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IsDB 11th Youth Development Forum- 2023

From Crises to Resilience: Empowering the Youth for an Uncertain Future

About IsDB's Youth Development Forum 2023

The Youth Development Forum (YDF) is a flagship annual standing event on the sideline of the Islamic Development Bank Group Annual Meeting. It brings together influential thinkers, policymakers, international development policy experts, and most importantly, youth delegates to address, discuss and debate critical issues of relevance to young women and men around the globe.

This year celebrates the Bank's 11th Youth Development Forum. The topic for this YDF is From Crises to Resilience: Empowering the Youth for an Uncertain Future, where the youth across the IsDB member countries face multi-dimensional challenges and ongoing crises that hinder their opportunities and expose them to an uncertain future. These challenges include, but are not limited to, economic and political instability, climate change, and technology disruption, among others. It is, therefore, crucial to equip the next generation with the skills, knowledge, and abilities to navigate and thrive in this uncertain landscape. At the same time, partnering with the youth is essential, considering that the entire notion of sustainable development is built upon the premise of "building

today for a better tomorrow". Not only will this yield more socially inclusive decisions and policies for the good for civil society, but it will also allow the youth to inject their latent skills and capabilities to make an immediate impact to help actualize society's collective future ambitions.

Key Issues to be Addressed

- Different types of socio-economic crises as well as education, health, and entrepreneurial challenges that youth are facing
- What the development community and key stakeholders can do to mitigate the adverse shocks of ongoing crises on youth
- Ways in which young people can contribute towards crises mitigation and boost socio-economic development in their communities and society as a whole.



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Speakers List

Welcoming Remarks



H.E. Dr. Mansur Muhtar

IsDB Vice President, Operations

Closing Remarks



Mr. Amer Bukvic,

Acting Director General—Global Practice and Partnerships (DG-GPP).



Mr. Abdullah Al Yousef

CEO & Co-Founder
TAM Development LLC



Ms. Mihoko Kumamoto

Director, Division for Prosperity
UNITAR



Dr. Tamam Mango

CEO
Crown Prince Foundation



Ms. Ruba Jaradat

Assistant Director General
Regional Director for Arab States - ILO



Ms. Urmila Sarkar

Deputy Director of Programmes
Generation Unlimited

Moderator



Ahmed Faruk Diken

Manager, Women & Youth
Empowerment Division, IsDB





Remarks Speakers Profiles

H.E. Dr. Mansur Muhtar



Mansur Muhtar joined IsDB in December 2015, and currently serves as Vice President Country Programs Complex (Formerly Operations). He has served as Ag. Group Chief Economist, and Ag. Chief Product and Partnerships Officer. He served as Executive Director on the Board of the World Bank Group (2011-2014) as well as Co-Chair of the UN Inter-Governmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Finance (2013-2014). He has served as Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Development for the Federal Republic of Nigeria and as Chairman of the Country's National Economic Management team (2008-2010), as Executive Director, African Development Bank (2007-2008) and as Director-General of Nigeria's Debt Management Office (2003-2007).

Mr. Amer Bukvic,



Mr. Amer Bukvić is the Acting Director-General -GlobalPractice & Partnerships (DG-GPP) at the Islamic Development Bank. Amer leads the Bank's product organization and strategic direction in the areas of partnerships, public (sovereign) financing, private (non-sovereign) financing, co-financing, and knowledge products, in a manner that helps the Bank provide suitable financing solutions with improved financial terms and sustainable added value. He builds upon the existing relationships with major developmental partners such as Arab Coordination Group, MDBs, UN system, and private sector partners such as business enterprises, philanthropic and corporate foundations, and financial institutions, and seeks to establish new network of collaborative alliances with private and public entities to augment the Bank's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).





Speaker Profiles

Mr. Abdullah Al Yousef



Abdullah A. Yousef is the founder and CEO of TAM Development Company. He is also the general supervisor of the Cultural Policy Lab project in its first phase, where he supervised the design of 10 sectoral incentive policies. In addition, he supervised the management and design of more than 75 projects and development initiatives and the number of beneficiaries exceeded 10 million beneficiaries. His areas of expertise include Customer Experience, Human Centered Design, Planning, and managing national communication campaigns. Abdullah holds a bachelor's degree in commerce and marketing along with a sub-major in economics with honors from McMaster University, Canada. He is certified in Leadership Development Programs from Harvard University in Corporate Growth Leadership, Disruptive Strategies, and Negotiations. Also, he holds certifications for leadership development programs from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in digital transformation strategies, artificial intelligence application strategy, and systems thinking strategies.

Ms. Mihoko Kumamoto



Ms. Mihoko Kumamoto has over 25 years of professional experience in the development cooperation field and has been with the United Nations for more than 20 years. Ms. Kumamoto earned her Master's in Economic Development at Columbia University. In 2001, she joined the United Nations Development Programme and served its Vietnam Country Office as a Junior Professional Officer. In 2003, she moved to the UNDP Headquarters in New York and led various signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including climate change adaptation programmes. In 2011, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP Multi-Country Office for Samoa, the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau as Assistant Resident Representative for Crisis Prevention and Recovery. After the assignment, she rejoined UNDP Headquarters, and in 2012, Ms. Kumamoto moved to Jakarta to serve UNDP Indonesia as a Senior Advisor. She began her position as Head, and then Director, of the UNITAR Hiroshima Office in 2014. From July 2019, she became Director of the UNITAR Division for Prosperity.





Dr. Tamam Mango



Dr. Tamam Mango is the CEO of the Crown Prince Foundation which was founded with the vision of “Capable Youth for Aspiring Jordan”. The Foundation seeks to support active youth engagement through participation, leadership, and competitiveness. Tamam holds a Ph.D. in Politics from the University of Exeter, a master’s degree in International Development and Regional Planning, and bachelor’s degrees in Urban Planning and Management Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Tamam was a member of the Jordan National Competitiveness Team at the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and the Jordan Agency for Enterprise and Investment Development. Prior to her work with the Crown Prince Foundation, she was a partner at Leading Point Management Advisory Services focusing on work in development consulting

Dr. Ruba Jaradat



Dr. Ruba Jaradat is the ILO Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Arab States, based at the Regional Office in Beirut. Dr. Jaradat had managed economic growth programmes with annual budgets exceeding US\$ 300 million and led teams of more than 250 multinational staff.

Prior to joining the ILO in November 2015, Dr. Jaradat established and managed the Jordan Strategy Forum, the most influential private sector-funded think tank in Jordan. From 2005 to 2008, Dr. Jaradat managed the U.S. Jordan Fiscal Reform and Cash Transfer Program that substantially improved fiscal conditions and business environment in the country, and from 2008 to 2013 she managed the USAID Economic Development Program that created 67,000 sustainable high value jobs. She has also previously worked as an international business development consultant in higher education in the United Kingdom.

Since Dr. Jaradat assumed office as Regional Director, the ILO Regional Office for Arab States has seen over an 8-fold increase in its Development Cooperation portfolio budget. Dr. Jaradat has led the development and signing-into-force of six Decent Work Country Programmes (DWCPs) - the ILOs main vehicle to implement its decent work agenda and to deliver support to member states - in Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Oman. The DWCPs in Iraq, Kuwait and Lebanon were the first to be instituted in these countries.

Dr. Jaradat is a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Future Councils. She chaired Jordan’s Board of the British Universities Alumni Association from 2011-2015. She has served as a member of several councils including the Advisory Committee of the Euro Mediterranean Council, the Jordan Economic and Social Council, the Jordan National Competitiveness and Innovation Council, and the UK Arab Partnership Initiative. Dr. Jaradat holds a PhD in Management and International Development from the UK. She holds several certificates in economics and leadership from international institutions such as Harvard University, the World Bank Institute, Georgia State University and the U.S. Federal Institute.





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Ms. Urmila Sarkar



In July 2019, Urmila Sarkar joined the Generation Unlimited Global Team based in New York and is currently their Deputy Director, Programmes. She has 24 years of experience in the international development, education and employment sectors. From 2014 - 2019, Urmila was the Regional Chief of Education for UNICEF South Asia with oversight over an approximately US\$ 100 million portfolio annually and technical support to 130 professional staff. From 2009 - 2014, she was the Education Chief for UNICEF India where she led and mobilized resources for one of the organization's largest field operations in the sector.

Before joining UNICEF, Urmila began her UN career with the ILO at its headquarters in 2000 and managed their global child labour and education programme from Geneva. She then transferred to ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok in 2004 to lead their portfolio on youth skills and employment. She has authored several publications and tools in the field. Urmila's passion to promote greater civic engagement began in her home country, Canada, where she founded "Youth Week", a national and then international programme to celebrate and promote youth volunteerism in social and environmental issues. She also played a key role in organizing the Global March Against Child Labour, led by Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, which mobilized millions until its culmination at the ILO Geneva where the Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour was drafted in June 1998.

Urmila received her Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University where she designed and taught one of the first university-level courses offered in the US on child labour and education. She graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts (High Distinction) and was elected for two terms as the Arts and Science Students' Union President.

Ahmed Faruk Diken



Ahmed Faruk Diken is currently the Manager for the Women and Youth Empowerment Division under the Resilience and Climate Action Department of the Bank. Previously, he worked as a Senior Technical Cooperation Coordinator for MENA & Europe in the former Regional Cooperation and Integration Department of the Islamic Development Bank. In this role, he was involved in the formulation and implementation of technical cooperation and Reverse Linkage interventions, as well as managing partnerships in the MENA & Europe region for South-South & Triangular Cooperation (SSTrC). In addition to implementing projects, Ahmed Faruk also supported institutional aspects of capacity development and South-South & Triangular Cooperation (SSTrC) by contributing to the development of relevant policies and strategies of the IsDB. Prior to his assignment as the Senior Technical Cooperation Coordinator, he worked as Senior Specialist in Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development, a poverty alleviation focused trust fund of the IsDB Group.

Ahmed Faruk joined the Islamic Development Bank as a Young Professional in 2011. During his training as a young professional, he has worked on private sector operations, Public-Private Partnerships and project evaluations. He holds a BSc and MSc degrees in Industrial Engineering from the University of Iowa, USA.

