



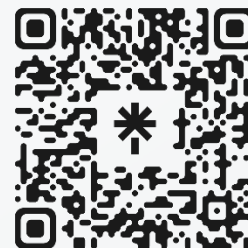
Under the patronage of HRH Prince Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa

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6th World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum: “Achieving the SDGs through Empowering Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Mobilizing Capital for Resilient Communities”

February 10 and 11 at the Exhibition World Bahrain – Sakheer

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Tuesday February 10th, 2026

Masters of Ceremony: Ms. Yasmeen Yusuf and Ms. Julnar Albitar, TV Presenter

10:00 – 10:10 Welcome remarks

- Dr. Hashim Hussein, Head, UNIDO ITPO Bahrain
- Dr. Khaled Hanafy, Secretary General Union of Arab Chambers
- Statement by Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General United Nations (delivered by Mr. Khaled El Mekwad, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bahrain)

10:10 – 10:15 WEIF Film

Keynote Speeches

10:15 – 10:20 HE Mr. Gerd Muller, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

10:20 – 10:25 HE Dr. Ahmed Abu El Gheit Secretary General, League of Arab States

10:25 – 10:30 HE Mr. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Bahrain

10:30 – 10:35 *Melodies of Innovation, Voices of Progress, by Yad oud*

10:35 – 10:40 Pause – Setting the stage

10:40 – 11:00 Signing Joint Declarations

- UNIDO and Ministry of Industry and Commerce
- UNIDO and Regional Network for Social Responsibility



11:00 – 11:45 High Level Plenary: Igniting Innovation, Empowering Entrepreneurs, and Driving Global Impact

Keynote: HE Mr. Gerd Muller, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Moderated by Ms. Zeinab Badawi

- Ms. Kate Robertson, Co-Founder and CEO One Young World
- Ms. Ibukun Awosika, Chairperson International Women Entrepreneurial Challenge (IWEC) Foundation
- HE Shaikh Ebrahim Al Khalifa, Chairman Board of Trustees, International Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation and Chairman Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions
- Dr. Khaled Hanafy, Secretary General, Union of Arab Chambers

11:45 – 12:00 Networking Break

12:00 – 13:00 Meeting Room 17: League of Arab States Side Event “Inclusive Growth: Aligning Social Protection with Entrepreneurship and Innovation Mechanisms.”

12:00 – 15:00 Meeting Room 18 Side event: The 3rd International Forum for Social Entrepreneurship 2026 (Tajseer – Building Bridges)

12:00 – 13:00 **Panel 1: Islamic Finance and Banking for Sustainable Development: Financing Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Resilient Economies**

Moderator: Reem Badran Chairperson, Jordan Partners

- HE Dr. Obaid Saif Hamad Al Zaabi, Chairman of the Board of the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development
- Ms. Sabah Almoayyed, Chairman Al Baraka Islamic Bank
- Mr. Omar Mustafa Ansari, Secretary General Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions
- Ms. Umaima Al Ghadani, Investments Manager, Sharakah Oman



13:00 – 13:45 **Light Lunch Break**

13:45 – 15:00 **Panel 2: Women-Led Innovation: Scaling Impact Across Borders**

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Hoda Galal Yassa, President of the Arab Women Investors Union

Moderator: Ms. Anna Dorangricchia, Programme Manager on Gender Equality, Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat

1. H.E. Aisha Mohammed Al Mulla, Chairwoman of the Emirates Businesswomen Council
2. Ms. Pamela D. Pascual, Chairman and CEO, World Trade Center Metro Manila
3. Mrs. Pramila Acharya Rijal, Founder and President of the South Asian Women Development Forum (SAWDF), Nepal
4. Ms. Meriem Chehah, Chairwoman and Founder, Algerian Women Foundation
5. Ms. Brigitte Sardo, President CONFAPID national group of women entrepreneurs Confapi and CEO of Sargomma Srl
6. Ms. Afnan Al Zayani, Founder MENA Businesswomen Network

19:30 – 21:00 **Gala Dinner, Ritz Carlton Hotel**



Wednesday February 11th, 2026

10:00 – 10:10 “The Export Bahrain Blueprint: The Bridge & The Engine”, by Ms. Rabab Khalaf, Head of Planning & Market Intelligence at Export Bahrain

10:10 – 11:10 Panel 3: Building Resilient Ecosystems for Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Linking Ideas, Social Protection, and Economic Infrastructure

Moderator: Dr. Hashim Hussein, Head UNIDO ITPO Bahrain

- Ms. Dalal Al Qais, Group Chief Executive Officer, Bahrain Development Bank
- Mr. Taha Ayhan, President Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum
- Dr Ashish Mohan, Executive Director - Technology, R&D, Innovation and Design, Confederation of Indian Industry
- Ms. Douja Gharbi, CEO Red Start, Tunisia

11:10 – 12:10 Panel 4: Innovation at the Source: Empowering Entrepreneurship Education, Research, and Capacity Building

Keynote: Professor Tshilidzi Marwala, Rector of the United Nations University (recorded statement)

Moderator Dr. Sara Al Gazzar, Senior Economic Advisor at the Union, Dean of the College of International Transport and Logistics, Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport

- Dr. Amir Reza, Dean of Global Education at Babson
- Prof. Riyad Hamzah, President, Royal University for Women
- Dr. Abdelgadir Mohamed Ahmed Abdalla, Professor and Associate Dean at Lusail University
- Dr Yianni Doumenis, SFHEA, Associate Professor, Finance and Risk Management, The Claude Littner Business School, University of West London
- Ms. Fadwa Suleiman Hussein, Director General, Suleiman Hussein Academy
- Mr. Mohamed Al-Faris, Advisor - Arabian Gulf University Center for Consultancies and Training



12:10 – 12:20 UNIDO WTCA Global Call 2026 on Blue Economy: Mobilizing High-Impact Solutions for the Future of the Blue Economy”

12:30 – 13:30 Panel 5: Tri-Economy Advantage: Leveraging Green, Blue, and Orange Innovation for Sustainable Growth

Keynote: HE Dr. Terry Tamminen, President Alta Sea (recorded statement)

Moderator: Afif Barhoumi, Investment Promotion Expert, UNIDO ITPO Bahrain

- Mr. Paolo Montemurro, co-founder and Director of Materahub
- Professor Ibrahim al Dukheri, Secretary General Arab Organization for Agricultural Development
- Ms. Noora Jamsheer, CEO DANAT
- Dr. Jamila Atannaz, Serial Entrepreneur Investor and Plastic Surgeon
- Ms. Tamara Hostal, Founder and CEO of ESMOD French Fashion Institute, France

13:30 – 14:00 Light Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:10 Special intervention Strong Mind, Strong Business: Wellbeing Strategies for the Modern Entrepreneur by Dr. Amal Al Jowder, Senior Health Promotion Expert

14:10 – 15:30 Panel 6: Voices of the Future — Youth Speak Out

Moderator Dr Hashim Hussein, Head UNIDO ITPO Bahrain

- Noora Alshamsi, founder of Noora Shamsi Jewelry, UAE
- Ms. Lamyia Gabir, Sudan
- Mr. Abdel Malek Al Mouzayen, Founder Bee Order, Syria
- Ms. Djita Cisse, Mali
- Mr. Ahmad Dirya, Palestine
- Ms. Alaa Abdulrahim, Bahrain
- Mr. Talal AL Ansari, Bahrain
- Dr. Hany Ayyad, Innovest, Egypt
- Dr. Abdulla Alawneh, Jordan
- Mr. Patrick Kimathi, Kenya



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15:30 – 16:00

Networking Break

16:00 – 16:30

WEIF 2026 Closing

Signing Ceremony

WEIF 2026 Manama Declaration

UNIDO Global Call 2025 Creative Orange Economy Awarding