



MENA SUMMIT

World Business Angels Investment Forum  
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18 February 2021, Thursday

*Conference Chair*

*Lucy Chow,*

*WBAF Senator UAE and Secretary General, Global Women Leaders Committee WBAF*

*Time Zone: GMT*

**6am**

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**Welcome Speech:**

Lucy Chow, WBAF Senator UAE and Secretary General, Global Women Leaders Committee WBAF

**6.05am**

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**Opening Remarks:**

Baybars Altuntas,  
Executive Chairman World Business Angels Investment Forum

**6.10am**

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**Keynote Speech:**

**Positioning banks in start-up economies of MENA region**

Meliksah Utku,  
Board Member and CEO, Albaraka Turk Bank

**6.20am**

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**Keynote Speech:**

**Current landscape of SME and start-up economies in MENA**

Massimo Falcioni,  
Chief Executive Officer Etihad Credit Insurance (ECI), UAE

**6.30am**

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**Keynote Speech:**

**Empowering economies of the MENA region through entrepreneurship and innovation**

H.E. Zayed Bin Rashid Al Zayani,  
Minister of Industry & Commerce, Kingdom of Bahrain

6.40am

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**Roundtable:  
Promoting Women Entrepreneurship in MENA**

Moderator:

Lucy Chow, WBAF Senator UAE and Secretary General, Global Women Leaders Committee WBAF

Speakers:

Arshi Ayub Zaveri, CEO, Trust with Trade Group, UAE

Emine Erdem, President of the Women Entrepreneurs Association (KAGIDER), Turkey

Fiona Darmon, General Partner JVP, Israel

Mai El Mozaini, Founder and CEO Nurf-The Arab Institute for Women's Empowerment, Saudi Arabia

Mariam Farag, Founding Head of Communications and Corporate Affairs, MBC, Egypt

7.50am

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**Roundtable:  
Country Scope: Dynamics of Hyperconnected Entrepreneurial Ecosystem of Bahrain**

Moderator:

Feryal Nass, WBAF High Commissioner Bahrain & Country Director

Speakers:

Dr Hashim Hussein, Head of United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Investment and Technology Promotion Office -ITPO, Bahrain

Dr. Jarmo Kotlaine, Chief Planning and Monitoring Officer Planning and Monitoring Tamkeen, Bahrain

H.E. Khalid Rashid Al Zayani, Honorary Chairman, Al Zayani Investments Groups of Companies, Bahrain

Sanjeev Paul, Chief Executive Office, Bahrain Development Bank, Bahrain

H.E. Sawsan Kamal, Member of the Parliament, Bahrain Council of Representatives

8.55am

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**Closing Remarks of the Summit by the Conference Chair:**

Lucy Chow, WBAF Senator UAE and Secretary General, Global Women Leaders Committee WBAF

9am

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