The World Business Angels Investment Forum advances its agenda at the G20 level through its affiliation with the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI), chaired by Queen Maxima of the Netherlands. The WBAF also hosts World Business Angel Investors Week, which is celebrated every year under a global theme.

The World Business Angels Investment Forum supports economic development of countries by (1) stimulating and supporting the establishment and growth of early-stage ventures, (2) easing access to finance for entrepreneurs, (3) assisting digital transformation of startup ventures and SMEs in ‘the new normal’, (4) accelerating the life cycle of early-stage companies by compressing years of learning by doing, (5) easing access to quality education, mentorship, coaching and consultancy for entrepreneurs, startups and SMEs, (6) introducing new markets for global entrepreneurs, (7) easing access to world-class investments for world-class startups and qualified investors, (8) supporting countries in creating national champions of their startup ecosystems, (9) increasing financial inclusion, and (10) contributing to job creation and economic development around the world.

It accomplishes its mission through the WBAF Financial Inclusion Center, the WBAF Business School, the WBAF Global Startup Investment Promotion Agency, and the WBAF Angel Investment Fund.

**Welcome Speech**
Baybars Altuntas, Executive Chairman, World Business Angels Investment Forum
Special Remarks
Lucy Chow, Executive Investment Committee Member, WBAF Angel Investment Fund
Dr Nikhil Agarwal, Executive Investment Committee Member, WBAF Angel Investment Fund
Dr Paul Doany, Rector, WBAF Business School
Prof Inderjit Singh, President, Global Startup Investment Promotion Agency (WIPA)

10.35 Roundtable
WBAF Country Offices Action Plan 2023

The World Business Angels Investment Forum interacts with leaders in all areas of society, first and foremost in business and political spheres, to help assess needs and establish goals, bearing in mind that the public interest is of paramount importance. WBAF engages a wide range of institutions – public and private, local and international, commercial and academic – to help shape the global agenda of early-stage equity and capital markets.

One way WBAF does this is through its country offices. A country office serves as a bridge between the national and international ecosystem. Launching a country office involves embracing activities that are designed to serve the national community of startups, angel investors, innovators, SMEs and entrepreneurs. By combining contributions from the many dynamic WBAF country offices around the world, all of us benefit from shared learning, better networks, and increased exposure.

Moderator
Baybars Altuntas, Executive Chairman, World Business Angels Investment Forum
Feryal Nass, Country Director, WBAF Bahrain Country Office
Hauwa Yabani, Country Director, WBAF Nigeria Country Office
Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes, Country Director, WBAF USA Country Office

10.50 WBAF World Leaders Induction Ceremony – 1

WBAF pursues its goal to empower the world economy through innovation by supporting startups and qualified investors and encouraging cooperation at both individual and institutional levels. WBAF holds that, with the participation of individuals in multiple sectors and from all parts of society, real progress can be achieved. The WBAF World Leaders Programme includes High Commissioners, Senior Senators, Senators, and International Partners. Becoming a WBAF High Commissioner, Senior Senator, Senator or International Partner involves embracing activities that are designed to serve the global community.

WBAF World Leaders are a diverse group of top global innovators and disruptors that range from niche market leaders to regional champions, all of whom collaborate to address key
issues. They are tasked with identifying emerging trends and furthering the Forum’s mission of easing access to finance globally.

WBAF believes that by combining regular, small contributions from numerous dynamic High Commissioners, Senior Senators and International Partners around the world, we all benefit from shared learning, better networks, and increased exposure.

11.10 Coffee Break & Networking

11.30 The Global Women Leaders Committee – Annual Meeting

Mission statement: The Global Women Leaders Committee of the World Business Angels Investment Forum is committed to leveraging unique access to the world’s most influential women leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and artists—uniting these global forces to harness their collective knowledge, address today’s critical issues, and generate innovative solutions to empower the world economy.

2022 Annual Meeting Chair
Lucy Chow, Secretary General, WBAF Global Women Leaders Committee

12.15 The Global Startup Committee – Annual Meeting

Mission statement: The Global Startup Committee of the World Business Angels Investment Forum is committed to helping the next generation of great companies move forward and to showcase the world’s top startups and scaleups (typically, funded companies in the process of raising €100K–€1M) at the Global Fundraising Stage (GFRS), establishing a superior deal flow pipeline that connects investors with superior startups, and through training and mentorship, to help the next generation of companies that are seeking to raise funding in order to grow and scale their businesses, bridging qualified investors and entrepreneurs and creating a global community that attracts the best deal flow, the most knowledgeable experts and fosters continuous and evolving interactions amongst community members.

The Global Fundraising Stage is an international co-investment platform for angel investors, startups, scaleups and high-growth businesses.

2022 Annual Meeting Chair
Prof Inderjit Singh, President, WBAF Global Startup Committee

13.00 WBAF World Leaders Induction Ceremony – 2

13.20 Lunch Time
14.30  **The Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee – Annual Meeting**

Mission statement: The Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee of the World Business Angels Investment Forum is committed to connecting innovators with smart finance, creating a better environment for innovation, helping inventors commercialize their inventions, fostering the kind of creative thinking that leads to innovation by open learning and skill development, and accelerating technology transfer around the world.

**2022 Annual Meeting Chair**
Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes, Secretary General, WBAF Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

15.15  **The Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee**

Mission Statement: The Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee of the World Business Angels Investment Forum aims to strategically position WBAF’s wide spectrum of tasks to (a) promote WBAF’s corporate culture ideologies within a robust Circle of Trust that encompasses good individual and communal conduct, (b) contribute to and enhance the focal principles of a superior Code of Conduct, Core Values, and Behaviour Drivers, (c) support the active engagement of all stakeholders by facilitating access to necessary resources so as to enable proper multi-dimensional adherence and (d) encourage the universal entrepreneurship ecosystem to endorse these essential standards and adopt a practical path for their successful global implementation.

**2022 Annual Meeting Chair**
Maria Marenco, Secretary General, WBAF Ethical Governance Committee

16.00  **Coffee Break & Networking**

16.30  **WBAF World Leaders Induction Ceremony – 3**

16.50  **Global Exchange Forum**

17.00  **Closing Remarks**
Baybars Altuntas, Executive Chairman, World Business Angels Investment Forum

17.15  **2022 Family Photo**

20.00  **Chairman’s Reception for Grand Assembly Members 2022**
Nirvana Cosmopolitan Hotel