chinese instruments. Besides this, on numerous occasions, Sir Dirk Brossé has composed for the theatre and the cinema.

### Dr. Daniel R. Fung Vice Chairman, Salzburg Global Seminar



Dr. 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, Dr. 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.

A graduate of University College London (LLB 1974, LLM 1978) and made a Fellow of his alma mater in 2005, Visiting Scholar to Harvard Law School (1998-99), Senior Visiting Fellow to Yale Law School (1999) and Distinguished Fulbright Scholar accredited to the United States from Hong Kong (2000), Dr. Fung was called to the English Bar (at Middle Temple) in 1975 and admitted to the Hong Kong Bar in 1977. Dr. Fung was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1990. Dr. Fung is a National Delegate to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (2003-2013), a current member of the Hong Kong Government's Strategic Development Commission, also serves as Chairman of the United Nations Peace & Development Foundation, member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on the Rule of Law, President of the International Law Association (ILA) Hong Kong Chapter, Chairman of the Board of International Bridges

to Justice (IBJ), Treasurer of the Salzburg Global Seminar (SGS), Vice Chairman of the Salzburg Global Seminar (2006-2011), Vice-President of the Academy of Experts, Member of the Board of Governors of the East West Center (EWC), Council Member of International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), Council Member of China Law Society (CLS) and Founding Governor of the China-US Exchange Foundation. In 2003, Dr. Fung was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star for services to constitutional development in Hong Kong and made a Justice of the Peace in 2004. In 2011, Dr. Fung was honored by UNDP in recognition of his contribution to the work of UNDP China and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

### 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. In 2007, AbuSulayman was appointed as the first Saudi UNDP Goodwill Ambassador. A Member of the Young Presidents' Organization, an aspiring novelist, a Yale World Fellow and Aspen Institute Middle East Fellow, she serves on several non-profit boards and is the recipient of numerous awards, including a "PhD in They Didn't Teach That in School from Life/MOM University". In 2014, Muna received the Global Thinkers Forum Award for Excellence in Media.

### Lucian J. Hudson Director Of Communications, THE OPEN UNIVERSITY UK

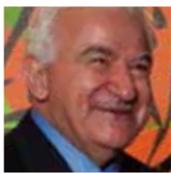


Now in his fifth communications chief role, Lucian J. Hudson helps transform top organisations through strategic communications. He has held top communications posts in four UK government departments, including Director of Communication, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Director of e-Communications – 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. As Head of Programming, International Channels, BBC Worldwide, he helped establish the first international television channels as a joint venture between BBC and

Discovery. As Strand Editor, BBC World, he led the transformation of breaking news and live events, which included producing the first six hours of television coverage on the death of Princess Diana. For the past 15 years, Lucian has been Chairman of three non-profit organisations: Liberal Judaism, Tavistock Institute of Human Relations and Rory Peck Trust. Lucian wrote the first international report on the scope and limits of cross-sector collaboration, "The Enabling State: Collaborating for Success" (FCO, 2009), based on extensive primary and secondary research. He is active on social media networks, LinkedIn and Twitter @Lucian-Hudson, and is listed in 'Who's Who' (www.ukwhoswho.com). He posts a regular personal blog.

### 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. TYO pursues this objective through innovative programming as well as monitoring and research activities to measure impact in communities where it works. The Nablus flagship opened in March 2008 and additional centers are planned for Egypt, Lebanon and Gaza. In 2009, he co-founded Palestine Note, a blog dedicated to fostering dialogue about all issues related to the Middle East. Mr. Masri is also a board member of the Peres Center in Tel Aviv, a non-partisan organization founded by Shimon Peres in 1997 and dedicated to the promotion of peace in the Middle East. He serves on the Board of Seeds of Peace, a non-profit, non-political organization that helps teenagers from regions of conflict learn the skills of "making peace". Born in Nablus, Palestine and an American citizen since 1987, Mr. Masri served in the diplomatic service of Jordan as Director of its Foreign Ministry's United Nations Department and as consul at the Jordanian Embassy in Washington, DC. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida and his graduate degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Mr. Hani Masri is Chairman of Capital Investment Management Inc. based in McLean, Virginia and specializing in fund and investment real estate management in the U.S. He also serves as President of M2 Investors Inc. also based in McLean, specializing in private equity fund investments and international consulting throughout the Middle East and Europe, and is President of Capital Corporation specializing in management consulting. He currently resides in Washington, DC.

### 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 also established healthcare facilities and real estate developments for urban revitalization. In the aftermath of the Hurricane Katrina disaster, Valerie co-founded two coalitions in the U.S. representing hundreds of government agencies, corporations and NGOs to enact federal systems reform in housing and healthcare, securing tax credits and policy incentives to address market failures and stimulate public-private partnerships. 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. She is founder and CEO of Veritas, an advisory based in New York City working in the Americas and Europe helping high-growth ventures to scale. She was recently honored by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader.

### Elizabeth Filippouli

#### Founder & CEO, Global Thinkers Forum



Elizabeth Filippouli is an entrepreneur and communications & business strategist with particular focus on social entrepreneurship, innovation, future trends and visionary leadership. She is the Founder & CEO of Global Thinkers, a UK-based and internationally operating Strategic Communications & Business Development consulting firm and of Global Thinkers Forum a non-profit think tank bringing together incumbent and future leaders and promoting excellence in leadership and governance. Elizabeth has studied Strategy and Innovation at Said Business School Oxford University, Transnational Media and Globalisation at London City University and taken the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Executive Education program on "Shaping Change in the Information Age". Born in Athens, Greece, Elizabeth's background is in media having worked as a journalist with Greek press and TV and international organizations such as Al Jazeera English and CNN. As a media expert she has worked among others with the Olympic Games (Athens 2004), the Eurovision, the National Lottery UK and Coca Cola. Elizabeth moved to Qatar in 2005 joining AJE as a presenter and correspondent and, since 2007, she is based in London (UK) but travelling extensively for the needs of GT and GTF.

### 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. Discussion and analysis in more than 30 conferences, seminars and workshops has tackled key issues for the region: migration, terrorism, human rights, racism and xenophobia, reporting conflict and media freedom. It has also established an informal network of journalists focused around common professional interests, offering mutual support and providing distribution for news direct from colleagues on the front line of the Arab Spring uprisings.

### 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. Theodore has written and published several monographs and articles, mainly on Intellectual Property matters but also on other fields of law. He is a regular lecturer in seminars, conferences, institutions, academic fora and bodies in Greece and abroad. He is an active full member of many prestigious Legal Societies, such as the ALAI (Association Littéraire et Artistique Internationale), the Hellenic Society of Philosophical and Historical Research of Law (member of its Board of Directors), La Société Hellénique d' Informatique Juridique et de Cybernétique du Droit, the Hellenic Society of Criminal Law, the Society of Administrative Studies, the Hellenic Society for Legislation, the IAEL (International Association of Entertainment Lawyers) and others. He holds a Masters Degree from King's College London on UK, EC and US Copyright Law.

### Lucian Sârb

#### Editorial Director and Board Member, Euronews



Lucian Sârb serves as the Editorial Director and Member of the Board of the global news channel, Euronews. Since 2009 Lucian has been in charge with the editorial strategy of the most viewed news broadcaster in Europe, a multiplex of 24-hour news with 450 journalists from more than 35 different nationalities.

Over the last five years, Lucian Sârb, together with his editorial team, launched five new euronews channels: Euronews Turkish, Euronews Farsi, Euronews Ukrainian, Euronews Greek and Euronews Hungarian. Before Euronews, Lucian Sârb, served as Project Manager and Editorial Director of one of the first business news channels in Eastern Europe, based in Bucharest, Romania.

Prior to this function, he was Head of News at Romania's public state television, TVR, where he completely re-branded news programmes, the editorial concepts and the budgets. In 2005, he was in charge of the world politics magazine broadcast live every Saturday on TVR1. In parallel to these duties, Lucian Sârb was a member of the Executive Committee Newsgroup of the EBU (European Broadcasting Union).

Following his studies in Communication and International Relations and Politics, Lucian Sârb decided to start a career as a journalist, becoming a news correspondent for Romanian Public Station in 1994. His assignments took him around the world, including the United States, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

### 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. In 2012, Citadel of New York was founded to develop and promote Examer, an interactive and educational social networking platform with a Micro Scholarship Payment System, which Mahboob helped to develop.

## Michael E. Economakis Executive Vice Chairman A.G. Leventis Group (PLC)



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 Hellenic that included:

- Commercial Manager
- General Manager, Rhodian Bottling Company (Coca-Cola Hellenic subsidiary)
- General Manager, West Greece
- General Manager for all mainland Greece operations of Coca-Cola Hellenic

End of 2003 he was assigned Managing Director of Tsakiris S.A., Coca-Cola Hellenic's snack food business in Greece, which was acquired by Coca-Cola Hellenic that year. During next year Coca-Cola Hellenic acquired a distribution company "ELXYM S.A.", which was also assigned under his management. 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. As of Q2 2009, he was assigned CEO of Nutriart S.A., a listed company, operating in the Food Sector. His main focus was the financial and operational restructuring of the company. As of November 2012, he was appointed Board Director and one year later Executive Vice Chairman of A.G. Leventis Group (Plc), a conglomerate which operates in Nigeria almost 80 years. Michael E. Economakis is, also, member of the Board of Directors of GNCCT (Greek – Nigerian Chamber of Commerce and Technology), and member of CEO ASSOCIATION GREECE.

## 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](http://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; it is published as one of the

volumes of the *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems* (Oxford, UK: EOLSS Publishers). Her books are translated into over twenty languages. She has received several honors and awards, including multiple doctor honoris causa from universities in the US and other countries. She serves on several editorial boards and is an advisor to several international bodies. She is a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the National Academy of Sciences Panel on Cities, and chaired the Information Technology and International Cooperation Committee of the Social Science Research Council (USA). She has written for *The Guardian*, *The New York Times*, *Le Monde*, *Newsweek International*, among others, and contributes regularly to [www.OpenDemocracy.net](http://www.OpenDemocracy.net) and [www.HuffingtonPost.com](http://www.HuffingtonPost.com).

## 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. This crucial experience she then took to the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) as Communications Director, and later to Turner Broadcasting as Senior Vice President in charge of international press relations outside of the US, among them CNN International and the Cartoon Network. Geraldine is President of the Media Society, has been UK chairman of the International Womens Forum, and is Specialist Business Mentor the Prince's Trust, Mentor at the School for Creative Startups, Theatre 503 Board and a long-time member of Soho House, The Groucho Club, and Blacks. Geraldine is a Criticaleye Associate.

## 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

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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 trailblazing market initiatives to it's credit), Vice-Chairman of Vatternfields Utility Ltd (a Utility Company currently managing & operating PrePaid & PostPaid Revenue Collection initiatives in West Africa), and CEO of Genesis Electricity Ltd (GEL). On completion of installation of Guinea Bissau's first Independent Power Project (IPP), Akinwale was nominated and briefly served as a Chairman of Guinea Bissau's Bissau Electricidade e Agua (Bissau Electricity and Water) Joint Venture Utility entity, which was tasked with infusing private sector-led initiatives into the ailing utility company of that country. He serves as a Board member of several international companies including Walters Power Africa (a British Virgin Island company Co-Owned by GEL and a US-Based Company Owned by a Former Governor of the State of Oklahoma- David Walters), Nagarjuna-Christley Fuels Ltd (a company now at advanced stage of deploying renewable energy investments in Ethanol production & supply in Nigeria), Avi Alliance Ltd (an airline company whose Sister entity is the GSA to Delta Airlines in Ghana, Liberia, Benin Republic, Sierra Leone, amongst others now being developed), Alliance Energy Sao Tome Limited, and several other international corporations. He was recently invested with Honoris Causa Fellowship of the Certified Board of Administrators of Nigeria (CBAN). He is happily married with children.

### Dr. Roger Hayes

FCIPR, Member Emeritus IPRA



Dr. Roger Hayes (FCIPR, Member Emeritus IPRA) is a leading international public relations and public affairs professional with 30 years experience in trade associations, corporations and consultancies and has also advised governments. He

has been Director General of the British Nuclear Industry Forum, a lobbying and trade body, CEO of the International Institute of Communications, a research-based think-tank, SVP of PR and Government Relations at Ford of Europe, Director Corporate Communications Thorn EMI plc., Head of Corporate Communications PA Consulting Group and a Director of the strategic communications firm Burson Marsteller, operating from London and New York. He began his career as a Reuters correspondent in Paris. He was also co-founder and Non-Executive Chairman of Echo Research, an international stakeholder insight firm.

For the past eight years, he has been a Senior Counsellor with strategic communications and public affairs consultancy APCO-WORLDWIDE, based in London, although he recently returned from a more than one year assignment as interim MD of the firm's Indian operation based in Delhi, acting for private and public, Indian and international organisations. Roger is currently an adviser to the UK-India Business Council. He has also spent considerable periods of time as senior adviser to the African operation based in Johannesburg. He was for some years an adviser to the President and Government of Ghana. He is an experienced trainer, running

workshops in SE Asia, Africa, India and the Middle East. He is also an approved EU institutions trainer.

During this time, Roger Hayes completed his Doctorate in Public Relations and Public Diplomacy in a Globalised World at Henley Business School (2012), conducting research in eight countries. A graduate of London University (Bsc Economics) and the University of Southern California (MA International Relations), he often writes and lectures on leadership communications and public diplomacy issues around the world. He is part-time faculty at Henley Business School and Greenwich University. He is the author of the management best seller Systematic Networking and is currently writing a book on business-government-civil society collaboration.

### George Mavrelis

Deputy CEO, International Life



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. George currently serves as Deputy

CEO at International Life Group of 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. He held the position of Chief Operating Officer of INTERAMERICAN Group and also the position of Chairman and CEO of Road Assistance, Interamerican Finance and Imperio. Furthermore, George was a member of the Boards of Directors of INTERAMERICAN Group and "SESAE" (i.e. Hellenic Association of Insurance Companies' Executives and Representatives). George has studied International Business and Business Administration (dual MBA) and has been certified by various programs on expertise areas such as executive management, leadership, financial services and insurance management. Finally, he has been the author of various articles regarding the Insurance Market which have been published by the Greek press.

### Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis

President, Biopolitics International Organisation, Athens, Greece-President and Founder, Hellenic Chapter of the Club of Rome



Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis founded the Biopolitics International Organisation (B.I.O.) in Athens in 1985, to promote international cooperation and education for the environment. With Greece as its operating basis, B.I.O. has gained wide acclaim by scholars and decision-makers in 165 countries around the world, and has been granted special Consultative Status with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

A graduate of Barnard College, New York University and the University of Athens, Dr. Vlavianos-Arvanitis worked as a university teacher and researcher in the USA, Paris and Athens, and has organized numerous conferences and events. Acclaimed poet, her works have been translated in six languages. She is Fellow of the World Academy of Art & Science, member of the Vienna Economic Forum, Honorary Professor of St. Petersburg Technological University, Doctor Honoris Causa of Mendeleev University Moscow, active member of The Club of Rome, Founder and President of the Hellenic Chapter of the Club of Rome, the Balkan Political Club, the Brussels-EU Chapter of the Club of Rome, the International Bioethics Society, the Board of the Euro-Arab Cooperation Center, the Board of the Journal of Cleaner Production, corresponding member of the Pontifical Academy for Life, international patron of Global Cooperation for a Better World, member of Transparency International and the National Society of Greek Writers, and Goodwill Ambassador for the Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic People. She has received many distinctions some of which include: 2004 Biopolicy Award by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences; the election with M. Gorbachev, N. Mandela and M. Strong as Hon. President for Life by UNA Sri Lanka; Honorary Diploma by the Ukrainian Minister of Emergencies; Abdilpekci Peace and Friendship Prize; Euro-Arab Co-operation Centre's Environmental Award; Peace Through Tourism Award by the World Association of Travel Agencies; Albert Schweitzer Gold Medal.

### Professor Marc Ventresca

Fellow and University Lecturer, University of Oxford



Marc Ventresca is an organisational and economic sociologist who teaches strategy, leadership and organisation theory at Said 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. He contributes to scholarly and professional activities in the American Sociological Association, the Academy of Management and the European Group for Organisation Studies. He is Research Associate Professor of Global Public Policy at the Naval Postgraduate School and a research affiliate at University of California Irvine Center for Organizations Research and at the Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University. Marc is a GTF Awards Excellence in Innovation judge.

### HRH Sylvia Nagginda

Nnabagereka (Queen) of Buganda Kingdom, Uganda



Her Royal Highness the Nnabagereka Sylvia Nagginda is the wife of the King of Buganda, King Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II. She is a traditional and cultural leader of the people of Buganda, the largest

Kingdom in Uganda occupying almost a quarter of the country with a population exceeding 7 million people, which is equivalent to 25% of the total population. Her Royal Highness is the first Nnabagereka (Queen) in the history of the Buganda Kingdom to set up a fully-fledged Office, a very crucial phenomenon that has greatly complimented the ongoing development work in the Kingdom and Uganda at large.

The Nnabagereka carries out charity work for and through the institution of the Kingdom of Buganda, international, national and local organizations and the Nnabagereka Development Foundation (NDF) which she founded in 2000. Using the Foundation HRH works for children, the youth and women through support for socio-economic development initiatives including education, health care, community empowerment and the advancement of good cultural values and practices.

A pillar for development and held in high esteem, HRH plays a major role in sensitizing and mobilizing the general population on issues of Health; Education Culture Preservation and Sustainable Livelihoods Promotion. Through the above, HRH has graciously supported and empowered marginalized groups of youth, women, children and persons with disabilities.

The Nnabagereka is a Good Will Ambassador for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Uganda – working with Population Secretariat (POPSEC) and Partners in Population and Development (PPD-ARO). She is also a Torch Bearer for the Millennium Development Goals (MDG3); Ambassador for Mama Club – an initiative of mothers living with HIV/AIDS; a Champion in the Campaign to End Pediatric HIV/AIDS (CEPA) in Uganda. HRH is also a Patron of several organisations including: Hospice Africa Uganda, Child Fund Uganda, Female Sponsorship Foundation Makerere University, Special Olympics Uganda, Programme for Accessible Health Communication and Education (PACE), Conservation Through Public Health (CTPH), and Buganda Tourism Board. She a visionary Founder Member of the African Queens and Women Cultural Leaders Network (AQWCLN) and Co Founder and Patron of African Royals for Culture and Development (AFROCAD). HRH is a core member of the African Philanthropy Forum and an Advisory Board member of the Global Thinkers Forum. In addition, HRH collaborates with the Ministry of Health, and UN Agencies such as UNFPA, UN-AIDS, UNICEF, and WHO as well as other NGOs on community health related initiatives.

**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. In December 2005, Salim began work on the launch of the first 24-hour pan-African News and Current Affairs Channel. Africa 24 Media, a precursor to the Channel and Africa's first online Agency for video and stills content, launched in September 2008 (www.a24media.com). In January 2007 Salim was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in Davos. He is a fellow of the African Leadership Initiative and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. In 2010, Salim was one of only 150 people around the world invited by President Obama to the Presidential Entrepreneurship Summit in Washington, DC.

In October 2014, Salim launched his weekly Talk Show "The Scoop", speaking to great African personalities around the Continent, and reaching a global audience of over 300 million people on television, radio and online.

**Deema Bibi**

**CEO, INJAZ**



Deema Bibi is currently the CEO of INJAZ, a non-profit organization established in 2001 with a mission to inspire and prepare youth to become productive members of their society and accelerate the development of the national economy.

Over the past ten years, Bibi elevated the work scope of INJAZ to new horizons through strategic plans to ensure high-impact, continuous growth and sustainability. Bibi's insight and directives enabled INJAZ to develop and introduce a wide array of programs promoting Financial Literacy, Work Readiness, Business and Social Entrepreneurship among other essential skills. Under Bibi's leadership, and by building a strong network of supporters through forging key partnerships with the private and public sectors, INJAZ expanded its operations to reach over one million students all over Jordan, up to date, through a network of over 23,000 qualified volunteers.

Bibi holds a Bachelor's degree in Digital Electronics and an MBA in International Business. She has over twenty five years of diverse experience; she worked at the United Nations Development Fund for Women – Regional office as the ICT Program Manager, and with the private sector before that on developing and managing ICT projects in the Middle East region.

Bibi is recognized both locally and internationally as a leader and social entrepreneur, with strategic insight that has helped build bridges between NGOs and the private and public sectors through partnerships that contribute to sustainable development. She is a founding

member of the Arab Foundations Forum (AFF), a member of the International Women's Forum (IWF), and the National Committee of the Economic Empowerment Program.

Bibi is a lifetime fellow in global networks, including: Eisenhower, the ASPEN Institute, and Synergos Senior Fellowship global networks.

Stemming from her firm belief in actively contributing to society, she served on the Amman City Council for the term 2007-2011, and currently serves as a board member on the King Abdallah II Fund for Development through a royal decree issued in 2014. Additionally, Ms. Bibi serves on a number of boards including, Tamweelcom Jordan Micro Credit Company, RunJordan, the Global Thinkers Forum, and Generations for Peace.

Her contributions have been honored with prestigious awards, including the Mosaic Global Social Leadership Award (2008), the Global Thinkers Forum Excellence in Positive Change Award (2012), and the International Alliance for Women World of Difference Award (2012).

**Chris W.J. Gaunt**

**Chairman, British Chamber of Commerce Turkey**



Chris W.J. Gaunt is a highly accomplished and respected businessman with invaluable international experience across a number of key business sectors. Having graduated in UK with a degree in Modern History, 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 1994, he joined Coca-Cola initially in Croatia, followed by Senior Management/GM positions in Eastern Europe and start-up operations in Central Asia. From 1999 to 2000, Mr. Gaunt served as CEO of Panonska Pivovara Croatia (Carlsberg International) prior to joining the Efes Beverage Group; a subsidiary of Istanbul based Anadolu Holdings, as the General Manager of operations in Bulgaria. He was later appointed President of Efes Invest (Anadolu/Coca-Cola joint venture) in 2001, responsible for Coca-Cola Bottling operations in South Caucasus, Central Asia and Middle East.

Following the merger in 2005 of Efes Invest and Coca-Cola Icecek (CCI) Turkey and the subsequent IPO, he was appointed Chief Operating Officer of the newco. In 2007, Mr. Gaunt was appointed President of CCI International Operations (10 countries) from which position he retired from CCI in 2010. He then set up his own consultancy company "Euroasia Consultancy" based in Istanbul.

In January 2013, Chris was appointed Vice Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce Turkey and elected Chairman in July 2013.

Additionally, Mr. Gaunt holds the following positions:

- Board Member British Chambers of Commerce Global Accreditation Board
- President Innovate Drinks Russia
- Board Member Suzer Group Turkey
- Board Member Farazad Investments
- Global Growth Board Member — Global Thinkers Forum

## Sue Phillips

### Founding Director, The Frontline Club



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 10th anniversary in 2012. 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. She was promoted to Director of Foreign Bureaux in June 2008 and moved to the Aljazeera headquarters in Doha, where she managed 25 bureaux worldwide. In 2010, Sue left Aljazeera and turned her talents to film and joined the Doha Film Institute in Doha as Director of Operations as part of a fast growing organization devoted to Qatar's film initiatives in production, education, events and screenings as well as the Doha Tribeca Film Festival. Sue is a founding Director of the Frontline Club in London, a vibrant venue where a diverse network of journalists, photographers, aid workers and diplomats discuss, debate and network.

## 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, CNNI, 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Maggie Eales 1948-2015

### 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. Now in its 17th year, the 2011 award ceremony was hosted in Johannesburg, South Africa and in previous years Kenya, Mozambique, Ghana and Uganda. It is recognized as the most prestigious event of its kind in Africa. She has also been a judge for The One World Media Awards which recognize the most outstanding media coverage from the developing world. Also, several times for the Royal Television Society Awards (RTS) and in 2012 is judging the Current Affairs – Home category. Prior to joining TBS in May 1992, Maggie was the Senior Foreign Editor for ITN in the UK for nine years, spanning the time from the Falklands conflict to after the first Gulf War. Other highlights included the fall of the Berlin Wall and the release of Nelson Mandela.

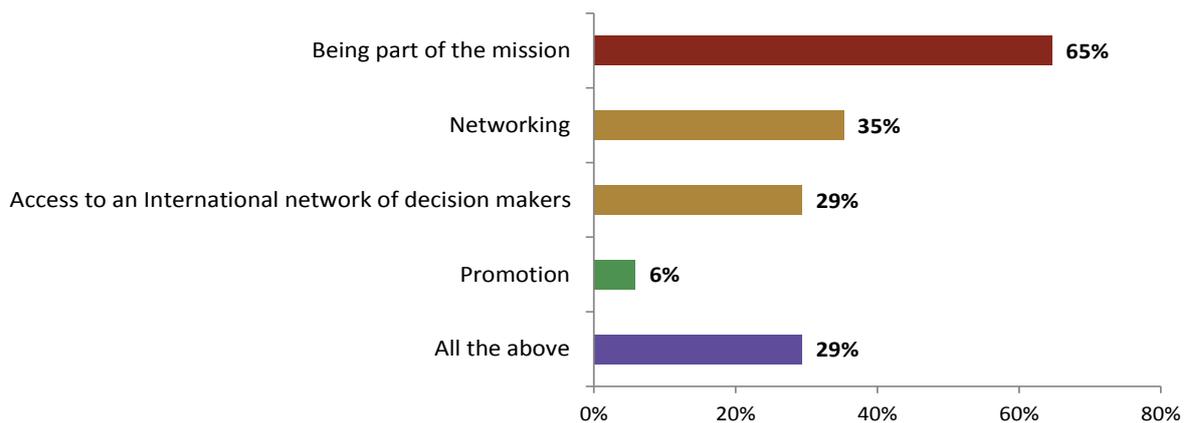
# GTF BOARD MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT SURVEY



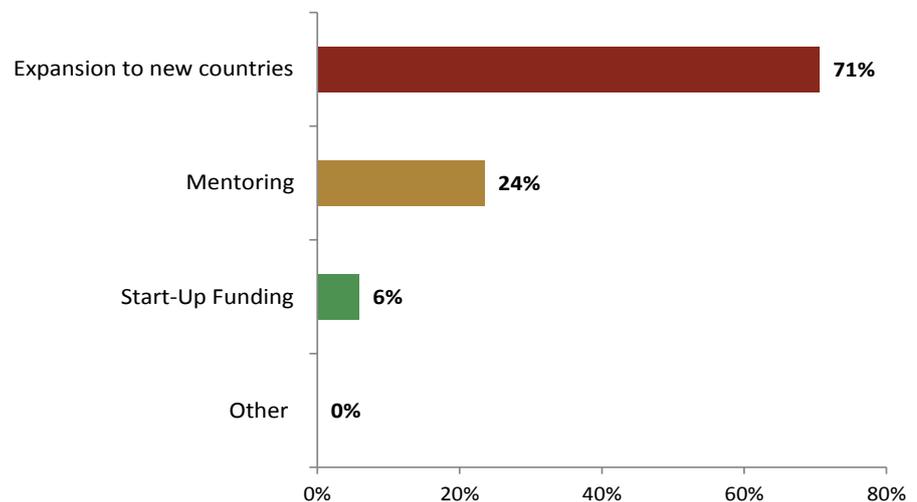
The members of the GTF Board of Advisors and the Global Growth Board proved once again their profound engagement to Global Thinkers Forum through their participation in the September 2015 GTF Board Engagement Survey.

The survey reflected the enthusiasm and energy with which GTF's Board members engage with the organisation, by providing exceptional feedback for its present work and many insightful recommendations for the future. The majority of respondents stated that being part of the mission is what they value most from their membership to GTF, and they see GTF as a global community of top leaders that acts as an agent of positive change to the world's key challenges.

**Q: What do you value most from your membership at GTF? (Select all that apply).**



**Q: What would you like to see GTF do more of?**



Members' quotes about GTF:

"A platform that connects visionary and forward-thinking leaders"

"In the forefront"

"GTF is a group of experienced people, leaders in their field, whether commercial, philanthropic or academic, who wish to show support and engage with people and organisations seeking to have a positive influence on the world."

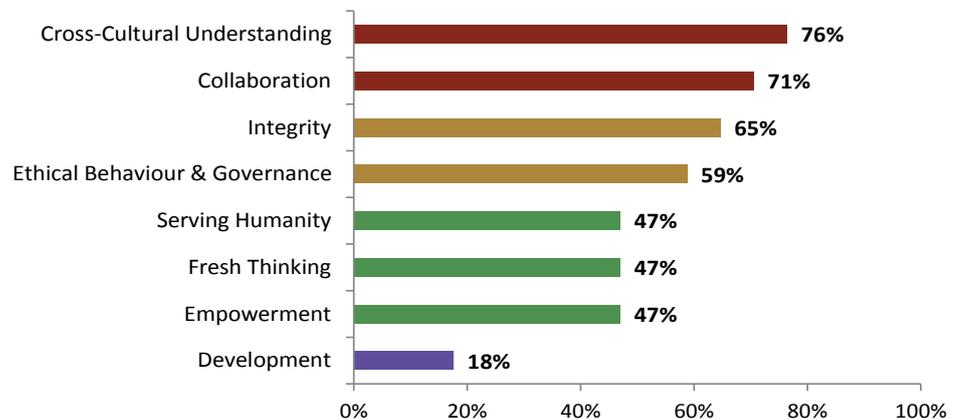
"GTF should become the World think tank number one of the future"

(GTF vision is to..)"Become a respected point of reference for creative, structured and analytical deliberations on how the world is developing."

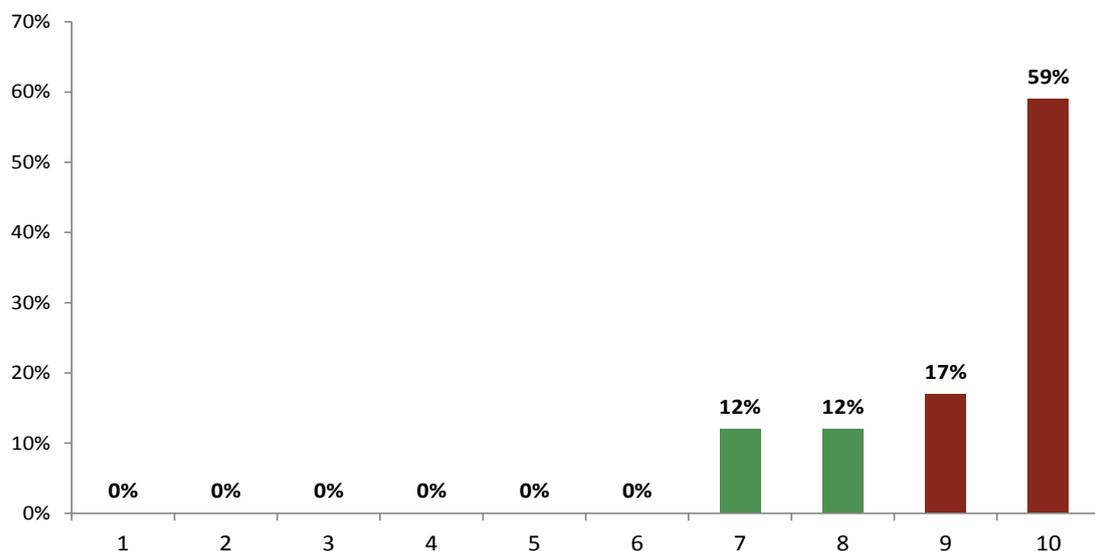
(GTF in 25 years:)"The most diverse and influential global network!"

"GTF has excelled enormously and can go much further."

Q: Please select what you think GTF's core values should be. (Select all that apply)



Q: From a scale of 1 to 10, how likely is it that you would suggest GTF to a colleague or friend? (1 meaning 'not at all likely' and 10 meaning 'extremely likely')



# OUR MEMBERS ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES



H.E. Ameera Binkaram, Chairperson of the Sharjah Business Women Council and GTF Advisory Board Member, while receiving her Mentor of the Year Award



(L to R) Michael Economakis, Executive Vice Chairman of A.G. Leventis; Ninos Yiamakis, Chairman of the Hellenic Nigerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Alaba Lawson, Deputy National President of NACCIMA; and HE Ayodeji Ayodele, the Nigerian Ambassador to Greece



Lucian Hudson among the participants of roundtable event, No. 10 Downing Street

## MICHAEL E. ECONOMAKIS

A trade mission to Nigeria was successfully carried out by the Hellenic Nigerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HNCCI) under the auspices of the Nigerian embassy in Greece. The mission was hosted by NACCIMA (the Nigerian association of commerce, industry, mines and agriculture) at its headquarters in Ikeja, Lagos. Michael Economakis, Executive Vice Chairman of the Leventis Group, and GTF Advisory Board member, speaking on behalf of the Greek Ambassador in Nigeria, emphasized the importance that the Greek government places on strengthening its ties with Nigeria and its willingness to facilitate in every way possible the flow of expertise and know how between the two countries.

A gala dinner was hosted by the Leventis Group and was attended by high ranking Nigerian government officials and many top executives and shareholders of Nigerian enterprises, including many Greek businessmen operating in Nigeria. The Greek delegates also enjoyed a tour of Lagos business centre to close the trade mission.

## LUCIAN J. HUDSON

Lucian J. Hudson, Director of Communications at The Open University and GTF Board Member, met with UK Prime Minister David Cameron and other civil society

leaders at a recent roundtable event in conjunction with Citizens UK to promote participatory democracy and community organising. Lucian participated as part of his commitment to developing collaborative leadership through his role as Chair of Citizens Milton Keynes Leadership Group. Citizens UK aims to promote community participation in civil society.

## HER EXCELLENCY AMEERA BINKARAM

On the 23rd of November, Her Excellency Ameera Binkaram, Chairperson of the Sharjah Business Women Council and GTF Advisory Board Member, received the Mentor of the Year award during the 3rd annual Arabian Business Start-Up Awards. The Arabian Business Start-Up Awards recognised the people, businesses and organizations that have helped make the region's business landscape what it is – a hotbed of innovation, growth and productivity.

## AKINWOLE OMOBORIOWO II

Akinwale Omoboriowo II, CEO of Nigeria's Genesis Electricity Ltd. (GEL) and GTF Board Member, has been named one of Africa's most influential figures in African power 2015. In addition to his role as CEO at GEL, Akinwale played a significant role in the development and implementation of Guinea Bissau's first independent power



Dr. Roger Hayes



Akinwale Omoboriowo II



Akinwale Omoboriowo II, CEO of Genesis Energy and H.E. Thomas Yayi Boni, President of the Republic of Benin pictured at the signing ceremony



Muna AbuSulayman



Dr. Shaikha Al Maskari with the rest honorees of Forbes Most Powerful Arab Women Awards

project, he established a successful partnership between GEL and General Electric US in an investment project in Sub-Saharan Africa, he led a team in the design and implementation of an 84-megawatt electric power supply project to the refinery complex at Port Harcourt, Nigeria and led Genesis' launch of a 360MW multiple gas fired power project at the Republic of Benin.

Compiled by ESI Africa, The Guide to the Most Influential Figures in African Power 2015 highlights "pioneers and entities championing the development and driving innovation in Africa's thriving energy sector."

### MUNA ABUSULAYMAN

GTF Board Member Muna AbuSulayman adds one more feather to her cap as she is featured as one of the Top 20 Awesome Muslim Changemakers by Creative Ummah, a website dedicated to nurturing a generation of change makers who are actively shaping the future and creating lasting positive change. Muna is recognized for her achievements and contributions as mother, business leader and traveler. The feature highlights her eponymous celebrity fashion line out of the evident need for more modest clothing. In 2010, the Muna AbuSulayman fashion brand was born into a luxurious collection of tops, dresses and scarves based on Muna's personal style and aesthetic. It represents all things that she loves about fashion and how she mixes it to create her own unique style.

### DR. ROGER HAYES

On June 1, 2015, GTF Advisory Board Member Dr. Roger Hayes presented his new book about collaborative leadership and new global trends named "Reframing the Leadership Landscape: Creating a Culture of Collaboration" at the full house of London's Institute of Directors. Dr. Hayes strongly believes that multi-dimensional thinking and collaborative mindset is the key to business leadership in an unpredictable and interdependent world. "The book is a guide to a more sustainable and inclusive future in which solutions to the wicked nature of the world's problems is to be found via collaborative approaches-between business, government and civil society. The NEW normal for 21st Century leadership is a sophisticated combination of contextual, emotional and social intelligence, making the most of advanced communications and influencing skills", Dr. Hayes says.

### DR. SHAIKHA AL MASKARI

Dr. Shaikha Al Maskari, Chairperson of Al Maskari Holding and GTF 2014 Award Honouree (Excellence in Business), received the Forbes Most Powerful Arab Women Award in Business Category during the Forbes gala dinner at the Oberoi Hotel, Dubai, on September 16. Forbes Middle East hosted the event in recognition and celebration of the crucial role of female leaders in a number of sectors as they help shape the Middle East's success.

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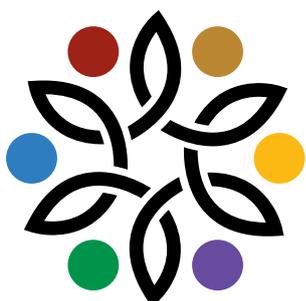
The Global Thinkers Forum (GTF) is a global platform that brings together a diverse network of thought leaders creating meaningful conversations around global challenges and trends. GTF's mission focuses on three areas: fostering accountability in leadership, promoting women's empowerment and creating opportunities for young people to develop. GTF is also a bridge-builder, and an organization that promotes public-private sector partnerships and opens conduits for collaboration and stakeholder engagement. The Forum is London-based and was incubated at Oxford University's Said Business School in 2011. It has been created with the vision to help our societies and leaders navigate a very complex world.



## WHAT TYPE OF EVENTS?

GTF organizes international fora and gatherings, its GTF awards for Excellence, as well as regional networking events, seminars, symposiums and roundtables throughout the year.

Among GTF's activities are publications and other training and development activities.



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## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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You can apply to join the GTF Advisory Board or Board of Global Growth, become a donor, a contributor or express interest to become a GTF speaker. GTF welcomes fresh ideas for strategic partnerships and collaborations with like-minded organizations.

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