# DAY 1 - TUESDAY 23

08:00 REGISTRATION

**PLENARY** 

09:00 ACHIEVING: LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN

MC:

Khalid Al Ameri Emirati writer and columnist, UAE

09:05 OPENING WELCOME SPEECH

Clara Gaymard, President, Women's Forum for the Economy & Society, France

**09:15** THE TURNING POINT

There is a crucial turning point in every career, a "breakthrough" moment that determines not only what you do but who you are. These speakers provide an inspirational opening for Women's Forum Dubai. Because as different as each story may be, we can all recognise that moment that changes everything.

Comm. Margrethe Vestager

European Commissioner for

Competition, European Union

Emma Bonino

**MODERATOR:** 

Rym Tina Ghazal

Senior Features writer and columnist,

The National Newspaper, UAE

former Minister of

Foreign Affairs, Italy

SPEAKERS:

H.E. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim (GCSK, CSK, PhD, DSc), President of the Republic of Mauritius

H.E. Reem Al Hashimy
Minister of State for International Cooperation
and Director General, Expo 2020 Dubai Bureau, UAE

MODERATOR:

Becky Anderson Managing Editor and Anchor, CNN

10:15 - 10:30 BREAK

**DISCOVERY** 

10:30 GENDER MATTERS FOR ENERGY

NERGY HUB

Find out how women are involved as designers and end-users in practical innovations for realizing household energy savings.

SPEAKERS:

Khawla Al Muhairi Vice President, Marketing & Corporate Communications,

Vice President, Marketing & Corporate Communication
Dubai Electricity & Water Authority, UAE

Laure Alazet

New Business Energy South Asia, Middle East & Africa, Engie and Board member, Clean Energy Business Council, UAE **DISCOVERY** 

10:30 WORK-LIFE BALANCE: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

ENTREPRENEURSHIP HUB

Meet the Cartier Women's Initiative Awards participants from the MENA region, entrepreneurs who will discuss the challenges of running a business and caring for a family, and the opportunities for succeeding at both.

SPEAKERS:

Mouna Abbassy

Founder and Managing Director, Izil Beauty and laureate of the 2015 Cartier Women's Initiative Awards, UAE

Zein Shiyyab

Business Process Manager, Trust Holding, and finalist of the 2011 Cartier Women's Initiative Awards. Jordan

MODERATOR:

Neveen El Tahri

Chairperson and Managing Director, Delta Shield for Investment and member of Cartier Women's Initiative Awards Jury, Egypt Rama Kayyali Jardaneh

Founder and Managing Partner, Little Thinking Minds and finalist of the 2014 Cartier Women's Initiative Awards, Jordan

Nermin Sa'd

Senior Mechanical Engineer & Founder, Handasiyat.net, 2012 Cartier Women's Initiative Awards Finalist. Jordan

TWITTER PRESENTS #POSITIONOFSTRENGTH

WOMEN IN MEDIA HUB

Twitter hosts workshops and training sessions tailored for women in the MENA region, and introduces #PositionOfStrength, a worldwide movement to engage and empower women online.

SPEAKERS:

Frederique Covington-Corbett Kira O'Connor

International Marketing Director, EMEA Safety Outreach, Twitter, Ireland

Twitter, Singapore

MOTHERS, THE ULTIMATE SHADOW TEACHERS

SOCIAL IMPACT HUB

Presenting BabNoor, the first Arabic cloud-based app enabling easy and effective communication for children with autism. This session highlights BabNoor's positive impact on families.

SPEAKER:

Shadi Al-Hassan

Flagship Projects Managing Director and Founder, BabNoor app, UAE

ACHIEVING MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS IN THE BOARDROOM

WOMEN ON BOARDS HUB

Boardroom success depends on how well you understand board obligations and possibilities, but also on how well you understand yourself. Self-knowledge, coupled with the flexibility to change the way you act, is absolutely essential for maximum effectiveness in a board position.

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Ashraf Gamal El Din

CEO, Hawkamah, UAE

Laura Hwang

Representative, Government of Singapore, ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC), Singapore Mette Laursen

Founder, LinKS, Denmark

Ayesha Sultan

Board member TECOM Group, Independent Non Executive Director, Chairman of Audit and Risk Committee, Vice Chairman of Executive Human Capital Committee, UAE

## **DISCOVERY**

## 10:30 MI

## MEET WITH RISING TALENTS FROM THE GCC

#### RISING TALENTS HUB

#### SPEAKERS:

Sarah Amiri

Head of Council of UAE Scientists and Science Lead of Emirates Mars Mission, Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre,

Aisha Harib Social Entrepreneur, SOCIAL BANDAGE, Amani S. Shajera

Head of Studies and Research Department, Women Information Centre, Supreme Council for Women, Kingdom of Bahrain

## MODERATOR:

Mary Fitzgerald Journalist and Analyst, and Women's Forum Rising Talents alumnus, Ireland

## MARS EXPLORATION MISSION WORKSHOP

#### WOMEN AND SCIENCE HUB

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#### SPEAKERS:

Marvam R. AlShamsi

Engineer, Space Science, Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre, UAE Amal Amin

Senior Payload Engineer,

Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre, UAE

## MEET WITH...JASON VALE

#### HAPPINESS HUB

Jason Vale, aka 'Juice Master', is an author, motivational speaker and lifestyle coach. He works to empower people to change their health and life by realizing the nutritional benefits of raw fruit and vegetable juices.

### SPEAKER:

Jason Vale

Author of Juice Master, UK

## 09:00 - 13:00

## AIRBUS LITTLE ENGINEER WORKSHOP

#### WOMEN AND SCIENCE HUB

(Closed Session)

## 11:15 - 11:30

BREAK

# **PLENARY**

## 11:30

## OFFICIAL OPENING SPEECHES

Welcome and acknowledgment speech on behalf of host country

### **KEYNOTES:**

#### H.M. QUEEN RANIA AL ABDULLAH

of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

#### H.H. SHEIKH ABDULLAH BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, UAE

# **PLENARY**

## 11:45 OPENING KEYNOTE PANEL: IN CONVERSATION WITH

#### SPEAKER:

# MODERATOR: OLIVIER FLEUROT

MODERATOR:

John Defterios

Emerging Markets Editor, CNN

#### THE HON, CHRISTINE LAGARDE

Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF) Senior Vice President and Member of P12, Publicis Groupe, France

## 12:45 - 13:45 LUNCH BREAK

## 12:45 CEO CHAMPIONS (PRIVATE SESSION)

The CEO Champions initiative serves as a platform for global leaders to gather to establish new and innovative ways to drive the corporate empowerment and advancement of women in the public and private sectors. At Global Women's Forum Dubai in 2016, CEOs, senior executives and gender diversity experts in the private and public sectors are gathering together at the first-ever CEO Champions initiative in the MENA region.

## 13:45 VOICES FROM THE GULF

While women in the Middle East share many similarities with their counterparts in other regions, they are frequently the subjects of misperceptions throughout the world. This session aims to look beyond some of the most common stereotypes and focus on the real-life achievements of and challenges for women in this region.

#### SPEAKERS:

H.E. Dr. Hissa Al-Otaiba UAE Ambassador to Spain

#### Dr. Basmah Omair

CEO, Alsayedah Khadijah Bint Khawilid Center, Jeddah Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

### Ahmed Al-Mukhaini

Chairperson,
SASLO Legal Training Center,
Sultanate of Oman

## 14:45 - 15:00 BREAK

## 15:00 INNOVATIVE THINKING FOR TOMORROW'S CITIES

Urban centres around the world are grappling with how to optimize legacy infrastructure – education, transport, culture, safety, healthcare, housing policies – with women and girls in mind. What if we were to leap forward and re-think our cities not only to incorporate women's perspectives but to deploy the genius of women for the benefit of all?

## SPEAKERS:

#### Valérie Pécresse

President, Ile-de-France Region, and former Minister, France

#### Anja Wyden Guelpa

Chancellor of State, Republic and Canton of Geneva, Switzerland

#### MODERATOR:

Ulysse Gosset Foreign Affairs Columnist, BFM TV, France

Pascal Sourisse Senior Executive VP International Development. Thales, France

# Prof. Yoko Ishikura Professor Emeritus, Hitotsubashi University. Japan

# Omran Sharaf Emirates Mars Mission Project Manager

Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Center

16:00 - 16:15 BREAK

**DISCOVERY** 

## 16:15 OPEN INNOVATION. A LEAP IN MEDICAL ADVANCES

#### SOCIAL IMPACT HUB

Medical innovation has always been behind closed doors with experiments, research and development done in secrecy for patents, intellectual property and pharmaceutical competitive advantages. What if all these development are made transparent from day one? And not just open-source, but we invite the world to participate in the actual contribution. We believe medicine, healing and curing are intellectual properties that belong to the world.

#### SPEAKER:

Dr. Hong Sheng Chiong Founder and CIO, OphtalmicDocs, New Zealand

## YOUR VOICE IS YOUR MESSAGE

## WOMEN IN MEDIA HUB

We own the most powerful tool of communication that is our voice, and it is taken for granted. A conscious use of the voice is creating conscious sounds that touch, awake and support words that are truly listened to.

#### SPEAKER:

Noura Sadaka

Leadership Coach and Voiceover Artist, UAE

## STAY FOCUSED, STAY HEALTHY

## HAPPINESS HUB

Seema Shetty has built a career – and a business empire – by providing healthy solutions for eating and living well. She shares some of the secrets she has learned on the job and from her father and mentor, Dr. B.R. Shetty.

#### SPEAKER:

Seema Shetty VP of Corporate Excellence, NMC Healthcare, UAE

# **AGORA**

# 16:15 PRESERVATION OF CULTURE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS (EAST AGORA)

#### ART AND CULTURE HUB

This session will explore innovations in the field of art conservation that have enabled museums to deploy new technologies to preserve the aspects of art and cultural heritage that are the building blocks of a society.

## SPEAKERS:

Catherine Pégard President, Public Establishment of the Palace, the Museum and the Estate of Versailles, France

Dr. Rafia Ghubash Founder of The Women's Museum, UAE

## MODERATOR:

Dr. Lamees Hamdan Founder, Shiffa, UAE

## **WOMEN MATTER IN SCIENCE (WEST AGORA)**

## WOMEN AND SCIENCE HUB

#### SPEAKERS:

Dr. Habiba Bouhamed-Chaabouni
Professor and Chief Department,
Medical School - Laboratory Of Human Genetics, Tunisia

H.E. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim (GCSK, CSK, PhD, DSc), President of the Republic of Mauritius

### MODERATOR:

Dr. Robert Sebbag Vice President Access to Medicines, Sanofi, France

# 19:30 GALA DINNER (BY INVITATION ONLY) CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE CARTIER WOMEN'S INITIATIVE AWARDS

### HOSTED BY:

Cyrille Vigneron
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Cartier International, Switzerland

## IN THE PRESENCE OF:

The Hon. Christine Lagarde Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

# DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 24

REGISTRATION 08:00

09:00 **EMBARK ON A JOURNEY: CREATING, ENERGIZING & SUSTAINING** 

MC:

Khalid Al-Ameri

Emirati writer and columnist, UAE

**PLENARY** 

80 IS THE NEW 50 09:05

> Research indicates we will continue to live longer. The life expectancy of women has risen even faster than that of men. But does living longer mean living better? One renowned expert will challenge what we take for granted about our allotted time on the planet, and share how we can disrupt and reinvent the basics so we may adapt to our future. Because sooner than you think, 80 will be the new 50!

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Mehmet C. Oz Host of 'The Dr. Oz Show'

and Vice-Chair and Professor of Surgery at Columbia University, USA

10:20 - 10:45 **BREAK** 

10:45

**DISCOVERY** 

**SMART HOMES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS** 

**ENERGY HUB** 

Why should we want a smart home? What role can governments and utilities play in helping our homes become smarter? What's in it for women?

SPEAKERS:

Eng. Amal Koshak

Senior Manager Marketing Communications, Dubai Electricity & Water Authority, UAE

Managing Director ABB Oman & ABB Bahrain,

Sultanate of Oman

I AM BECAUSE I TWEET

WOMEN IN MEDIA HUB

Twitter has developed into a powerful platform for showcasing the talents and achievements of Arab women for a wider international audience. This workshop aims to identify ways to eliminate stereotypes for a truer picture Arab woman.

SPEAKERS:

Heba Al Samt

Fida Chaaban

Director of Digital, Dubai Channel Network,

Editor-in-Chief, Sail Magazine, UAE

Founder and President of Social Media Club, UAE

Kinda Ibrahim

Iman Ben Chaibah

Editor-in-Chief, Entrepreneur Middle East, UAE

Director of Media Partnerships MENA, Twitter, UAE

**ACTIVATION BY DMI SPEED NETWORKING (Bring your business card)** 

**DISCOVERY** 

**AGORA** 

10:45 TALENT OF WOMEN, SPIRIT OF CHANGE

RISING TALENTS HUB

SPEAKER:

MODERATOR:

Hana Al Rostamani

Mary Fitzgerald Head of Consumer Banking Group,

First Gulf Bank, UAF

Journalist and Analyst, and Women's Forum Rising Talents alumnus, Ireland

THE HAUTE COUTURE OF PERFUME

MAISON GUERLAIN

Discover the art and process behind the creation of a bespoke Guerlain perfume. As in the creation of an Haute Couture dress, a Guerlain specialist has to gauge every facet of the character of the person precise and detailed for perfection.

SPEAKER:

Sylvaine Delacourte

Fragrance Evaluation and Development Director,

Guerlain-Paris, France

AIRBUS LITTLE ENGINEER WORKSHOP 09:00 - 13:00

WOMEN AND SCIENCE HUB

(Closed Session)

THE CARTIER WOMEN'S INITIATIVE AWARDS: 10 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENTS 10:45 (EAST AGORA)

ENTREPRENEURSHIP HUB

2016 marks the 10th anniversary of the Cartier Women's Initiative Awards, supporting creative women finding solutions for the future. Entrepreneurs from the MENA region will participate in interactive sessions, and an INSEAD assessment study will show key results of the Awards over the last decade.

SPEAKERS:

Christine Borgoltz

External Relations and Events Director,

INSEAD, France Cartier International, France

Zein Shiyyab Business Process Manager,

Trust Holding, and finalist of the 2011 Cartier Women's Initiative Awards, Jordan

Founder, Little Engineer, and laureate of the 2011 Cartier Women's Initiative Awards,

Lebanon

Hans Wahl

Rana El Chemaitelly Hanan Saab

Director Social Entrepreneurship Programme (ISEP),

Founder and Managing Director, Pharmamed, and member of Cartier Women's Initiative Awards Jury,

Lebanon

MODERATOR:

Henry Bonsu

Broadcaster. Conference Host and Analyst, BBC News, UK

INNOVATIVE PERSPECTIVES WOMEN BRING TO BOARDROOM (WEST AGORA)

Prof. Yoko Ishikura will share her experience of serving on boards of Japanese. US and UK companies and significance of bringing different and innovative perspectives.

SPEAKER:

Prof. Yoko Ishikura

Professor Emeritus, Hitotsubashi University, Japan

11:30 - 11:45 BREAK

**DISCOVERY** 

## 11:45 CREATING YOUR OWN TEAM

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP HUB

What makes a 'dream team'? How do geography, language and culture affect interactions between team members? Come listen to how entrepreneurs – Cartier Women's Initiative Awards participants from the MENA region – rise to the challenge of finding the right team to support their business.

#### SPEAKERS:

#### Mirna Hamady

Co-founder, Kashida and finalist of the 2013 Cartier Women's Initiative Awards, Lebanon

#### Sarah Hawilo

Co-founder, serVme and finalist of the 2015 Cartier Women's Initiative Awards, Lebanon

#### Rama Kayyali Jardaneh

Founder and Managing Partner, Little Thinking Minds and finalist of the 2014 Cartier Women's Initiative Awards, Jordan

#### MODERATOR:

#### Meisa Batayneh

Founder and Principal Architect,

Maisam Architects and Engineers and member of the Cartier

## EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SOCIAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT (SROI)

### SOCIAL IMPACT HUB

Presenting the change in corporate mindset about giving back to society and how communities can empower women through innovative concepts such as Social Return on Investment.

#### SPEAKER:

#### Hana Alawai

Senior Social Investment Advisor, Sustainable Square, UAE

## THE FUTURE OF DREAMING AND THE CREATIVE BRAIN

#### ART AND CULTURE HUB

Imagine if you could unlock the creativity hidden deep inside your brain - a small thought that could grow into the next big idea. Hunter Lee Soik, the founder of 'Shadow' the world's largest dream database explains how a small idea has turned into a big movement and unlocked a new creative process while sleeping.

#### SPEAKER:

Hunter Lee Soik Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Shadow, USA **DISCOVERY** 

**AGORA** 

## 11:45 MEETING WITH RISING TALENTS FROM THE GCC

#### RISING TALENTS HUB

## SPEAKERS:

Sarah Al Agroobi Graphic Designer and Artist,

Iman Ben Chaibah

Editor-in-Chief, SAIL MAGAZINE,

MODERATOR:

Mary Fitzgerald

Journalist and Analyst,

and Women's Forum Rising Talents Alumnus. Ireland

## MENTORING FOR WOMEN, A WORKSHOP BY REACH

## WOMEN ON BOARDS HUB

Conducted by six mentorship experts and board members, this one to one workshop is an opportunity to meet experienced women willing to share their knowledge in the field of mentorship and offering you the right tips on ensuring the alignment of your objectives and expectations

Raha Moharrak

Art Director and Climber.

Hind Seddiqi
Vice-President Marketing,

UAE

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Ahmed Seffigi & Sons,

# 11:45 ROLE OF JOURNALISTS IN CHANGING PERCEPTIONS: MEET WITH...BECKY ANDERSON (WEST AGORA)

## WOMEN IN MEDIA HUB

As the narrators of world news and public information, journalists play a crucial role in the construction of public opinion and its relationship to cultural perceptions. This session explores the responsibility of journalists in sharing a balanced view of the diversity in the Middle East, which includes ample stories of empowered Arab women, their many achievements and invaluable contributions on a societal, local and global level.

## SPEAKER:

#### Becky Anderson

Managing Editor and Anchor, CNN, UAE

## MODERATOR:

Khalid Al-Ameri
Emirati writer and columnist, UAE

## IN CONVERSATION WITH SARAH AMIRI (EAST AGORA)

## WOMEN AND SCIENCE HUB

As the Mohamed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) works to develop the Arab world's first mission to another planet, Sarah Amiri, the first engineer to join the Hope Mars Mission team, discusses her work in the aerospace sector, the opportunities she found, and the challenges she faced and

## SPEAKER:

## Sarah Amiri

Head of Council of UAE Scientists and Science Lead of Emirates Mars Mission, Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre, UAE

## MODERATOR:

Ibrahim Hamza Al-Qasim Manager, Strategic Research Section, Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre, UAE

## 12:30 - 13:15 LUNCH BREAK

# **PLENARY**

## 13:15 KEYNOTE VIDEO ADDRESS

#### SPEAKER:

H.E. Michelle Bachelet President of Chile **PLENARY** 

13:30 GIVING BACK KEYNOTE

SPEAKER:

MODERATOR:

H.E. Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi Minister of State for Tolerance and President of Zayed University, UAE Henry Bonsu Broadcaster, Conference Host and Analyst, BBC News, UK

14:00 - 14:15 BREAK

**DISCOVERY** 

14:15 YOUR PATH INTO THE BOARDROOM

WOMEN ON BOARDS HUB

Boards are actively seeking qualified women to diversify their decision-making, to bring fresh perspectives, and to improve business results. Learn how you can take advantage of this opportunity, and build a personal roadmap and action plan for effective board service.

SPEAKERS:

MODERATOR:

Elin Hurvenes Founder and Chair, Professional Boards Forum, Norway Mette Laursen Founder, LinKS, Denmark LeAnne Graves Energy Correspondent, The National Newspaper, UAE

**EQUALITY MEANS BUSINESS** 

SOCIAL IMPACT HUB

In 2004, the UN Global Compact in collaboration with UN Women launched the first global corporate code of conduct focused exclusively on empowering, advancing and investing in women worldwide, Women's Empowerment Principles (WEP). UAE based companies are now launching a local WEPs network to underscore the importance that all business stand to benefit from greater equality for women.

SPEAKERS:

H.E. Martine Pinville
Minister of State for Commerce,
Small Scale Industry, Consumer Affairs
and The Social & Solidarity Economy
of the French Government, France

Vicole Malick

Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, NRS International, UAE

MARS EXPLORATION MISSION WORKSHOP

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SPEAKERS:

Maryam R. AlShamsi Engineer Space Science, Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre, UAE Amal Amin

Senior Payload Engineer,

Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre, UAE

**EMBODIED PRESENCE** 

WOMEN IN MEDIA HUB

Presence is tangible, concrete and integrated. It is not left to chance, good day or luck. It can be sensed and learned, and when we acquire the embodied feeling of presence, we can keep on sustaining it with the simple act of attention.

SPEAKER:

Noura Sadaka

Leadership Coach and Voiceover Artist, UAE

DISCOVERY

14:15 ENHANCE YOUR ENERGY POTENTIAL

ENERGY HUB

An introduction to understanding auras and chakras and how optimizing this energy can positively influence the functioning and enhancement of our physical, mental and emotional well-being.

SPEAKERS:

Irina Khanna

Spiritual Psychologist and Integrated Therapist, UAE

14:15 - 16:15 DRAW TO INNOVATE

ART AND CULTURE HUB

Learn how to use simple drawing techniques and info graphics to support innovation and creativity at work. This workshop will be a mix of theory and practice and focus on how to make it simple to implement at work.

SPEAKER:

Maja Rottboell

Graphic facilitator, Denmark

15:00 - 15:30 BREAK

PLENARY

15:30 CREATING LASTING SOCIAL IMPACT

Philanthropy and social entrepreneurship are yielding new approaches to social impact, and serving up new models for making change. Meet some of the new change-makers and hear what drives them and what they aim to achieve.

SPEAKERS:

Tariq Al Gurg Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Cares, UAE Manal Omran Taryam Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Noor Foundation, UAE

Hong Sheng Chiong
Founder & CIO,
OphtalmicDocs, New Zealand

Monique Villa Chief Executive Officer, Thomson Reuters Foundation

MODERATOR:

Khalid Al-Ameri

Emirati writer and columnist, UAE

16:30 CLOSING SPEECHES

SPEAKERS:

Shamsa Saleh Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Women Establishment, UAE Jacqueline Franjou
Chief Executive Officer,

Women's Forum for Economy & Society, France

19:30 CULTURAL DINNER

BY INVITATION ONLY