

Forum Program Day 1

Anchor: Dr. Elissar Sarrouh , CEO at Expert Consulting on Governance, Professor of Practice, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University		
8:30 AM	Registration and Networking	
9:30 AM	Opening Speech	Mrs. Habiba Al Mar'ashi President & CEO, Arabia CSR Network
Keynote Addresses		
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<p>Shaping our prospects with sustainable values</p> <p>Sustainability is the key to finding certainty in an uncertain future. Our future prospects should be shaped today by the sustainable values of tomorrow. These values, when transformed into concrete actions, will shape global sustainable development.</p> <p>This session will look at some of the most important values to take into consideration to create a world resilient to climate change and economic and political uncertainty. The main focus is the dynamic of creating social, economic and environmental policies that will foster shaping value-based future and shape societal behavior critical to transforming values to concrete action in the future.</p>	<p>Keynote Speaker 1</p> <p>» UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment (TBC)</p> <p>Keynote Speaker 2</p> <p>» H.E. Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer, MD & CEO Dubai Electricity & Water Authority</p> <p>Keynote Speaker 3</p> <p>» UNEP Regional Office for West Asia (UNEP/ROWA) (TBC)</p>
11:00 AM	Coffee Break	Networking and Poster Design Competition by University Students
Plenary session 1		
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	<p>Utilising the SDGs to Navigate Uncertain Times</p> <p>The global economy is moving along a slow track, with important implications for the MENA region. Given what potentially threatens to be a long term economic downturn, governments and businesses across the world will be keen to prevent a lasting global depression by accelerating innovation and competitiveness. This would entail ensuring food, water and energy on a planet where resources are already depressed and climate change risks (and opportunities) are considered as the new "normal" in the business environment.</p> <p>This session will look at the global economic scenario, local macroeconomic developments and the interplay of economic, environmental and social elements that shape our response to crisis and uncertainty.</p>	<p>Head of Session:</p> <p>» Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Midfa Vice Chair, Emirates Environmental Group</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>» Ms. Helle Bank Jorgensen, President - Global Compact Network - Canada</p> <p>» Dr. Nasser Saidi, Chairman, Clean Energy Business Council MENA</p> <p>» Ms. Sumana Sarkar, Head, Sustainability & Corporate Responsibility, Ericsson Middle East & Africa</p>
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch Break	
Plenary Session 2		
1:45 PM - 3:15 PM	<p>Renewable Energy – Fueling Sustainability</p> <p>Non renewable energy resources, like coal, nuclear, oil, and natural gas, are available in limited supplies while Renewable resources like solar, wind, water (hydro), biomass, and geothermal are replenished naturally and over relatively short periods of time.</p> <p>This session will look at the Energy dilemma and finding the right balance in the energy mix that facilitates the imperative transition to more renewable energy.</p>	<p>Head of Session:</p> <p>» Karin Ireton, Independent advisor, Sustainability matters</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>» Saeed Al Abbar, Chairman, EGBC</p> <p>» Ali Al Jassim, CEO, Etihad ESCO</p> <p>» Myriem Touhami, Programme Manager, UNEP – Morocco</p> <p>» Mr. Bikram Vohra, Media Advisor</p>
3:15 - 3:30 PM	Concluding remark	Dr. Elissar Sarrouh
3:30 - 4:00 PM	Concert	



Forum Program Day 2

Anchor: Dr. Elissar Sarrouh , CEO at Expert Consulting on Governance, Professor of Practice, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University		
8:30 AM	Registration and Networking	
9:30 AM	Recap Speech	Dr. Elissar Sarrouh
Keynote Addresses		
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<p>Innovation and Investment: Where do we go from here?</p> <p>The foundations of a sustainable future have already been laid down in the past few decades. However humanity is still grappling with the uncertainty of an unknown future, not only because of present challenges but also because of future opportunities and imminent radical transformations through disruptive technology and innovation. How does the nexus of innovation and investment support social change and economic inclusiveness and how could it all lead us to the desired goal of sustainable development?</p> <p>This session will look at how to ensure that investments are driving technological advancements towards the desired outcomes.</p>	<p>Keynote Speaker 1</p> <p>» Dr. Henrik O Madsen, Board Member of UNGC Foundation</p> <p>Keynote Speaker 2</p> <p>» Ma'aden (Name to be provided)</p> <p>Keynote Speaker 3</p> <p>H.E. Saif Humaid Al Falasi, Group CEO, Emirates National Oil Company</p>
11:00 AM	Coffee Break	Networking and Poster Design Competition by University Students
Plenary session 1		
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	<p>Sustainable Development Through Industry 4.0</p> <p>Organisations often find it challenging to identify and integrate the latest innovative technologies that will help them bring forward the most sustainable value chain. It is deemed even harder to measure the social and environmental impacts of adopting such technologies or innovation in processes. Regardless of the size, companies need to create frameworks that enable the adoption of innovation that brings sustainable economic, environmental and social benefits to their value chain.</p> <p>This session will look at how organisations can address and manage the integration of industry 4.0 while addressing, managing and ensuring positive social and environmental impacts in their value chain.</p>	<p>Head of Session:</p> <p>» Mr. Nandkumar Vadakepath, Head of Department - Sustainability Operations, DNV-GL</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>» Dr. Waddah Ghanem, Senior Director, Sustainability, Operations & Business Excellence, ENOC</p> <p>» Mr. Sunil John, Founder and CEO, ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller and President – Middle East, Burson Cohn & Wolfe</p> <p>» Dr. Yousif Assaf, President, Rochester Institute of Technology</p>
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch Break	
1:45 PM - 2:15 PM	Poster Design Competition	Announcing the Winners - Ms. Hanan Abbas
Plenary Session 2		
2:15 - 3:45 PM	<p>What are investors looking for when it comes to sustainability?</p> <p>Investment firms, asset managers and banks are embracing corporate social responsibility and embedding sustainable practices, both within their own organisations and into their investing decisions. If investors can influence organisations away from short termism and profit maximisation, we will be successful in shifting to sustainable economic growth in the future. These concerns call for government support for, and to, investment in green growth measures, energy efficiency and clean environment low-carbon technologies.</p> <p>This session will explore ideas, views and insights on what the investment community is looking for, with regard to sustainability</p>	<p>Head of Session:</p> <p>» Dr. Elissar Sarrouh</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>» Marcello Palazzi, Co-founder, B Lab Europe and Founder President, Progressio Foundation</p> <p>» Karin Ireton, Independent advisor, Sustainability matters</p> <p>» Dr. Gracia Ugut, Executive Director, Lippo Education Initiative</p>
3:45 - 4:00 PM	Closing remark	Dr. Elissar Sarrouh
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Arabia CSR Awards Gala Dinner (*Seperate Agenda Available)	