Regional Agenda

World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa Programme

Dead Sea, Jordan 24-26 May 2013
Programme Pillars

A  Partnerships for Employment, Entrepreneurship and Infrastructure

B  Strengthening Economic Governance

C  Advancing Regional Cooperation and Resilience

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Mohammed H. Al Mady, Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), Saudi Arabia

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**Fri | Sat | Sun**

**08.00 - 18.00**

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**08.00 - 22.00**

Private Industry and Constituent Meetings

**20.30 - 22.30**

Opening Reception

*Hosted by the National Bank of Kuwait*

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Registration

**08.00 - 22.00**

Holiday Inn Resort Dead Sea

**20.30 - 22.30**

Kempinski Hotel Ishtar - Ishtar
### Economies in Focus: Libya

How can Libya deliver inclusive growth and development in light of favourable energy prices as well as the current political and security landscape?

**Mohamed Ali Abdallah**, President, National Front Party, Libya  
**Faisal Gergab**, Member of the Board, Libyan Investment Authority (LIA), Libya  
**Ibrahim El Sharif**, Chairman, Public Projects Authority (PPA), Libya  
**Usama Siala**, Minister of Communications and Informatics, General National Congress of Libya (GNC), Libya

**Moderated by**  
**Tarik M. Yousef**, Chief Executive Officer, Silatech, Qatar; Global Agenda Council on the Arab World

### Rethinking the Private Sector

How can the private sector and regulators work together to redefine the role of business in society?

Dimensions to be addressed:  
- Redefining the social contract  
- Partnering for positive societal impact  
- Designing incentive mechanisms

**Sir Ronald Cohen**, Co-Founder and Chairman, Portland Trust, United Kingdom  
**Ishac Diwan**, Lecturer, Public Policy, Center for International Development, Harvard University, USA; Global Agenda Council on the Arab World  
**Yehia Hamed Abdel-Samie Hamed**, Minister of Investment of Egypt  
**Eman Akbar Rafay**, Director, E.A.R Enterprise, Oman  
**Malek Sukkar**, Chief Executive Officer, Averda, Lebanon  
**Ayman Maamoun Tamer**, Chairman and Managing Partner, Tamer Group, Saudi Arabia

**Moderated by**  
**Rod Cartwright**, Partner and Director, Global Corporate Practice, Ketchum, United Kingdom

**Rapporteur**  
**Amina Ghanem**, Executive Director, Egyptian National Competitiveness Council, Egypt; Global Agenda Council on Competitiveness

### Infrastructure for Long-term Competitiveness

What should businesses and governments in the region prioritize to ensure that infrastructure contributes to sustainable long-term competitiveness?

Dimensions to be addressed:  
- Innovative financing partnerships  
- Regulatory and institutional frameworks  
- Smart and efficient technology

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**Mohamed Alabbar**, Chairman, Emaar Properties, United Arab Emirates  
**Lahcen Haddad**, Minister of Tourism of Morocco  
**Nasser Marafih**, Group Chief Executive Officer, Ooredoo, Qatar  
**Bassem Al Salem**, Chairman, Capital Bank, Jordan  
**Ali Osman Sindi**, Minister of Planning, Kurdistan Regional Government, Iraq

**Moderated by**  
**Maya Raydan**, Business Editor, Sky News Arabia FZ-LLC, United Arab Emirates
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**World Economic Brainstorming - Understanding Vulnerabilities, Enhancing Resilience**

Over the past few decades, shocks ranging from natural disasters to humanitarian crises have cascaded across countries, societies and industries, spreading faster and more unpredictably than ever before.

Business leaders, policy-makers, youth and experts will explore the region’s biggest risks, and consider how to strengthen resilience.

*Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic and English*

*This session is on the record.*

**Opening Remarks by**

Umayya Toukan, Minister of Finance of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

**Discussion Leaders**

Masood Ahmed, Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington DC

Stefanie Babst, Chief Strategic Policy Analyst to the Secretary-General and Chairman of the Military Committee, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels

Touria Benlafqih, Programme Director, Enactus, Morocco

Yvonne Chebib, Founder, V-Accelerate, United Arab Emirates

Charles Collyns, US Assistant Secretary for International Finance

Cristina Fonseca, Founder, Talkdesk, Portugal

Steven Fox, Managing Partner, Veracity Worldwide, USA

Victor Halberstadt, Professor of Economics, Leiden University, Netherlands; Global Agenda Council on Fiscal Sustainability

Samir Hulileh, Chief Executive Officer, Palestine Development & Investment - www.paldev.org

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**Special Address**

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**Introduced by**

Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman, World Economic Forum

**Special Address by**

Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian National Authority; Chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization Executive Committee
PADICO HOLDING, Palestinian Territories
Rasha Hussein, Consultant in Social Media Strategies, iConckr, Palestinian Territories
Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Member of European Parliament, Brussels; Young Global Leader Alumnus
Robert Makhoul, Chief Executive Officer, Middle East and Africa Region, Marsh (MMC), United Arab Emirates
Jaime Malet, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Telam International, Spain
Juan Gilberto Marin Quintero, President and Chief Executive Officer, Grupo Productos Internacionales Mabe SA de CV, Mexico
Christophe Nicolas, Senior Vice-President, Cyber Services and Technologies, Kudelski Group, Switzerland
William S. Reese, President and Chief Executive Officer, International Youth Foundation (IYF), USA
Curt Rhodes, Founder and International Director, Questscope, Jordan; Social Entrepreneur; Global Agenda Council on Youth Unemployment
Maryse Thomas, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Pokeware, USA
Sarah Leah Whitson, Executive Director, Middle East and North Africa Division, Human Rights Watch, USA

Facilitated by
Nabila Ramdani, Freelance Journalist, United Kingdom; Young Global Leader

Rapporteur
Rashid Khalikov, Director, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Geneva
**Advancing Growth and Resilience**

With regional growth expected to slow to 3.1% in 2013, how can leaders take decisive action towards advancing economic development and strengthening societal resilience in the Middle East and North Africa?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Investing in positive social outcomes
- Building competitiveness for the long term
- Withstanding political and economic shocks

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**Sharjah Community Lunch**

*Hosted by Sharjah Investment and Development Authority (SHUROOQ)*

The community lunch, served in the networking area, is an occasion for participants to meet informally.

**Partnerships for Economies in Transition**

How can international and regional stakeholders support new governments in achieving economic transitions that are fiscally and socially sustainable?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Advancing national reconciliation
- Depoliticizing funding for reform
- Encouraging smart investments

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**Participants**

- Jin-Yong Cai, Executive Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Washington DC; Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa
- Amr Darrag, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of Egypt
- Elyes Fakhfakh, Minister of Finance of Tunisia
- Samer S. Khoury, President, Engineering and Construction, Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC), Greece; Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa; Global Agenda Council on Infrastructure
- Mustafa Jassim Al Shamali, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Kuwait
- Joseph E. Stiglitz, Professor, Columbia University, USA

*Moderated by*

- Børge Brende, Managing Director and Member of the Managing Board, World Economic Forum
Scaling Start-Ups

How can governments and investors create an ecosystem that enables entrepreneurs in the region to scale up and generate more employment?

Session objectives:
- Mentor-mentee relationships
- Corporate entrepreneurship responsibility
- Healthy policies on cross-border expansion
- Optimal financing structures

Discussion Leaders
Ahmed El Alfi, Founder and Partner, Sawari Venture Partners, Egypt
Fadi Ghandour, Founder and Vice-Chairman, Aramex International, Jordan
May Habib, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Qordoba, United Arab Emirates; Global Agenda Council on Youth Unemployment
Nidal Mardi Al Katamine, Minister of Labour and Transport of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Hashim Shawa, Chairman and General Manager, Bank of Palestine, Palestinian Territories

Facilitated by
Habib Haddad, Chief Executive Officer, Wamda, United Arab Emirates; Young Global Leader; Global Agenda Council on Fostering Entrepreneurship

Rapporteur
Jay Cziraky, Member of the Board, Move One, United Arab Emirates; Global Agenda Council on Illicit Trade

Political Islam and Governance

In light of recent shifts in the region, what has been the impact of political Islam on governance?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Inclusive growth
- Private sector development
- Intercommunal relations
- Foreign policy implications

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Emad Abd El Ghafour, Presidential Assistant and Founder, Watan Party, Egypt
Sayed Ammar Al Hakim, Chairman, Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq
Oliver McTernan, Co-Founder and Director, Forward Thinking, United Kingdom
H. Cuneyd Zapsu, Chairman, Cuneyd Zapsu Danismanlik, Turkey

Moderated by
Malak Jaafar, News Presenter, Arabic TV, BBC World Service, United Kingdom

Food Security and Growth Resilience

Given that shortages of arable land and water are acute stressors on national growth resilience, what strategies are being implemented to achieve food security in the region?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Securing a sustainable food supply
- Developing agribusiness champions
- Leveraging other industries' best practices
- Enhancing agricultural productivity

Khalifa Ahmed Al Ali, Managing Director, Food Security Center, United Arab Emirates
Sir Mohammad Jaafar, Chairman and Managing Director, Kuwaiti Danish Dairy Company, Kuwait
Houssam Mahmoud, Chief Executive Officer, Al Dahra Agriculture, United Arab Emirates
Priyanka Mittal, Director, KRBL, India

Moderated by
Jean-Pierre Lehmann, Emeritus of International Political Economy, Institute for Management Development International (IMD), Switzerland; Global Agenda Council on Global Trade and FDI
Funding for Reform

In a time of transition and budgetary challenges, how can new governments manage financial resources to deliver the needs of their populations?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Securing public and business buy-in for reform
- Raising national funds
- Expanding private sector involvement
- Unlocking international financial assistance

Simultaneous interpretation in English and Japanese

Inger Andersen, Vice-President, Middle East and North Africa, World Bank, Washington DC
Elyes Fakhfakh, Minister of Finance of Tunisia
Kay Granger, Congresswoman from Texas (Republican), 12th District, USA
Ibrahim Safi, Minister of Planning, International Cooperation, Tourism and Antiquities of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Richard Shediac, Senior Vice-President, Booz & Company, United Arab Emirates; Global Agenda Council on Employment
Shunichi Suzuki, Parliamentary Senior Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Moderated by
William K. Spindle, Middle East Bureau Chief, Wall Street Journal, United Arab Emirates

Investing in Healthcare

With vast differences in cost and access across the region, what are the opportunities for investing in health and well-being for all?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Tapping into information technology
- Increasing effective health partnerships
- Scaling up preventive interventions

Mazen S. Darwazeh, Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Middle East and North Africa, Hikma Pharmaceuticals; Senator, Jordan
Rami Farraj, Chairman, Electronic Health Solutions, Jordan
Ronald de Jong, Executive Vice-President, Chief Market Leader and Member of the Executive Committee, Royal Philips, Netherlands
Alessandro Magnoli Bocchi, Chief Economist, Burgan Bank, Kuwait
Sandip Patel, President, Aetna International, Aetna, USA

Moderated by
Matthew McAllester, Senior Editor, Time Magazine, United Kingdom

Rapporteur
Fahmy Tarazi, Professor, Harvard Medical School, USA

Investing in SMEs for Employment

With small and medium-sized enterprises accounting for 80% of businesses and 30% of employment in the region, what is the business case for investing in them?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Developing a platform for private capital
- Providing loan guarantees and risk insurance
- Involving Islamic banking

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Jin-Yong Cai, Executive Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Washington DC; Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa
Marco Comastri, President and General Manager, Europe, Middle East and Africa, CA Technologies, Switzerland
Abdelouahed Souhail, Minister of Employment and Vocational Training of Morocco
Fathi Taher, Chief Executive Officer, Taher Invest, Jordan

Moderated by
Mohamad Al Ississ, Professor, Economics, AUC School of Business, Egypt; Global Agenda Council on the Arab World
Smart Solutions for Conflict Prevention

Young Global Leaders give short talks on smart ways to prevent conflict and advance reconciliation.

Learn about:
- A community-driven solution to border conflicts
- The use of fiction for conflict resolution
- The power of appreciation

**Discussion Leaders**

Mbarka Bouaida, Vice-President, International Parliamentary Forum for Democracy, Parliament of Morocco; Young Global Leader

Naif Al Mutawa, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, THE 99, Kuwait; Young Global Leader; Global Agenda Council on the Future of Media

Daniel Shapiro, Founder and Director, Harvard International Negotiation Program, Harvard University, USA; Young Global Leader; Global Agenda Council on Values

Creating a Dynamic Emerging Market

In light of strong international competition, how can the region increase its share of the 60% of global capital that is expected to flow into emerging markets this year?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Identifying growth sectors
- Strengthening policy implementation
- Managing a changing geopolitical landscape

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Charles Collyns, US Assistant Secretary for International Finance
Philippe de Fontaine Vive Curtaz, Vice-President, European Investment Bank (EIB), Luxembourg
Salem Ben Nasser Al Ismaily, Chairman, Public Authority for Investment Promotion and Exports Development (PAIPED), Oman
Martin Senn, Group Chief Executive Officer, Zurich Insurance Group, Switzerland; Co-Chair of the Governors for Financial Services Industry for 2013; Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa
Mehmet Simsek, Minister of Finance of Turkey

**Moderated by**

Yousef Gamal El-Din, Anchor and Presenter, CNBC, United Kingdom

Economies in Focus: Iraq

Ten years since its onset, how can the new Iraq deliver inclusive growth and development in light of favourable energy prices as well as the current political and security landscape?

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Wadie Habboush, President and Chief Executive Officer, Habboush Group, Iraq
Sayed Ammar Al Hakim, Chairman, Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq
Saleh Muhammed Al Mutlaq, Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq
Baker J. Al Zubaidy, Member of Parliament, Iraqi National Assembly; Minister of Finance of Iraq (2006-2010)

**Moderated by**

Suna S. Vidinli, Anchor, NTV, Turkey
The Foreign Policy Outlook

In the new regional context, how can leaders bolster security and enhance international cooperation?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Future alliances and fault lines
- Centres of regional leadership
- The role of the US, the EU and Turkey

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Nabil Elaraby, Secretary-General, League of Arab States, Cairo
Francis Maude, Minister for the Cabinet Office of the United Kingdom
John McCain, Senator from Arizona (Republican), USA
Robert Menendez, Senator from New Jersey (Democrat), USA
Amr Moussa, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States (2001-2011)

Chaired by
Mina Al-Oraibi, Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Asharq Al-Awsat Newspaper, United Kingdom; Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa; Young Global Leader; Global Agenda Council on the Arab World
In the News

Join a breakfast discussion with international media leaders to debate the headline issues of the day in business and politics of the Middle East and North Africa.

**Suleiman Khalidi**, Senior Correspondent, Thomson Reuters, Jordan
**Matthew McAllester**, Senior Editor, Time Magazine, United Kingdom
**Maya Raydan**, Business Editor, Sky News Arabia FZ LLC, United Arab Emirates
**William K. Spindle**, Middle East Bureau Chief, Wall Street Journal, United Arab Emirates

**Moderated by**
**Nabila Ramdani**, Freelance Journalist, United Kingdom; Young Global Leader

Towards Coexistence

In light of current regional transformations, how can leaders prevent interfaith and intercommunal relations from deteriorating?

Session objectives:
- Future of Sunni-Shia relations
- Secularism and political Islam
- Status of religious minorities

**Discussion Leaders**
**Yousif Al Abualqassim Al Khoei**, Director, Al-Khoei Foundation, United Kingdom
**Paolo Dall'Oglio**, Priest, Syriac Catholic Church, Iraq
**Wafa Ben Hassine**, Founder and Executive Director, LEAD Tunisia (Legal Education Advancement and Development), USA
**David Rosen**, Rabbi and International Director, Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee (AJC), Israel; Global Agenda Council on the Role of Faith

**Facilitated by**
**Daniel Shapiro**, Founder and Director, Harvard International Negotiation Program, Harvard University, USA; Young Global Leader; Global Agenda Council on Values

**Rapporteur**
**Hassan Mohiuddin**, President of the Supreme Council, Minhaj-ul-Quran International, Pakistan

The Anatomy of Entrepreneurial Success

What makes or breaks start-ups in the Middle East and North Africa?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Celebrating successes
- Navigating challenges of forming a company
- Financing ventures effectively
- Enabling managerial excellence

**Myrna Atalla**, Executive Director, Alfanar, United Kingdom
**Marwan M. Boodai**, Chief Executive Officer, Boodai Corporation, Kuwait
**Abdul Malik Al Jaber**, Chief Executive Officer, MENA Apps, Jordan; Global Agenda Council on the Arab World
**Arthur Nigel Pont**, Regional Director, Middle East, MercyCorps, Lebanon

**Moderated by**
**Sarah Mavrinac**, Founder, aidha, United Arab Emirates; Social Entrepreneur

**Rapporteur**
**Rasha Hussein**, Consultant in Social Media Strategies, iConckr, Palestinian Territories
# The Business Case for Gender Diversity

What are the business drivers for achieving more gender diversity in the workplace?

**Dimensions to be addressed:**
- Attracting the best workforce
- Enhancing organizational performance
- Improving access to target markets
- Fostering innovation and creativity

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Khalid Alkhudair, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Glowork, Saudi Arabia  
Imad Benmoussa, General Manager, Coca-Cola Middle East Region, United Arab Emirates  
H.H. Princess Ameerah Al Taweel, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, TimeAgency, Saudi Arabia  
Badr Jafar, Chief Executive Officer, Crescent Enterprises, United Arab Emirates; Young Global Leader  
Waleed Abd El Rahman, General Manager, Red Sea World, Egypt  
Omar K. Alghanim, Chief Executive Officer, Alghanim Industries, Kuwait; Young Global Leader  
Samer S. Khoury, President, Engineering and Construction, Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC), Greece; Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa; Global Agenda Council on Infrastructure  
Albert Momdjian, Head, Ultra High Net Worth and Corporate Advisory Group, Middle East and Africa; Managing Director, UBS, United Arab Emirates  
Mohamed Hisham Abbas Zaazou, Minister of Tourism of Egypt  
Hatem Hafez Al Halawani Al Tamimi, Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply; Minister of Information and Communication Technology of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan  
Taro Kono, Member of the House of Representatives, Japan  
Chérif Rahmani, Minister of Industry, SMEs and Investment Promotion of Algeria  
Tarek Sultan Al Essa, Chairman and Managing Director, Agility, Kuwait  
Jill Otto, Associate Investor, J.P. Morgan, USA; Young Global Leader; Global Agenda Council on Financing & Capital  |

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# Family Businesses as an Engine for Growth

With 80% of businesses in the region owned or controlled by families, how can these enterprises drive growth in the new regional context?

**Dimensions to be addressed:**
- Medium- and long-term societal impact  
- Values and vision transcending generations  
- Successful intergenerational transitions

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Samer S. Khoury, President, Engineering and Construction, Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC), Greece; Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa; Global Agenda Council on Infrastructure  
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# Unlocking the Growth Potential of Trade and Tourism

As the sources of external financing dwindle, how can business and government tap into trade and tourism as engines for growth in the region?

**Dimensions to be addressed:**
- Unlocking intra-regional supply chains  
- Strengthening regional investment protection  
- Enabling people mobility

**Moderated by**
Zeina Soufan, Senior Business Presenter, Dubai Media Incorporated, United Arab Emirates

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Tarek Sultan Al Essa, Chairman and Managing Director, Agility, Kuwait  |
A New Vision for Arab Employment

How can the region deliver decent and productive jobs in a timely and sustainable manner?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Scaling social innovation
- Unlocking institutional drivers
- Assessing the impact of global employment trends

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Introduced by
Rania Al Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, World Economic Forum Foundation Board Member

Majid Jafar, Chief Executive Officer, Crescent Petroleum, United Arab Emirates; Global Agenda Council on Youth Unemployment
Ellen Kullman, Chair of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, DuPont, USA
Mohammed H. Al Mady, Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), Saudi Arabia; Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa
Tarik M. Yousef, Chief Executive Officer, Silatech, Qatar; Global Agenda Council on the Arab World

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John K. Defterios, Anchor and Emerging Markets Editor, CNN International, United Arab Emirates; Global Agenda Council on the Arab World

Community Lunch

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Jordan Lunch

Participants are invited to the Jordan Lunch, organized by Capital Bank Group, to discuss strengthening Arab private sector engagement in the Iraqi economy, and Jordan's position as a gateway for exploring opportunities in Iraq across sectors:
- Country strategic outlook and competitiveness
- Investment in infrastructure to upgrade regional connectivity
- Financial services sector as the backbone of strong private engagement

Discussion Leaders
Azzam Alwash, Chairman, Nature Iraq, Iraq
Abdullah Abdulkarim Hamdan Ensour, Prime Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Bassem Al Salem, Chairman, Capital Bank, Jordan
Safeguarding Syria

How can stakeholders secure Syria’s future political, economic and social viability vis-à-vis developments on the ground?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Immediate humanitarian imperatives
- Diplomatic outlook
- Options for economic support

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Thomas Alexander Aleinikoff, Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR, Geneva
Paolo Dall’Oglio, Priest, Syriac Catholic Church, Iraq
Salman Shaikh, Director, Brookings Doha Center (BDC), Qatar
Sarah Leah Whitson, Executive Director, Middle East and North Africa Division, Human Rights Watch, USA

Discussion Leaders
Nisreen Haj Mohammed Shahin, Executive Director, Rawabi Foundation, Palestinian Territories; Young Global Leader
Yasar Jarrar, Partner, Bain & Company, United Arab Emirates; Young Global Leader; Global Agenda Council on the Future of Government
Alan Knott-Craig, Founder, Tribal Game Engineering, South Africa; Young Global Leader

New Ideas to Drive Positive Social Change

Young Global Leaders give short talks on driving positive social change.

Learn about:
- How women can change a society
- What governments can learn from private equity
- The power of anonymity

Discussion Leaders
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Yasar Jarrar, Partner, Bain & Company, United Arab Emirates; Young Global Leader; Global Agenda Council on the Future of Government
Alan Knott-Craig, Founder, Tribal Game Engineering, South Africa; Young Global Leader

Connecting 360 Million Consumers

As the region’s young consumers aspire for an increased access to goods and services, what are the infrastructure and technological requirements to cater to their needs?

Dimensions to be addressed:
- Fostering trade in a digital era
- Developing competitive regulatory ecosystems
- Increasing consumer engagement

Ali Abbasov, Minister of Communication and Information Technologies of Azerbaijan
Randa S. Ayoubi, Chief Executive Officer, Rubicon Group, Jordan
Aboulfeth Hamza, Chief Executive Officer, Genious Communications, Morocco
Gerald Lawless, President and Group Chief Executive Officer, Jumeirah Group, United Arab Emirates; Global Agenda Council on New Models of Travel & Tourism
Vincenzo Nesci, Executive Chairman, Djezzy, Algeria

Moderated by
Ahmed Shihab-Eldin, HuffPost Live Host/Producer, Middle East Correspondent, Huffington Post, USA

Rapporteur
Amine Chouaieb, Chief Executive Officer, CHIFCO Consultants, Tunisia
### Navigating Energy Subsidy Reform

With oil prices risking a slide in 2013 and energy subsidies remaining the highest in the world, how can the region institute reforms while balancing budgetary and social considerations?

**Dimensions to be addressed:**
- Maintaining support for industrial growth
- Minimizing price distortions
- Eliminating abuses of the system

**Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic and English**

**Speakers:**
- **Masood Ahmed**, Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington DC; Global Agenda Council on the Arab World
- **Andy Barrett**, Senior Adviser, IHS, United Kingdom
- **Rashid Saif Al Jarwan**, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Dana Gas, United Arab Emirates
- **Malek Kabariti**, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- **Usama Siala**, Minister of Communications and Informatics, General National Congress of Libya (GNC), Libya

**Moderated by**
- **Max Rodenbeck**, Middle East Bureau Chief, The Economist, Egypt

### The Role of the United States

How can the new US administration contribute to positive economic and social outcomes in the Middle East and North Africa?

**Dimensions to be addressed:**
- Supporting economies in transition
- Advancing regional security
- Deepening trade ties

**Speakers:**
- **Heidi Crebo-Rediker**, Chief Economist, US Department of State, USA; Global Agenda Council on the United States
- **Michele Dunne**, Director, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, Atlantic Council of the United States, USA
- **Saeb Erekat**, Head, Negotiations Department, PLO, Palestinian National Authority, Palestinian Territories
- **Amr Moussa**, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States (2001-2011)
- **Mina Al-Oraibi**, Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Asharq Al-Awsat Newspaper, United Kingdom; Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa; Young Global Leader; Global Agenda Council on the Arab World

**Moderated by**
- **Elizabeth G. Weymouth**, Senior Associate Editor, Washington Post, USA

### Shale Discoveries: Global Transformations, Regional Impact

How do global energy shifts affect the Middle East energy landscape?

**Dimensions to be addressed:**
- Shale gas revolution
- State development models
- Resource geopolitics

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**Speakers:**
- **Anas Alhajji**, Chief Economist, NGP Energy Capital Management, USA
- **Aldo Flores-Quiroga**, Secretary-General, International Energy Forum (IEF), Riyadh
- **Faisel Gergab**, Member of the Board, Libyan Investment Authority (LIA), Libya
- **Robert D. Kaplan**, Chief Geopolitical Analyst, Stratfor, USA

**Moderated by**
- **Nadine Hani**, Senior Presenter, Al Arabiya News Channel, United Arab Emirates
## Preparing for the Workforce of the Future

With the youth of today becoming the region’s working population in 2030, how should education systems and the private sector prepare the workforce of the future?

**Dimensions to be addressed:**
- Role of global academic institutions
- Partnerships between corporations and schools
- Opportunities for continuous learning

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- Luc Bachelerie, Managing Director, Adecco Middle East, United Arab Emirates
- Safwan Masri, Vice-President, Global Centers, Columbia University, USA
- Jamie McAuliffe, President and Chief Executive Officer, Education For Employment (EFE), USA; Social Entrepreneur; Global Agenda Council on Youth Unemployment
- José Manuel Salazar Xirinachs, Assistant Director-General for Policy, International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva; Global Agenda Council on Youth Unemployment
- Soraya Salti, Senior Vice-President, Middle East and North Africa, INJAZ Al-Arab - Junior Achievement Worldwide, Jordan; Young Global Leader; Global Agenda Council on Education & Skills

**Moderated by**
- Mohamed El Dahshan, Senior Research Fellow, Center for International Development, Harvard University, USA

**Rapporteur**
- Theodore H. Kattouf, President and Chief Executive Officer, AMIDEAST, USA

## Building Institutions’ Effectiveness

How can institutions in the Arab world better align with the growing aspirations and needs of its societies?

**Dimensions to be addressed:**
- Promoting the rule of law
- Fostering transparency and credibility
- Strengthening financial institutions

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- Niall Ferguson, Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History, Harvard University, USA; Global Agenda Council on New Economic Thinking
- Yasar Jarrar, Partner, Bain & Company, United Arab Emirates; Young Global Leader; Global Agenda Council on the Future of Government
- Sami Mahroum, Academic and Executive Director, Innovation and Policy Initiative, INSEAD, United Arab Emirates; Global Agenda Council on Education & Skills
- Mustapha Kamel Nabli, Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia (2011-2012); Global Agenda Council on the Arab World
- Fouad Siniora, Member of Parliament, Lebanon

**Moderated by**
- Robert Greenhill, Managing Director, Chief Business Officer and Member of the Managing Board, World Economic Forum

**Rapporteur**
- Michele Dunne, Director, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, Atlantic Council of the United States, USA

## Breaking the Impasse

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Remarks by
Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Closing Remarks by
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Farewell Reception