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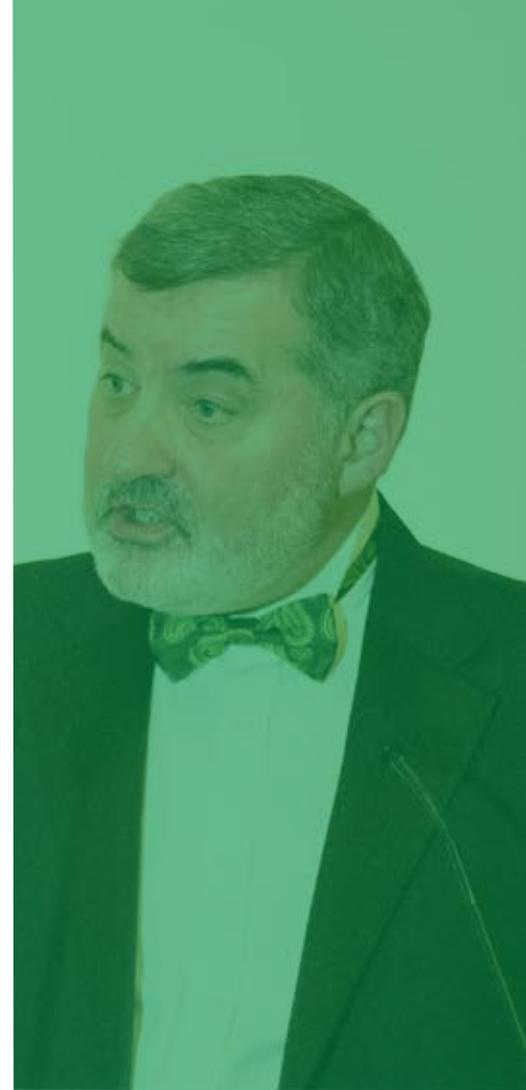


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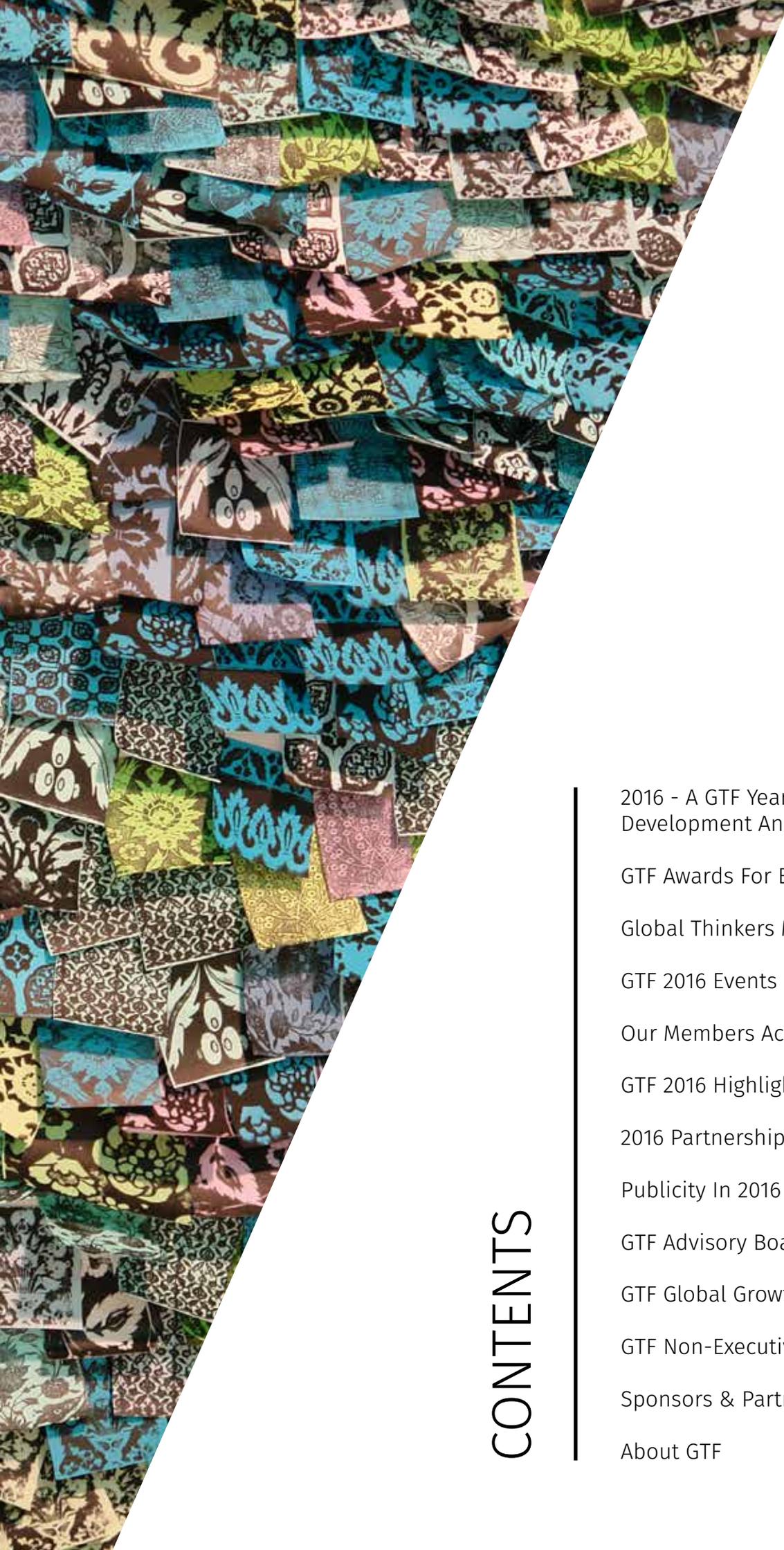
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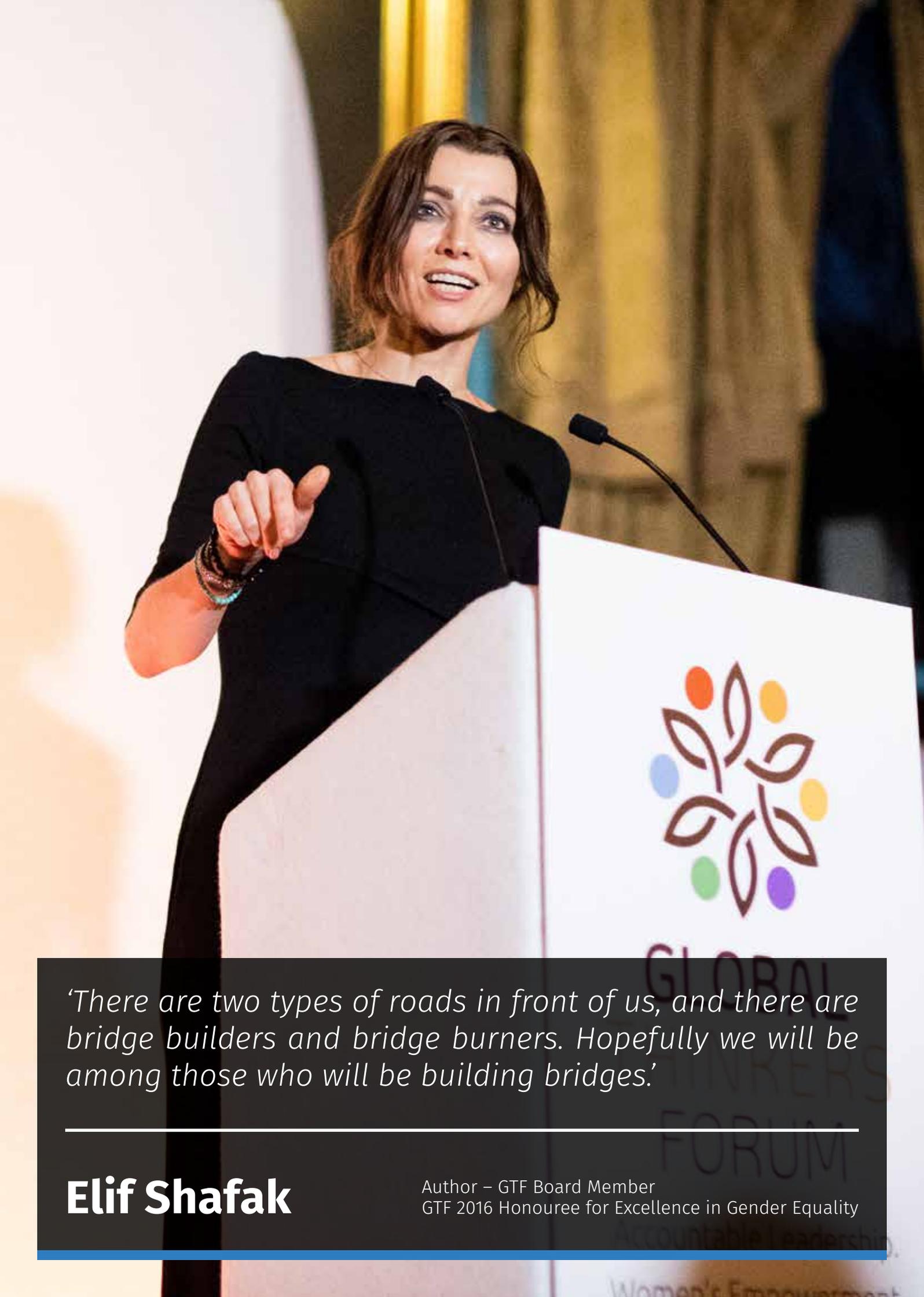
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*'There are two types of roads in front of us, and there are bridge builders and bridge burners. Hopefully we will be among those who will be building bridges.'*

**Elif Shafak**

Author – GTF Board Member  
GTF 2016 Honouree for Excellence in Gender Equality

# 2016-A YEAR DEDICATED TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND PHILANTHROPIC GIVING



## 2016 - A YEAR DEDICATED TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND PHILANTHROPIC GIVING

In 2016, we dedicated significant efforts towards promoting accountable leadership and youth development.

Philanthropy is at the heart of accountable leadership. Humanity seems to be at a turning point as our societies are being challenged by bigger and smaller crises related to globalisation, interconnectedness, wars, social instability and the need to build a sustainable future.

For that reason, this year's GTF Awards for Excellence celebrated 'Philanthropy & Positive Change'. We convened a group of influential thought leaders, each of them having a long track record of efforts towards collaboration and positive change.

An equally vital part of our mission, Youth Development, has been a priority in 2016: We launched our international mentoring platform, Global Thinkers Mentors for young people between 18-29. As part of our five-year goals, the Global Thinkers Mentors Programme aspires to add value to young people's lives through their individual interaction with thought leaders and inspiring individuals, members of the GTF network, willing to provide insights on issues of career and life. This programme is also about bridging the gap between the current and future leaders of our world.



*'We need to work with organisations such as yourselves and those that are being recognised this evening. The Global Thinkers Forum, I think, plays such a powerful role and you are to be congratulated for the work that you have done.'*

**Tobias Ellwood MP**  
**UK Minister for Middle East and Africa**

*'We have a duty to keep up with our efforts to change mindsets and to help people see that our future together as a global community will be bright as long as we embrace values-based decision making.'*

**Elizabeth Filippouli**  
**Founder & CEO**  
**Global Thinkers Forum & Global Thinkers Mentors**



*'What is really amazing tonight is the amount of passion that you see in the eyes of people and how we want to change this world.'*

**HRH Princess Lamia Al Saud**

Secretary General,  
Alwaleed Philanthropies  
GTF 2016 Special Award  
for Contribution to  
Humanity



## GTF AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2016



Philanthropy is currently experiencing an unprecedented amount of innovation, disruption and transformation. Never before have social needs, local and global alike, been more complex and pressing. In the 21st century, philanthropy earns a strategic dimension. At the core of this transformation is the will to hold business leaders and businesses more accountable, expand, and nurture the notion of ethical leadership and ethical/great companies.

To cultivate and promote the role of philanthropy and the importance of contributing back to society in a responsible

and accountable manner, it is crucial to recognise and highlight the efforts of leaders, individuals, companies and organisations that set an example with their philanthropic activities. We believe that it is important to create platforms where good practices are celebrated and exposed, so that others may learn, be inspired, look up to them and get encouraged towards more, better, more strategic and more accountable giving.

This year our Global Thinkers Forum Awards Gala celebrated Philanthropy & Positive Change and took place on December 8, 2016, at the Institute of Directors in London, UK.



◀ *'We do our best, it is not always easy, but we must continue trying. We must continue trying for the sake of Humanity.'*

**Helen Alderson**  
**Director of Financial Resources and Logistics International, Committee of the Red Cross**  
**GTF 2016 Award for Excellence in Positive Change**



◀ *'To be here this evening is to be amongst friends. Friends because we are trying to do the same thing, not because we know each other at all, but because we are trying to do the same thing in building this world.'*

**The Rt. Hon. the Lord Alderdice**  
**Chairman, Centre for Democracy & Peace Building –**  
**GTF Board Member**  
**GTF 2016 Award for Excellence in Promoting Peace & Collaboration**



◀ *'I am very humbled to be here. I have come a long way to meet all of these wonderful global thinkers. I hope someday that I actually can mentor some of the girls here. I want to thank the Global Thinkers Forum for acknowledging OHOW's work and our efforts to save the lives of women worldwide during childbirth.'*

**Arlene Samen**  
**Founder, One Heart World-Wide**  
**GTF 2016 Award for Excellence in Women's Empowerment**



(L to R) HRH Princess Lamia Al Saud, Secretary General at Alwaleed Philanthropies, Elizabeth Filippouli, GTF Founder & CEO, Akinwole Omoboriowo II, Chairman & CEO of Genesis Energy Holdings



(L to R) Souad Talsi MBE, Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Centre, Elizabeth Filippouli, GTF Founder & CEO, Geraldine Sharpe-Newton, Senior Communications Advisor



David Stringer-Lamarre, Chairman of the Institute of Directors and Pauline Wong, Designer



(L to R) Elizabeth Filippouli, GTF Founder & CEO, and Arlene Samen, President & Founder of One Heart World-Wide



Roda Abdi, Founder & CEO of Amirab



(L to R) Michael E. Economakis, Executive Vice Chairman of A.G. Leventis Group, Solveig Tangen, Partner & CEO at North Corporate AS and Akinwole Omoboriowo II, Chairman & CEO of Genesis Energy Holdings



(L to R) Jay Blumenkopf, Chairman of the Board at One Heat World-Wide, Arlene Samen, President & Founder of One Heat World-Wide and Chad Talbott, Principal, Talbott International LLC





Stephen Cole,  
International  
Broadcaster



Helen Alderson, ICRC's Director of  
Financial Resources and Logistics



Bettany  
Hughes,  
Historian,  
Author, and  
Broadcaster,  
and Morten  
Kristiansen,  
Chairman,  
NOR-OCEAN  
OFFSHORE



(L to R) Stephen Cole, International  
Broadcaster, Elif Shafak, Famous Author,  
Chris Gaunt, Chairman of the British  
Chamber of Commerce in Turkey



(L to R) Elizabeth Filippouli, GTF Founder & CEO,  
Manar Ahmed and Caterina Belardi, GTF Young  
Alumni, HRH Princess Lamia Al Saud, Secretary  
General at Alwaleed Philanthropies



(L to R)  
Amandine  
Lepoutre, CEO  
& Founder  
of Thinkers  
& Doers, and  
Coline  
Houssais,  
Studies &  
Mena Content  
Director at  
Thinkers &  
Doers



(L to R) HE Tobias Elwood MP, UK Minister  
for Middle East and Africa, and Akinwole  
Omoboriowo II, Chairman & CEO of Genesis  
Energy Holdings



(L to R) Eva Grosman, Chief Executive and Company Secretary of the Centre for Democracy & Peace Building, Wendy Diamond, Women's Entrepreneurship Day Founder, NYC; Julia Rocha, Staffline Group plc; Tina McKenzie, Managing Director, Staffline Group plc.



(L to R) Elizabeth Filippouli, GTF Founder & CEO, and Dr. Rita Rakus MBBS FBCAM Cosmetic Doctor



(L to R) HE Tobias Elwood MP, UK Minister for Middle East and Africa, Akinwale Omoboriowo II, Chairman & CEO of Genesis Energy Holdings, and The Rt. Hon. The Lord Alderdice, Chairman for the Centre for Democracy & Peace Building, Belfast



(L to R) Elizabeth Filippouli, GTF Founder & CEO, Akinwale Omoboriowo II, Chairman & CEO of Genesis Energy Holdings, Geraldine Sharpe-Newton, Senior Communications Advisor, Michael E. Economakis, Executive Vice Chairman of A.G. Leventis Group PLC, Sir Dirk Brossé, Music Director of The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Chris Gaunt, Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in Turkey, and Gary Horsley, Senior Communications Consultant

# We are proud to present the GTF 2016 Award Honourees:



**HRH Prince  
Alwaleed bin Talal**

*Chairman, Alwaleed  
Philanthropies*

## **SPECIAL AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO HUMANITY - ALWALEED PHILANTHROPIES**



Prince Alwaleed is perhaps best known internationally as the chairman and controlling shareholder of Kingdom Holding Company, one of the world's most influential investment companies.

Outside of business, Prince Alwaleed is widely respected for his philanthropic work as the founder and patron of the Alwaleed Philanthropies, dedicated to supporting global cultural understanding, disaster recovery, women's empowerment, and community development projects in Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, and around the world.



**Peter Maurer**

*President,  
International  
Committee of the  
Red Cross*

## **EXCELLENCE IN POSITIVE CHANGE**

International Committee Of The Red Cross (Icrc)



Established in 1863, the ICRC operates worldwide, helping people affected by conflict and armed violence and promoting the laws that protect victims of war. An independent and neutral organization, its mandate stems essentially from the Geneva Conventions of 1949. It is based in Geneva, Switzerland, and employs some 14,500 people in more than 80 countries. The ICRC is funded mainly by voluntary donations from governments and from national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.



**Elif Shafak**

*Author, Columnist,  
Speaker and  
Academic*

## **EXCELLENCE IN PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY**

ELIF SHAFAK

Elif Shafak is an award-winning novelist, women's rights & LGBT rights advocate and an inspirational public speaker. She writes in both Turkish and English, and has published 15 books, 10 of which are novels, including *The Bastard of Istanbul* and *The Forty Rules of Love*. Her novels have been published in 47 languages and she has been featured in major newspapers and periodicals around the world.

Shafak has been long listed for the Orange Prize, MAN Asian Prize, the Baileys Prize, the IMPAC Dublin Award; shortlisted for the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize and RSL Ondaatje Prize. She was awarded the title of Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres.



**Arlene Samen**

*President &  
Founder, One Heart  
World-Wide*

## **EXCELLENCE IN WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT** ONE HEART WORLD-WIDE



One Heart World-Wide (OHW) is a 501(c)(3) organization with over 15 years of experience implementing maternal and neonatal mortality prevention programs in areas where women often die alone at home giving birth. Its aim is to improve access to, and utilization of healthcare services to reduce the risk of maternal and neonatal mortality in the most remote, rural areas. It operates on the belief that all women and newborns can receive the quality healthcare services they deserve during pregnancy and childbirth, anytime and anyplace.



**The Rt. Hon. The  
Lord Alderdice**

*Chairman,  
Centre for  
Democracy &  
Peace Building*

## **EXCELLENCE IN PROMOTING PEACE & COLLABORATION** THE RT. HON. THE LORD ALDERDICE

As Leader of the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland, Lord Alderdice played a significant role in the Talks on Northern Ireland including negotiation of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. He was the first Speaker of the new Northern Ireland Assembly and on retirement in 2004 was appointed to the Independent Monitoring Commission, tasked with closing down terrorist operations and overseeing normalization of security in Northern Ireland.



## GLOBAL THINKERS MENTORS



The Global Thinkers Mentors platform is an initiative embodying the Global Thinkers Forum's dedication to cultivate excellence in leadership, support youth development and empower women. It is about creating an international network of experienced mentors and alumni, fully 'equipped' to conquer their goals.

The Global Thinkers Mentors initiative is actively addressing four of the Sustainable Development Goals (Quality Education, Gender Equality, Decent Work & Economic Growth and Reduced Inequalities).

The programme, already active in more than twenty countries and four continents, pairs high level mentors with promising mentees from across the globe, offering the latter the chance to ignite their career and personal development, take advantage of the opportunity to address their individual learning needs and acquire invaluable life skills.

Over a period of 8 months the mentors help the mentees grow and diversify their professional and personal perspectives, develop new skills and nurture their critical thinking. Mentors also support mentees to overcome obstacles and challenges, offer them advice on career development and personal growth and guide them to harvest networking opportunities.

GTF pairs selected mentors with aspiring mentees under the following areas of mentorship: Governance & Public Office, Accountable Leadership, Media, Business, Entrepreneurship, Corporate Career, Academia, Non Profit, and Science.

The GTF Mentors are individuals who have a successful track record, long-time expertise in the above areas as well as commitment towards positive social change. They are global thought leaders and part of the wider GTF community and mission.



*'It is our duty to pay it forward and assist young people navigate complexity and find the professional path that suits them best in life.'*

Michael E. Economakis | Executive Vice Chairman, A.G. Leventis Group Plc, GTF Mentor



*'The nurturing role of being a mentor is both salutary and satisfying. The opportunity to share my experiences and perspectives in a form that enables the mentee to draw from these discussions to positively shape his own journey in life is most gratifying indeed'*

Akinwale Omoboriowo II | Chairman & CEO, Genesis Energy Holdings, GTF Mentor



*'What I find most satisfying about my role as mentor is to know that my contribution is making a REAL difference to a young person's life.'*

Souad Talsi MBE | Founder, Al Hasaniya, GTF Mentor

*'Everyone has potential to contribute back to the society, to make it a better place. However, the challenge is to find it, locate it, and bring it out. With a mentor as a role-model and catalyst, one can bring out the passion more effectively.'*

Thanabodee Yeh (Duke) | Thailand, 22 years old GTF 2016 Alumnus



*'A mentor is the paternal figure equivalent of the business world. You share a bond of loyalty and trust'*

Paul – Angelos Filippakis | Greece, 21 years old GTF 2016 Alumnus



*'A mentor would help guide the younger generation in not only their career decisions, but also personal decisions. A mentee could contribute their ideas and innovations.'*

Manar Ahmed | UK, 28 years old GTF 2016 Alumna



# “THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW” GLOBAL THINKERS MENTORS ALUMNI 2016



**Paul-Angelos Filippakis:**  
“You Share a Bond of  
Loyalty and Trust with  
your Mentor.”

*Paul-Angelos is 21 years old and he is from Greece. His GTF Mentor is George Mavrelis.*

**Q: What is your view of the world as it is today? And how do you define the concept of a better world?**

**A:** I think the world nowadays is an extremely complex environment, and thus it could not be described within a few words or lines - but a better world? Well, there have been persons throughout history that have given a very accurate definition, in my humble opinion, of an ideal world: One of them is Plato, and his Republic.

**Q: As a young individual what are a few of the hurdles that you had to overcome up until today?**

**A:** Finding a professional environment that is based on meritocracy - something extremely rare for entry level jobs in Greece.

**Q: Why is the role of a mentor important for you?**

**A:** Why is a father important to a child? I regard this question as the same, since a mentor is the paternal figure equivalent of the business world. You share a bond of loyalty and trust.

You can read the stories of our  
fascinating 2016 Global Thinkers  
Mentees at [globalthinkersmentors.org](http://globalthinkersmentors.org)



**Yanga Totyi:**  
“It Is Important To  
Live For Something  
That You Are Passionate  
About.”

*Yanga is 23 years old and she is from South Africa. Her GTF Mentor is Souad Talsi MBE.*

**Q: Why is the role of a mentor important for you?**

**A:** It is important because if you ever want to achieve great things in your life, you should get guidance from someone who has been through the process. That way, you have a gold mine of someone who not only has the knowledge that you require but also has the insight and the experience. A mentor allows you to shift your perspective in a way that will help you think at a broader and higher level. A mentor also helps you accumulate speed, you achieve much faster if you apply the principles and advice shared by your mentor. Also your mentor becomes your inspiration, that way you are motivated to be a go-getter!

**Q: Do you have a lesson that life has taught you and you would like to share?**

**A:** So far life has taught me that, it is important to live for something that you are passionate about. Somehow that passion allows you to face on each day, each challenge with a winner’s mentality. Passion is a relentless force that drives a hunger to learn, innovation and it opens up a whole new world of possibilities. You feel like you have a purpose and allows you to stop at nothing in pursuit of your purpose. Along the way, passion will teach you to be patient, it will teach you to welcome and adapt some of the most drastic change and it will completely change your outlook on life.

# GTF 2016 EVENTS



## **January 2016** **GTF joins forces with Anna Lindh Foundation**

Global Thinkers Forum was delighted to work closely with the Anna Lindh Foundation on the 'Young Arab Voices' (YAV) regional programme which aimed at developing skills and opportunities for youth-led debate across the Arab region, and supporting youth to speak up and be heard.



## **March 2016** **GTF in Alexandria for the Young Arab Voices**

The Anna Lindh Foundation leads regional initiatives in the Euro-Med space and supports local activities carried out by organisations based across civil society which advocate for a better understanding among people, religions and beliefs, and champion human rights and democracy. Global Thinkers Forum joined forces with ALF for the Debate to Action, a strategic project financed by the British Foreign Office (FCO) and focused on building a programme of enhanced communication and advocacy skills training for youth leaders from across the MENA region.



## **May 2016** **GTF Session & Annual Luncheon**

Global Thinkers Forum held its annual Strategy Session & Luncheon on May 27, 2016. Board Members from all over the world travelled to London to discuss GTF's rapid growth, programs and initiatives.

HRH Queen Sylvia of Buganda (Uganda) was the Guest of Honour especially as among the organisation's plans is the expansion to Africa. The further development of current initiatives, ideas about new strategic partners, expansion to new countries and the long-term sustainability of the Forum were discussed by the Board Members.



## **June 2016** **Values-based Leadership & Strategic Philanthropy Workshop**

On June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, Global Thinkers Forum conducted a two day workshop at the King



Khalid Foundation in Riyadh, under the directorship of HRH Princess Al-Bandari bint Abdulrahman Al-Faisal, dedicated to 'Values-based Leadership & Strategic Philanthropy' for members of the Arab Foundations Forum. Elizabeth Filippouli, Founder & CEO of GTF, discussed the latest philanthropic trends and the core elements of strategy as it applies to philanthropy as well as the fundamental differences between values, beliefs and behaviours and how successful managers need to draw on values-based decision making. Attendees included managers and C-Level executives from various prominent companies, organisations and foundations.

## December 2016 Global Thinkers Forum Awards for Excellence

The 4th Global Thinkers Forum Awards for Excellence (GTF 2016) was held on December 8, 2016 at the Institute of Directors in London, UK. Under the title 'Philanthropy & Positive Change', GTF awarded outstanding thought leaders for their contributions to philanthropy and positive change.

The Gala opened with a cocktail reception during which guests had the opportunity to network. Opening the evening's proceedings, HE Tobias Ellwood MP, UK Minister for Middle East and Africa highlighted the importance of multi-stakeholder collaboration in achieving positive change.

The Awards ceremony, which was hosted by international broadcaster, Stephen Cole, was attended by more than 150 guests, including local, regional and international CEOs, executives, investors, philanthropists, entrepreneurs and academics as well as media representatives from BBC TV, Al Jazeera, Global Citizen Magazine, Cloud Media, Middle East Exchange and more.

The special evening also featured a live concert by world-acclaimed Belgian Maestro Sir Dirk Brossé.



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR BOARD MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES



## **SHARON SCHWEITZER, J.D.**

Sharon Schweitzer, Cross-Cultural Consultant, International Protocol Expert, Protocol & Etiquette Worldwide, LLC and Member of the GTF Global Growth Board, has been awarded for her work with the British Airways International Trade, Investment and Expansion Award during the Greater Austin Business Awards event.



## **SOUAD TALSI MBE**

In 2016, Al-Hasaniya took action to return a little boy to his mother in Morocco, demonstrating once more the pivotal role that the organisation plays in supporting muffled voices and hidden faces. The boy, abducted from his mother by his father, a British national of Pakistani origin, was brought to the UK in August 2016.

The mother, who only became aware of it once the boy was aboard the plane, was desperate as she did not know to whom she should turn for support. Through word-of-mouth, a resident of Westminster became aware of her plight and offered to help by referring the case to Al-Hasaniya. Al-Hasaniya immediately made contact with the client as well as REUNITE, an organisation that specialises in supporting victims of child abduction, and within a week both a firm of lawyers and a legal aid for the client were secured. A first hearing was scheduled in September, to ensure the safety of the child and indeed prevent him from being removed to a third destination and in November a second and final hearing ordered the child to return to his mother. On the 11th of November, exactly three months after the initial abduction, Al-Hasaniya accompanied the child back to his mother in Morocco. The return was exceedingly emotional and made Al-Hasaniya's job all the more worthwhile.

## **MUNA ABUSULAYMAN**

Muna AbuSulayman, GTF Board Member, Saudi entrepreneur and philanthropist signed a partnership with modest fashion e-commerce site Haute-Elan.com as the brand's lifetime ambassador.





**MARTINA MACPHERSON**

Martina Macpherson, GTF Chair of the Non-Executive Directors Board, spoke at the Henley Business School’s International GARI Conference on the topic “More than Green: Preserving Natural Capital through Blue Bonds”. Among other topics discussed at the conference were sustainability practices and the attitude of UK & Nigerian Corporate Firms’ CSR.



**MICHAEL E. ECONOMAKIS**

A meeting between the Nigerian Vice President H.E. Yemi Osinbajo and the GTF Advisory Board Member Michael E. Economakis, Executive Vice Chairman of AG Leventis, took place at the end of September. The discussion focused on the business environment in Nigeria, the challenges as well as the many opportunities for investment and business that the country presents.



**AKINWOLE OMOBORIOWO II**

In Cape Town at the African Utility Week, Akin Omoboriowo II, CEO Genesis Energy

& GTF Advisory Board Member, was nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award for ‘contributing to the socio-economic development of the African Power sectors ‘ over the past decade. Genesis and GE have been in strategic partnership to deploy multiple clean power solutions to qualifying clients in Africa and to this date, Genesis remains the only company GE has invested Risk-capital in Africa.



**REEM N. BSAISO**

KERIS (Korea Education and Research Information Service) in partnership with the World Bank and UNESCO, organised in November 2016 a working group meeting to explore issues related to the “Transition of Textbooks: What Comes Next”, and to build a platform for participating countries to share their experiences regarding each thematic issue of ICT in education and to facilitate educational cooperation. Twenty local and international experts from 10 countries participated in this policy review, amongst which, Reem N. Bsaio, Founder of Global Outreach and GTF Advisory Board Member, that presented Jordan’s Case Study.



**GERALDINE SHARPE-NEWTON**

Our Board Member, Geraldine Sharpe-Newton, was honoured by the UK Media Society for her role and significant

contribution to the organisation during a special event in November 2016. As the UK Media Society's (Former) President, Geraldine managed to take the organisation from near bankruptcy back to the land of the living and to the respected position it holds today within seven and a half years.



### **NIKOS KOUMETTIS**

In August 2016, The Coca Cola Company formed a Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) Group, consisting of the business units that made up the Europe and the Eurasia and Africa Groups. In Europe, the Central and Southern Europe and Russia, Ukraine and Belarus business units were combined into a new business unit, Central and Eastern Europe, which comprises 26 diverse countries in total. Nikos Koumettis, GTF Board Member, has expanded his role as President of the Central & Southern Europe Business Unit to become President of the new Central and Eastern Europe Business Unit.

### **VICTORIA BUDSON**

The Boston Women's Workforce Council has revealed its 2016 Report which finds that on average, working women make 77 cents on the dollar compared to men. The study of 112,000 workers from 69 companies found the average salary for women is just under \$79,000 per year, while men make more than \$103,000. It also found men make more than twice as much in bonuses as women.



This study is the first time researchers have used data collected directly from employers, rather than from employees. Victoria Budson, Member of the Women's Workforce Council, Founder and the Executive Director of the Women and Public Policy Program (WAPPP) at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and GTF Advisory Board Member, commented 'What is so special about this project is that we have private sector businesses leading the way. There are companies wanting to understand what are the wage gaps in their company, they want new tools to tackle them, recruiting a community where both evidence based research from my centre and others is shared and they are sharing best practice'.



### **DR. AGNI VLAVIANOS – ARVANITIS**

On March 7, Dr. Agni Vlavianos – Arvanitis, President and Founder of the Biopolitics International Organisation and GTF Advisory Board Member, received the 2016 "Woman of the Year" award from the Association of Women of Thessalonica-Macedonia "in Athens".

# GTF 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



## **Oxford, UK - January and March 2016 Elizabeth Filippouli Joins as Judge the Oxford Start-ups Panel**

Saïd Business School's MBA students presented their start-up ideas to a panel of 3 experts & investors for feedback and guidance. Truly impressive ideas targeting the emerging markets were coupled with amazing teams and operational business structures. The event was organised by Dr. Dana Brown, Director of the MBA and the panelists were Dr. Stuart Kewley, Chairman & CEO The Eurasia Consortium, David Farquharson, Founder, Ignition Law and Elizabeth Filippouli, GTF Founder & CEO.



## **Tunis, Tunisia - March 2016 GTF & EMMN at the first Regional Forum of the Young Arab Voices in Tunis**

At the culmination of the first Regional Forum of the Young Arab Voices in Tunis, more than 80 emerging young leaders from eight Arab

countries of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region issued a statement condemning the use of violence for political purposes and calling for more dialogue with young people. The group had been debating topical and controversial issues such as media censorship in reporting terrorist attacks, banning religious schools, and compulsory quotas for youth in local elections as part of a five-year programme that has brought to the heart of the MENA region traditional democratic approaches to organised and structured dialogue.

The programme has given more than 100,000 young people from Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco the opportunity to develop their skills in public debate and follow the logic and rules of parliamentary systems. The YAV programme is seen by its supporters to have demonstrated that the young are much more focused on their careers, livelihoods and communities than thoughts of radicalisation. They want to be regarded as part of the solution, and not the problem, in key issues in the region. GTF and the Euro Med Media Network team were present at the Young Arab Voices Forum as partners of this important initiative.



## **London, UK - April 2016 Celebrating AIWF's 15th Anniversary**

On 26 April 2016, the very successful AIWF 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception and Gala Concert was held at Kensington Palace in London, to commemorate the founding of The Arab International Women's Forum in 2001.

This important occasion highlighted the role of the AIWF leadership in the Middle East and internationally over the last fifteen years.



**Oxford, UK - May 2016**  
**GTF's Success Story presented to Oxford MBAs**

GTF Founder & CEO, Elizabeth Filippouli, was invited to Said Business School for a session with MBA graduates to discuss and present the Global Thinkers Forum success story. How did GTF succeed within a short timeframe? How to build a global organisation through partnerships? What are the challenges? For the creation of GTF Elizabeth Filippouli has been named among SBS's top 42 entrepreneurs graduates.



**Belfast, Ireland - June 2016**  
**Global Thinkers Forum: How to Create a Global Organisation**

The Global Thinkers Forum story and how it became an international organisation of global reach, was the topic of Elizabeth Filippouli's keynote speech at Digital DNA in Belfast. Elizabeth spoke about taking a company to a global level.

Digital DNA is a leading business and technology event held annually in Belfast, Northern Ireland since 2013. This year Digital DNA took place on June 8<sup>th</sup> in Belfast's St George's Market and hosted 1,000 people in its biggest and most impactful event yet.



**Ras Al Khaimah, UAE - September 2016**  
**GTF in the Young Global Leaders Debate in Ras Al Khaimah**

Elizabeth Filippouli, CEO and Founder of GTF, received the Young Global Leader Award at the YGL Debate Ras Al Khaimah. The YGL Debate is a Forum for the most respected Young Global Leaders in business, politics, social life, entrepreneurship and philanthropy. The event took place on September 26 at the Al Hamra Convention Center under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah.



**Tunis, Tunisia - September 2016**  
**GTF at the AFF Annual Meeting and General Assembly**

The Arab Foundations Forum (AFF) Annual Meeting and General Assembly was hosted in Tunis on September 8 and 9. AFF welcomed more than 80 individuals, representing over 55 organizations from around the Arab



region and globally in the Annual Meeting and General Assembly that marked its 10 year anniversary. The engaging and informative two-day programme included conversations around the role of Arab philanthropy in supporting and addressing the SDGs, the role and value of data and research in the Arab region, and the value of recognizing an organization's culture versus focusing only on its strategy.

**Coventry, UK - November 2016**  
**GTF at the Rising Global Peace Forum**

RISING 16 took place in Coventry Cathedral and nearby venues in Coventry city centre, 15 – 16 November 2016. Speakers and contributors from across the world joined the Forum for two days of inspiring and thought-provoking dialogue on The Ripple Effect of responding to conflict. Elizabeth Filippouli, Founder and CEO of GTF, joined a panel along with Christine Allen, Director, Policy and Public Affairs at Christian Aid, Liv Garfield, Chief Executive of Severn Trent, and Laura Liswood, Secretary General of the Council Of Women World Leaders to discuss the rise of women leaders and how an equal world could be a more peaceful and secure one.

**New York, USA - October 2016**  
**UN Foundation Annual Gala**

On October 19, GTF attended the UN Foundation Global Leadership Dinner in New York. The Global Leadership Dinner and Dialogue

is the one event each year that connects the most important world and thought leaders global heads of business, innovators, and change makers and provides an unparalleled platform to strengthen ties with the global goals. During tonight's annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner, the United Nations Foundation recognised five honourees who are working alongside the United Nations to tackle some of the most pressing issues of our time. The gathering paid a tribute to the role that individuals, organisations and corporations play in supporting the work of the United Nations to advance global peace and prosperity.



# 2016 PARTNERSHIPS



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## ANNA LINDH FOUNDATION

The Anna Lindh Foundation is an organisation shared and resourced by over forty Euro-Mediterranean countries, to bring people together as a way to promote dialogue between cultures and respect for diversity. The Foundation coordinates a Euro-Mediterranean Network gathering hundreds of social and institutional bodies which share the values of the Foundation and work to make dialogue, peace and prosperity possible in the region.



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## ARAB FOUNDATIONS FORUM

The Arab Foundations Forum (AFF) is a not-for-profit membership-based association of philanthropic foundations in the Arab region. Its vision is for an effective and strategic philanthropic sector in the Arab region that engages with all aspects of society towards growing social responsibility and investment, while advancing public good.



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## INTERNATIONAL FUNDRAISING CONSULTANCY

IFC provides fundraising and management consultancy or undertakes 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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## THINKERS & DOERS

Thinkers & Doers is an international network that gathers and connects innovative and creative forces: those who invent and those who implement new dynamics to tackle the world's most pressing challenges in entrepreneurship, social innovation, renewable energies, culture or health.



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## STEP CONFERENCE

Since the event started in 2013, STEP has grown from 300 to more than 4000 attendees in 2016 interacting, engaging and sharing experiences, while the conference has expanded from technology-centric to become the largest gathering for technology, digital and entertainment industries in the MENA region.



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## LEBANESE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

The Lebanese Development Network (LDN) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to assist individuals, communities and institutions build their capacities. LDN's vision is to be recognized as a pioneer organization in the creation of a productive social environment.



## DIGITAL DNA



Digital DNA is a leading business and technology event held annually in Belfast, Northern Ireland since 2013. It aims to give businesses the skills, knowledge and understanding to implement digital technology into their operations. Digital DNA does this by showcasing digital leaders and what actions they have taken to help them grow and engage with their audience.

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## CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEACE BUILDING



The purpose of the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building is to uphold and share the values and principles of democracy in order to build peace, stability and reconciliation. Its vision is to remove fear from and offer hope to divided communities and to create a society with a shared sense of responsibility, opportunity, community and above all a shared sense of humanity, based upon respect for and tolerance of diversity.

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## TÜRKONFED



TÜRKONFED (Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation) is a non-governmental business organization, aiming to contribute to the development of regional, sectoral and national economic policies. TÜRKONFED was established in 2004 as a nation-wide confederation, representing 6 federations and 69 associations. Today, 24 federations and 186 associations fall under TÜRKONFED, through which 24,100 business people and over 40,000 companies are represented.

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## GLOBAL CITIZEN MAGAZINE



By offering fresh perspectives on the stories and people that matter most to ultra and high net worth individuals in the Middle East and beyond, Global Citizen (GC) aims to inspire and connect enterprising individuals with fellow business leaders, entrepreneurs and philanthropists through its network of global citizens. Global Citizen is a niche bi-monthly publication focusing on high-end real estate, philanthropy, social entrepreneurship, family business, as well as innovative start-ups.

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## PHILANTHROPY IMPACT



Philanthropy Impact is a membership organisation with a vision to increase philanthropy and social investment across borders, sectors and causes. It works with advisers, philanthropists, charities and governments to develop greater expertise, awareness and impact in philanthropic action.

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## ALLIANCE MAGAZINE



Alliance magazine is the leading magazine for philanthropy and social investment worldwide. Since 1996 it has provided news and analysis of what's happening in the philanthropy and social investment sectors across the world. It also acts as a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences among practitioners.

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## CITY PHILANTHROPY



City Philanthropy – A Wealth of Opportunity is a three-year project funded by the City of London Corporation's charity City Bridge Trust. It aims to promote more effective philanthropy among City professionals earlier in their careers and position the City of London as a leading global centre for philanthropy.

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# GTF ADVISORY BOARD 2016



Victoria A. Budson is a founder and the Executive Director of the Women and Public Policy Program (WAPPP) at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. WAPPP is the preeminent institution for advancing interdisciplinary research on approaches to closing gender gaps, educating students and leaders on gender policy.

Victoria Budson | **Founding Executive Director Women & Public Policy Program, Harvard**



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.

HRH Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan | **President, Royal Scientific Society**



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. 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.

HRH Queen Sylvia Nagginda | **HE Nnabagereka (Queen) of Buganda Kingdom, Uganda**



Lebanon's foremost sportsman and climber, Maxime Chaya was the first person from his home country to hoist its flag atop Everest. He did so at the climax of his challenge to ascend the highest mountain on every continent – the Seven Summits – while also skiing to the North and South Poles.

Maxime Chaya | **Adventurer, Public Speaker**



Femi Oke is an international broadcaster, journalist and writer. She is currently based in Washington D.C. where she hosts the interactive current affairs show "The Stream" for Al Jazeera English. Femi's work has been recognised by The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the African Communications Agency and InterAction.

Femi Oke | **Host at Al Jazeera English**



David Rodin is a leading authority on the ethics of war and conflict. He is a Senior Fellow at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs in New York and Senior Research Fellow at the University of Oxford.

David Rodin | **Carnegie-Uehiro Senior Fellow,  
Global Ethics Fellow**



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.

Greg Beitchman | **VP Content Sales & Partnerships,  
CNN International**



Hakan Altınay is the President of the Global Civics Academy. Altınay is a global ethics fellow at the Carnegie Council, a world fellow at Yale University and the Director of the European School of Politics in Istanbul.

Hakan Altınay | **Senior Fellow,  
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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.

Reem N. Bsaiso | **CEO G-TeN,  
Senior ICT Expert**



Sir Dirk Brossé 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 | **Conductor**



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.

Mrs Haifa Fahoum Al Kaylani | **Founder & Chairman, Arab  
International Women's Forum**



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 J. Hudson | **Director Of Communications, THE OPEN UNIVERSITY UK**



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.

Muna AbuSulayman | **Co-Host, Kalam Nawaem MBC**



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.

Valerie Keller | **CEO, Veritas & WEF Young Global Leader**



Elizabeth Filippouli is an entrepreneur and global leadership expert with particular focus on accountable leadership and inclusive growth. She is the Founder & CEO of Global Thinkers Forum (GTF), an international organization that works as an agent for positive change by connecting international thought leaders and promoting values-based leadership, collaboration and cross-cultural understanding. GTF is a London-based and UK registered social-purpose organization with presence in 6 countries: UK, Jordan, Turkey, Greece, UAE, Saudi Arabia and a fast growth rate. It was launched in 2012 in Amman, Jordan under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania and is proud to have Board members representing more than 20 countries.

Elizabeth Filippouli | **Founder & CEO, Global Thinkers Forum & Global Thinkers Mentors**



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. 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.

Roya Mahboob | **CEO, CITADEL**



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.

Lucian Sârb | **Editorial Director and Board Member, Euronews**



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)).

Professor Saskia Sassen | **Columbia University**



On October 22, 2016 Ameera lost her life tragically and prematurely along with her mother and sister in a fire accident in their home in Sharjah. Throughout her life Ameera was a unique advocate and a pioneering change maker well as a role model for her hard work and dedication to positive change. We salute her and thank her for the legacy she is leaving behind. Ameera was focused on Arab women's empowerment and leadership in the region. A true ambassador for progressive values, she was focused on a broad range of human, animal and environmental issues. Since 2010, Ameera had been the Chairperson of Sharjah Business Women's Council.

AMEERA BINKARAM (1978-2016) | **Chairperson, Sharjah Business Women Council**



Michael E. Economakis is Executive Vice Chairman of AG Leventis. He started his career 34 years ago, in Coca-Cola Hellenic, the 2nd biggest bottler of The Coca-Cola Company in the world. 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.

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



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.

Dr Roger Hayes | **FCIPR, Member Emeritus IPRA**



Akinwale Omoboriowo II (AOII) is a 1993 graduate of Economics from University of Jos, alumni of the London Business School, from where he acquired specialist training in Electricity Pricing & Modeling course in 2006, and a 2011 Post-Graduate Diploma Alumni in Strategy & Innovation from the Prestigious Oxford University's Said Business School, U.K. AOII has over 16 years of experience in the Oil & Gas Sector and Power Sectors in Africa.

Akinwale  
Omoboriowo II

**Chairman & CEO, Genesis  
Energy Holdings**



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.

Dr Daniel  
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**Vice Chairman, Salzburg  
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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  
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**International Consultant,  
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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.

Gary  
Horsley

**International  
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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.

Marc  
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**Fellow and University  
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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.

Dr Agni  
Vlavianos  
Arvanitis

*President, Biopolitics International Organisation,  
Athens, Greece-President and Founder, Hellenic  
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Geraldine has had a 35-year career in media relations and corporate communications. She has been head of communications for three of the worlds major news organisations, CBS News (in New York), ITN (in London) and CNN International.

Geraldine  
Sharpe Newton

*Senior Communications  
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Salim Amin is Chairman of Camerapix, founder and Chairman of The Mohamed Amin Foundation and co-founder and Chairman of A24 Media.

Salim Amin | **Chairman, Camerapix & Africa24**



John Baguley is the CEO of the International Fundraising Consultancy (IFC), which he founded in 2000. IFC works to ensure that civil society organisations have the most effective fundraising expertise to fulfil their humanitarian goals.

John Baguley | **CEO, International Fundraising Consultancy Group**



Nikos Koumettis is appointed President, Central & Eastern Europe Business Unit of The Coca-Cola Company, based in Athens, effective August 1st, 2016. The Unit will comprise 26 diverse countries, with new additions, Russia, Belarus & Ukraine. He was previously appointed President, Central & Southern Europe Business Unit of The Coca-Cola Company on April 1st, 2011, a unit comprising 23 European countries.

Nikos Koumettis | **President, Central and Eastern Europe of The Coca-Cola Company**



Sharon Schweitzer is a cross-cultural consultant, business etiquette expert, international business consultant, sought-after speaker and award-winning author. She has built her career helping business leaders and organizational teams understand cultural differences.

Sharon Schweitzer, J.D. | **Cross-Cultural Consultant, International Protocol Expert, Protocol & Etiquette Worldwide, LLC**



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

Chris W. J. Gaunt | **Chairman, British Chamber of Commerce Turkey**



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.

Shannon McElya | **CEO, Green Successes**



Lili Hall is founder and CEO of KNOCK, inc., an independent branding and design agency. Commencing in 2001, the firm creates impactful brand stories and retail experiences by leveraging strategy, design and culture. Hall was honored as one of Ernst & Young's Entrepreneurial Winning Women and received the WBE Star Award recognizing her industry contributions.

Lili Hall | **Founder and CEO, KNOCK**



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.

Deema Bibi | **CEO, INJAZ**



Achilles Tsaltas is Vice President of The New York Times' International Conferences, primarily overseeing sponsorship and business development, harnessing the full power of The NYT's and INYT's operations and platforms.

Achilles Tsaltas | **Vice President, New York Times**



Louise M. Guido is the CEO and Managing Partner of ChangeCorp, a mobile content services and app developer that creates and distributes highly relevant, localized content for 'mobile-only' middle class consumers in emerging markets.

Louise M. Guido | **CEO and Managing Partner, ChangeCorp**



Robert is the President of Arundel Consulting Inc. . Arundel Consulting develops business and tax strategies, marketing and communications for entrepreneurs with international ambitions. It works extensively with professional services firms, with clients in the contemporary arts world, and with leaders in the pharmaceutical and healthcare fields.

Robert Davidson | **President, Arundel Consulting Inc.**



Sue Phillips career spans more than 30 years in high profile- news broadcasting. 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.

Sue Phillips | ***Founding Director,  
The Frontline Club***



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.

Hani Masri | ***President, Tomorrow's  
Youth Organization***



Stephen Cole is a veteran of international television news having fronted for Al Jazeera English, 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 Cole | ***International  
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SI Partners is an independent consulting firm specializing in strategic Economic, Environmental Social and Governance advisory and research, investment content as well as education services. Clients include international asset management firms, pension funds, family offices, philanthropists, service providers, FinTech start-ups, charities and academic institutions.

Martina Macpherson | **Managing Partner, SI Partners, GTF NED Board Chairperson**



Alireza is a Managing Director within the Global Equity Division of Bank of America Merrill Lynch in London. He heads the Asset Owners Groups in Europe, Middle East and Africa with a mandate to cover the most prominent private investment offices, asset managers and wealth funds for the firm across various asset classes.

Alireza Zaimi | **Managing Director, Global Equity Division of Bank of America**



Mir Kazim Ali is actively involved in the development of youth and serves as Board Member at VISL WES School for Children with Special Needs in Karachi, Pakistan. He is one of the founding members of the institution and collaborates with the school management to improve performance and generate adequate funds.

Mir Kazim Ali | **Member, Advisory Council Dhahran British Grammar School**



Attiya Mahmood has served as a Pakistani diplomat for over 35 years. Her credentials include Ambassadorial posts to the Kingdom of Morocco, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Republic of Indonesia. Following her retirement, she has joined Ahemed E.H.Jaffer Foundation, a Not-For-Profit organization in Karachi, as its Chief Operating Officer. Besides, she is also the Chief Executive Officer of Pakistan First Initiative (PFI), and she also serves on the Executive Board of All Pakistan Music Conference (APMC) Karachi.

Attiya Mahmood | **Pakistani Diplomat**



Francois is an ex Mobile Telecom executive and Entrepreneur focusing on large consumer facing opportunities enabled by digital transformations. He is now advising CMO and CTO in the Telecom and Banking sectors. He is an Angel investor and Mentor in Startup accelerator programs, and developed Training Courses on Intrapreneurship and Open Innovation for large Corporations and Government bodies.

Francois Blanc | ***Co founder and Managing Director, Aerocom Ventures***



Fernando is a pioneer of immersive experiences, augmented reality and holography for visual communication, interactive learning and people development. An Italian epistemologist, anthropologist and lawyer, he is from Turin (Piedmont) and is used to travel all year round spending some weeks in a number of interesting places.

Fernando Salvetti | ***Founder and Managing Partner, Logosnet***



Ambassador Burak Akçapar is a career diplomat, scholar and columnist. He has been serving as Turkey's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to India, Nepal and Maldives since 2011. Previously, he was accredited as Ambassador to Sri Lanka.

HE Burak Akçapar | ***Ambassador at Turkish Embassy New Delhi, India***



Born in Morocco, Souad came to the UK as a young child and has lived and worked here in London ever since. As an active member of her local community, she saw the need for a centre to serve women of Arab origin and founded Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Centre.

Souad Talsi MBE | ***Founder, Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Centre***

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## ABOUT THE GLOBAL THINKERS FORUM



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.

GTF launched officially in 2012 in Amman, Jordan, under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah and has partnered with some of the world's top brands, organisations and foundations. It features a prestigious Advisory Board with thought leaders and decision makers from over 20 countries.

The Global Thinkers Forum network comprises pioneering minds and values-driven thought leaders who are passionate about creating a better world. Its work has introduced an arena of open-mindedness, inspiration, collaboration and accountable leadership.



GTF invites like-minded individuals and organisations to partner and create Global Thinkers Forum events that advance and expand the mission and its positive effect on the world.

### **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. Youth is at the heart of these issues and so are women, around which we create exciting initiatives and dynamic discussions.

### **VISION**

Global Thinkers Forum's vision is to become the global organisation that is respected and sought after for answers to world's key challenges.

### **WHAT TYPE OF EVENTS?**

The Global Thinkers Forum organises a wide range of activities including meetings, seminars, fora, roundtable discussions, workshops, networking events, and its not for profit initiatives such as the mentoring programmes and Awards for Excellence.



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