



Global Summit of Women 2023

Role of Female Leaders in Peace Building, Social Integration, and driving Prosperity.

Abu Dhabi

Under the patronage of Her Highness, **Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak**, Mother of the Nation, Chairwoman of the General Women's Union (GWU), President of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood, and Supreme Chairwoman of the Family Development Foundation (FDF), The World Muslim Communities Council (TWMCC) in cooperation with the GWU, in commemoration of 100 years when women obtained the rights of vote and election, organize **the Global Women Summit 2023 on the role of female leadership in establishing peace, social integration, and driving prosperity.**

Mission Statement

Women's leadership is vital to peacebuilding, social integration, and driving prosperity, especially to advance gender equality and women empowerment in our time. As we enter into a new era of uncertainty as a result of the global pandemic, geopolitical conflicts, and economic downturn, women of different races, faiths, and cultures should join hands to face the challenges and contribute their wisdom for peace-building, economic recovery, and social inclusion. The role of women leaders, as demonstrated during other crises should be celebrated and promoted for humanity's progress. It is time for a global conversation from decision-makers, scholars, activists, and practitioners, to share perspectives, experiences, and solutions for women's leadership on issues like gender inequality, domestic abuse, and political disadvantages, etc.

This 2-day Summit will be held on **February 21 and 22** in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and joined by prominent stateswomen, faith leaders, entrepreneurs, social activists, cultural personalities, media celebrities, and scholars from more than 100 countries. Speakers and participants will address a multitude of struggles faced by women at this critical juncture of human history and find ways to build bridges of peace, inclusion, and prosperity between communities.



Program Schedule

Day One

10:00 - 11:00

Opening Ceremony and Speeches

Welcome Remarks from Her Highness, **Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak**, Mother of the Nation, Chairwoman of the General Women's Union (GWU), President of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood, and Supreme Chairwoman of the Family Development Foundation (FDF), United Arab Emirates

Opening Speeches

- H.E. Dr. Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi**, Chairperson of the Higher Committee of Global Summit of Women 2023.
- H. E. Smt. Droupadi Murmu**, President of India.
- H.E Maja Gojković**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Culture, and President of the Coordinating Body for Gender Equality of the Government of the Republic of Serbia

11:00 AM - 11:10 AM Break

11:10 AM - 11:20 AM

Keynote Speech:

Women Leaders Driving Climate Action

Her Highness Sheikha Shamma bint Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, President, and CEO of UAE Independent Climate Change Accelerators (UICCA), UAE.



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11:20 AM - 12:20 PM

Plenary Session 1

Sustainability, Philanthropy, and Poverty Alleviation

Throughout history, philanthropy has played an essential role in the redistribution of wealth and social care. As we witness more and more income inequalities, gendered disadvantages, and widespread poverty across many nations, a new mandate should be taken to address these problems by reinforcing the role of philanthropy in confronting global poverty and climate change. In this session, we explore how to encourage many communities to establish a fund for women to reduce poverty, take action on climate changes, and narrow the income gap caused by gender differences; and share innovative ways or the best practices of reducing women's poverty in developing countries, and open new frontiers for women to make a difference through their unique roles to respond to climate change.

Chair:

Professor Mariett Westermann, Vice Chancellor of NYUAD.

Speakers:

- 1. H.E Aishath Mohamed Didi**, Minister of Gender, Family and Social Services, Maldives.
- 2.H. E. Hassana Nourane**, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Cameroon.
- 3. Prof. Mona Fayad**, Retired Professor of Psychology. Lebanese University, Lebanon.
- 4. Ms. Rachel Miner**, founder, and CEO of Bellwether International, UK.

12:20 PM - 1:20 PM

Lunch Break



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Plenary Session 2

Lifetime Achievers Among Women

This session will bring the most achieved women from all walks of life worldwide to celebrate, and present, acknowledging women's contribution and social impact on our shared humanity. Their lifetime achievement is for the younger women generation to get inspired, achieve more, and be role models. We will hear how they have been able to leverage their leadership and influence for greater social impact and drive changes in their respective sectors and stories from different women achievers who are leveraging different tools and channels to influence millions of populations and drive positive changes in peace-building, social inclusion, and prosperity.

Chair:

Chair: Her Highness Sheikha Hissa bint Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, UAE

Speakers:

- 1. H.E Maja Gojković**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Culture, and President of the Coordinating Body for Gender Equality of the Government of the Republic of Serbia.
- 2. H.E. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim**, Former President of Mauritius.
- 3. Ms. Virginia Gray Henry**, CEO, Fons Vitae Publishing, USA.
- 4. Ms. Latifa Ibn Ziaten**, Founder and Chairwoman of IMAD (Association pour la jeunesse et la paix). France.

2:20 PM - 2:30 PM

Break



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2:30 PM — 2:40 PM

Keynote Speech: (Photography Prohibited)

Women Leaders in Education and Science Innovation

Her Highness Dr. Sheikha Moza bint Tahnoun bin Mohammed Al Nahyan, Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

2:40 PM — 3:40 PM

Plenary Session 3

Women Leadership in Education and Science

More and more women professors, scientists, and innovators from global communities have emerged recently. Their devotion to academic, scientific, and technological pursuits will for sure inspire more women to follow their example to contribute to human progress. Yet, our mandates of knowledge pursuit and family responsibilities often present a dilemma for these women academics, scientists, and engineers on how to balance two noble goals within the constraint of individual and social capacities. In this session, we hope to hear some real-life experiences and useful advice.

Chair:

Dr. Kareema Al-Mazrouie, Advisor to Chancellor, Mohammed Bin Zayed University for Humanities, UAE.

Speakers:

- 1. H. E. Claudiana Ayo Cole**, Minister of Basic and Secondary Education. Gambia.
- 2. H.E. Nancy Chaola Mdooko**, Deputy Minister of Education, Malawi.
- 3. Professor Jackie Armijo**, Visiting Professor of Asian Studies , University of Hawaii – Hilo, USA
- 4. Dr. Beibei Liu**, Professor of energy, environmental and agriculture policy analysis, Nanjing University, China



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9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Session 4

Women's Leadership in Parliament and Diplomacy

This session features prominent female political leaders, stateswomen, and women decision-makers in international organizations, and national politics. How can their examples, experiences, and insights inspire more women to participate in public life? The speakers will share the challenges facing women to be exemplars of leadership and get involved in national and international politics, and serve the communities and the nation positively, and take up responsibilities with ethical and sustainable means.

Chair:

H.E. Naz Shah MP, Shadow Minister for Crime Reduction of the Government of the United Kingdom.

Speakers:

- H.E. Amal T A Nashwan**, Minister of Women Affairs, Palestine.
- H.E. Sabrein Hassan al Yammahi**, Member of Parliament at Federal National Council, UAE.
- H.E. Siham Mint Muhammad Yahya Najim**, Member of Parliament. Mauritania.
- H.E. Oumar SY**, Member of the National Assembly. Chairman of the Education, Youth, Sports and Leisure Committee, Senegal.



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Session 5

Women Leadership in Media and Creative Industry

With the advent and widespread use of global media, images of women have been unfortunately portrayed negatively. Why are women portrayed as such in the media? How should we respond to the media prototyping women? This session will identify and challenge the stereotype of women in the media and share success stories of how to correct negative images of women. Besides, is there a gap in the representation of women of different races, faiths, and cultures in the media and creative industry? Is diversity highly appreciated and celebrated as a strength in global and local visual and audio representation? This session invites a group of prominent women from the media and creative industry to showcase a segment of their works and production (movie clips, news reports, or music piece) while the chair will ask them to share their personal experiences, observations, and professional advice of being women in the creative industry. In particular, the session will focus on observation and experience of Non-Western women in the movie, TV and drama and ways of representing women in the rest of the world.

Chair:

Ms. Mona El Shazly, Egyptian talk show host. Egypt.

Speakers:

- 1. Mr. Sanjoy Roy**, Entrepreneur of the Arts, India.
- 2. Ms. Samar Al-Mogren**, Journalist, Writer, and Novelist. Saudi Arabia.
- 3. Ms. Chantal Saliba AbiKhalil**, News Anchor at Sky News Arabia, UAE.
- 4. Ms. Saba Zaman**, Broadcaster & Media Consultant Transmit Media, CTVC, BBC, UK.

10:00 AM — 10:10 AM

Break



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Session 6 (Women Only)

Women in Fine Arts and Cultural Heritage

Humanity encourages highlighting beauty through fine arts and design. Women have made great contributions throughout history in various fields of fine arts and design. This session reviews the role of fine arts in shaping public taste in different societies and its role in achieving social integration, building peace, and creating prosperity.

Chair:

Ms. Reem Ali Saleh Al Neyadi, Head of Cultural Festival Programmes - Department of Culture & Tourism, Abu Dhabi. UAE.

Speakers:

- 1. Her Highness Sheikha Alyazia bint Nahyan Al Nahyan**, Extraordinary Ambassador for Culture for ALECSO, The Arab League.
- 2. Ms. Mounya Allali**, Universita del Piemonte Oriental, Italy.
- 3. Ms. Deana Uppal**, Film Producer & Director, UK
- 4. Ms. Lilian Mbabazi**, Renowned Musician, Uganda



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Session 7

Women and the Power of Networking

Networking is very helpful in advancing public interest and personal development through sharing, mutual learning, and reciprocal cooperation. The soft power of institutions and the international reputation of the countries in current times depend on building and expanding networks to benefit more people and communities. This session investigates how women can build networks effectively and extensively, especially in women empowerment causes, and how the networking can address pressing issues of peace, social integration, and economic recovery.

Chair:

Dr. Mouza Al Shehhi, Director of UN Women UAE Liaison Office for the GCC

Speakers:

- 1. Hon. Saima Ashraf**, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Community Leadership and Engagement, UK.
- 2. Dr. Widade Naibi**, Chairperson and Founder of ibn Battuta African Institute, Benin.
- 3. Ms. Lina Jalouqa**, Partnerships Manager, UNICEF Gulf Area Office, UAE.
- 4. Ms. Swati Thapa**, Executive Director of Pratiman-Neema Memorial Foundation and Governing Board of Trustee of National Trust for Nature Conservation, Nepal.

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Session 8

Women's Role in Promoting Circular Economy and Sustainability

The circular economy can be an innovative approach to international development and effective systems solutions to tackle global challenges like climate change, biodiversity loss, waste, and pollution. This session will discuss how women can play a leading role in the circular economy globally and locally such as eliminating waste and pollution, circulating products and materials, and re-generating nature. The best practice of sustaining the circular economy by women leaders, experts, and activists will be featured and discussed.

Chair:

Chair: H.E. Hessa bint Essa Bhumaid, Minister of State, UAE

Speakers:

- 1. H.E. Aishath Muneeza**, Former Deputy Minister of Finance and Treasury, Maldives.
- 2. Ms. Loredana Segreto**, Director General of the Università del Piemonte Orientale, Italy.
- 3. Ms. Ma Hua**, President of Beijing West Mahua Food & Beverage Co., Ltd. Beijing Woman Model, Beijing Labor Model, a former member of the Haidian Political Consultative Conference, China
- 4. Ms. Alissar Abdel Kareem**, TEDx speaker and Youth Activist, Palestine/Spain



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Session 9

Gender Balancing During Transformations

Women are more vulnerable to the effects of transformations, be they socio-economic, political, or environmental, but they also hold the power to be highly effective agents of change and promoters of adaptation and mitigation to the transformations. This session will call for a gender-balancing approach to social and political transformations during our time to ensure women have fair access to opportunities, resources, and protections during these transformations. The session discussion will provide an opportunity for Government representatives, international organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the adverse impacts on the effective enjoyment of the rights of women and girls and the promotion and protection of their rights through gender-responsive action.

Chair:

H.E Dr. Afnan Alshuaiby, Executive Director of Women Development Organization, OIC

Speaker:

- H.E. I Gusti Ayu Bintang Darmawati**, Minister of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, Indonesia.
- H.E. Halima Alima Daud**, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Malawi.
- Dr. Shafeqa Saeed Abdo Saleh**, Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, Yemen.
- Dr. Edith Schläffer**, Social Scientist And The Founder Of Women Without Borders, Vienna, Austria

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Session 10

Women Think-tankers and Policy Advisory

The role of female experts, researchers, and scholars is important to diversity, innovation, and shaping the research and direction of policy at macro levels in think tanks and advisory communities. This session highlights the role of women thought leaders who are directing and/or working in think tanks, in coming up with genuine ideas and strategies that help policymaking in their respective countries. In particular, the session will evaluate how their ideas and advice have brought about positive changes in policies on sustainable development and climate change. Examples from different countries and regions will be presented and discussed.

Chair:

Ms. Dubai Abulhoul, Founder and CEO, Fiker Institute, UAE.

Speakers:

- 1. Mr. Wunan Xiao**, Executive Vice President, Asia Pacific Exchange & Cooperation Foundation, China.
- 2. Ms. Alissa Wahid**, board member, Nahdlatul Ulama, Indonesia.
- 3. Dr. Konul Y. Bunyadzade**, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Azerbaijan
- 4. Professor. Aftab Kamal Pasha**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India



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Session 11

Women's Leadership in Sports and Tourism

This session is an interactive session with prominent women athletes in sports and hears from their experiences and challenges.

Chair:

Mr. Tyla Harrison-Hunt, Councilor for the Riccarton Ward of Christchurch, & Managing Director, Crossover Coach NZ Limited, New Zealand.

Speakers:

- 1. H.E. Lindiwe N Sisulu**, Minister of Tourism, South Africa.
- 2. Ms. Amna Al Qubaisi**, Emirati Racing Driver, is The First Middle Eastern Woman to Take Part in a Motorsport Test Program for Formula E. UAE
- 3. Ms. Zahra Lari**, The first Emirati figure skater.
- 4. Ms. Naeema Ahmad Ramadan Reis**, Player at National Women's soccer, South Africa, Physiotherapy Lecturer, Wits University, South Africa.

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Session 12

Women in Advanced Technologies & Megatrends of the World:

This session will explore the role of, and impact on women in major mega-trends of the world today. The session will invite speakers to identify and evaluate how these mega-trends will enable or impede women's empowerment and leadership in overcoming the negative impact. In particular, the session may focus on current trends such as the shift in global economic power, demographic shifts, accelerating urbanization, the rise of technology, and climate change and resource scarcity, to name just a few. In addition, their impact on the socioeconomic well-fare of women will also be discussed to propose ideas and strategies to cope with those trends.

Chair:

H.E. Tayba Al-Hashmi, CEO, ADNOC Sour Gas, UAE

Speakers:

1. H.E. Man Chinda, Secretary of State, Ministry of women's affairs, Cambodia.

2. Hon. Thapelo Amad, Mayor of Johannesburg, South Africa.

H.E. Fatimatu Abubakar, Deputy Minister for Information of the Republic of Ghana.

4. Dr. Olga Pavlova, Moscow State University of Psychology & Education, Russia.

3:30 PM

Closing