

2022 SUMMITS

GLOBAL WOMEN LEADERS SUMMIT 2022

World Business Angels Investment Forum
2022 World Congress, Nirvana Cosmopolitan, Antalya
26 October 2022, Wednesday, Canopus Hall

10.00 Opening Ceremony

Welcome Speech

Lucy Chow, Secretary General - WBAF Global Women Leaders Committee

Keynote Speeches

Prof Rudy Aernoudt, Senior Economist, European Commission

Fostering economic development by involving more women in early-stage and post-early stage equity markets

H.E. Majlinda Dhuka, Minister for European Integration, Albania

The increasing role of women in foreign policies of countries

10.45 Roundtable 1

Exploring the real reasons for the gender-based funding challenge

One might think that gender plays no role in the realm of investing in early-stage companies. Investors make calculated decisions that are (or should be) based on business plans and projections. Moreover, a growing body of evidence shows that organisations with a higher percentage of women in leadership roles outperform male-dominated companies. Unfortunately, however, women-owned companies do not receive the same level of financial backing as those funded by men.

The panel will explore the real reasons for the gender-based funding challenge, ways to overcome the challenge, ways that women founders – while lobbying for long-term change – can operate intelligently in the current ecosystems. It will also discuss how women can be coached on the realities of the market and which institutions should play a more active role in easing access to finance for women entrepreneurs.

Moderator

Olatokunbo Ige, Founder Livingstones Eco-Village and Utrader, Togo

Leyla Alaton, Board Member - Alarko, Turkey

Laura Aldone, Vice President of Vilnius Chamber of Commerce - Industry and Crafts, Lithuania

Bola Olabisi FRSA, Chief Executive Officer - GlobalWIIN, UK

Deborah Walliser, CEO - Got Produce Franchising Inc, Namibia

11.30 Roundtable 2

Board Room: Empowering the world economy by to promoting a culture in organisations that will encourage and support diversity and inclusion.

Organisations with the ability to innovate quickly and reach new customer bases faster have one thing in common; their board reflects the world around them. These organisations tend to be few and far between. A case in point: despite making up half the population, women continue to be poorly represented in the boardroom. As a result, we are finding that organisations and their boards are overlooking a strategic opportunity to drive value.

This panel will explore innovative ways to encourage all relevant parties to take the necessary steps to achieve diversity. It requires, for instance, a commitment from company leadership, investors and policy-makers alike. It will raise and aim to answer questions about how organisations can identify qualified women and create opportunities early in their career for sponsorship, mentoring and advancement, and equally important, how to promote a culture in organisations that will encourage and support diversity and inclusion.

Moderator

Lorina Misku, Advisor to the Chief Negotiator, Albania

Pegah Golmohammadi (Gol), Founder and CEO of Glasswing Consulting, UAE

Nambula Kachumi, Chair - African Women in Energy and Power AWEaP, Zambia

Miranda Thakur-Deen, Senior Managing Partner The Atlantic Ventures Holding, Guyana

Yolanda Díaz Villarrubia, Founder Idea BE Hubs, Spain

12.15 Roundtable 3

Women emerging as strong leaders in the 21st century

Women have, for long years, succeeded in their careers by virtue of their ability to adjust to the male-dominated culture and field-specific business processes. They play by the existing rules in the workplace and have the additional hurdle of society's perceptions of how women should act and be seen. While education and practice have reduced some of the invisible angst of being a woman in a leadership role, there are challenges nevertheless. Current women leaders have a responsibility to embrace a role-model status and address those challenges head-on with action and execution.

To that end, more and more women in leadership positions are pushing the boundaries of gender equality by capitalizing on their leadership qualities and their skills, knowledge, experience and insights. They are actively pursuing what they want from their job and their career, not waiting for it to come to them.

The panel will aim to identify key steps that can produce women who are strong leaders in business, in arts, in politics — in any area male-dominated. They will also define the characteristics of strong women leaders, their mindsets and their action plans that help them overcome challenges of male-dominated industries.

Moderator

Lucy Chow, Secretary General - WBAF Global Women Leaders Committee

Barbara Dietrich, President - Diplomatic World Magazine, Belgium

Emine Erdem, President - Turkish Women Entrepreneurs Association, Turkey

Saadia Lakehal, President World Association for SME, Canada

Feryal Nass, WBAF High Commissioner, Bahrain

GLOBAL STARTUP SUMMIT 2022

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Andrew Work, Senator - WBAF Senator for Hong Kong

Keynote Speeches

Prof Inderjit Singh, President, WBAF Global Startup Investment Promotion Agency
Challenges and Opportunities for Investors Startups in the New Normal

Marcus Dantus, President - Latin America Business Angels Network (LACBAN), Mexico
Challenges and opportunities for angel investors and startups in Latin America

H.E. Eduard Shalsi, Former Minister of Entrepreneurship, Albania
Importance of developing a better dialogue between policy makers and entrepreneurs to develop better economies

Luigi Amati, President - Business Angels Europe (BAE)
Developing angel investment as an asset class in the era of worldwide digital transformation

15.15 Roundtable 1

Challenges of the fundraising lifecycle from startup to scaleup to exit.

The demand for capital to fund the growth of their business is an essential consideration for all entrepreneurs who want to avoid ending up as 'lifestyle entrepreneurs'. There are numerous funding options for ambitious entrepreneurs, ranging from debt to equity and new funding types such as Initial Coin Offerings (ICOs). Many entrepreneurs struggle to fully understand their funding options and the ramifications of taking on external finance; most will fail to raise external capital even if they are deserving of it, owing to factors both beyond and within their control.

This panel aims to answer the questions entrepreneurs ask about funding, including about the fundraising lifecycle from startup to scaleup to exit. The discussants will highlight the pros and cons of different types of venture funding so as to help entrepreneurs understand

how to win at fundraising and to help investors understand the entrepreneurial mindset so that they can engage successfully with each other.

Moderator

Andrew Work, Senator - WBAF Senator for Hong Kong

Luigi Amati, President - Business Angels Europe (BAE)

Iulian Basu, Managing Partner & Founder Business Angels Romania, Romania

Leon Eisen, Inventor of the world's first FDA-cleared wrist pulse oximetry monitor, Israel

Sinan Tumer, COO - Naqi Logix, USA

16.00 Roundtable 2

Spotlight the effects of the equity story on the decision-making of angel investors

The equity story is really the foundation of any successful fundraising. The equity story creates a vision of the organization that also serves as a compelling rationale for investors to be interested in putting money into the startup venture. Angel investors will rely on the story to determine the marketability of the company and, most importantly, the company valuation. Angel investors will want to make sure that the business model and its future prospects 'hang together' with market growth and the company's ability to monetize its customer base. It turns out that the fundamentals of the equity story play a primary role in whether an investor decides to invest.

This panel will spotlight the effects of the equity story on the decision-making of angel investors, with a particular focus on the early post-investment phase.

Moderator

Andrew Work, Senator - WBAF senator for Hong Kong

Angelo Dalli, President - Business Angels Malta, Malta

Faruk Inaltekin, Chief Executive Officer - Bilkent Cyberpark, Turkey

Maryam Najafi, CEO and Board member of Finnova Innovation Center, Iran

Shori Zand, Founder and Chairman Avesina Investment Group, Sweden

GLOBAL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION SUMMIT 2022

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Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes, Country Director - WBAF USA Country Office

Keynote Speeches

Prof Sukit Limpijumng, President - National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Thailand

Innovative techniques to maximise startup potential: Building a disruptive entrepreneur-friendly community through multi-stakeholder engagement

H.E. Noomane Fehri, Former Minister of Digital Economy, Tunisia

Opportunities and challenges for digital economies

John Mavrak, Chairman - Peace City. World, UK

Developing Peace Cities Powered by Innovative Technologies and Global Investments for a Sustainable Future

10.45 Roundtable 1

Investment Strategies for Sustainable Smart Cities

The complexity of interactions between the global economy, social trends, cultural aspects, human behavior economics, and their impact on capital markets demand a new approach to investing for future generations. Social innovation, social entrepreneurship, and next-generation impact investment models will likely be the trifecta of our post-pandemic economic recovery journey and the foundation for the 5th industrial revolution era. While entrepreneurship is recognized as a major engine for socio-economic development, it must be complemented by novel financing instruments, novel business models, education, coaching, mentorship, and infrastructure to be successful. Impact investments will require a more personalized approach as their goals, needs and socio-economic context vary significantly. Impact investment portfolios also might require a different balance between liquidity, longevity, or legacy indicators.

This panel will focus on current challenges to entrepreneurial smart cities financing, the chain of financing, equity gaps, and equity-based investments. The discussants will consider

whether private-public partnerships, as well as new types of investments such as green and blue bonds, international coin offerings (ICOs), crowdfunding, and angel investment, can help bridge the equity gap in financing.

Moderator

Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes, Country Director - WBAF USA Country Office

Dr Sindhu Bhaskar, Chairman and CEO of EST Global, India

Dr Krithpaka Boonfueng, Deputy Executive Director - National Innovation Agency, Thailand

Atila Dikbas, CEO - ITU Ari Teknokent, Turkey

Mary Pagano, CEO & Founder Hera Media Group, USA

11.30 Roundtable 2

Building Multi-Stakeholder Engagement for globally connected innovation ecosystems

The global negative economic impact of cyberattacks has been estimated at \$6T and the average cost per data breach due to a cyber attack at \$4.4M for CY 2021. The United Nations and The European Union Commission proposed new rules to establish common cybersecurity and information security measures. The new regulations and guidelines aim to bolster resilience and response capacities against cyber threats and incidents, as well as to ensure a resilient, secure environment for all key stakeholders in the business ecosystem. During the most recent Davos 2022 meeting, global leaders expressed their concerns and called on companies to enhance their protection against cyber-attacks. The World Economic Forum's Global Cybersecurity Outlook report indicates that cyberattacks increased 125% globally in 2021, 43% of all cyberattacks target startups, scaleups, and SMEs and there is evidence suggesting an ongoing increase through 2022. This panel will focus on the strategies business leaders can deploy in this highly volatile and high-risk global digital economy to maintain digital trust, emphasize strategic approaches to mitigate cyber vulnerabilities, and succeed in building a culture of cyber-resilience in the digital era. Our panel guest will highlight key elements of success when deploying proactive cyber-security and cyber-resilience programs to mitigate the global cyber vulnerabilities triggered by the digital economy.

Moderator

Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes, Country Director - WBAF USA Country Office

Dr Varit Intrama, Country Director - WBAF USA Country Office

Wassim Jarkas, Senior Director stc, Bahrain

Derik Kim, Emeritus President - Global Entrepreneurs Foundation, South Korea

Hauwa Yabani, Administrator - ATV STP/SEZ, Nigeria

12.15 Roundtable 3

Digital Innovation and Digital Transformation for a better global startup economy

We are currently experiencing the transition from the fourth industrial revolution to the fifth. A large-scale digital transformation process will profoundly reshape the global business ecosystem and impact our economy. The global technology landscape is evolving rapidly and forward-thinking business leaders must be well prepared if they wish to retain a competitive advantage in their industry. The latest research indicates that the global smart cities market size is poised to grow at a CAGR of 20.5% and is estimated to reach \$2.5 trillion by 2025. Investments in digital transformation and smart city deployments are also steadily trending upward; Statista estimates that by 2025 the global investment in direct digital transformation will reach \$6.8 trillion and by 2022 40% of cities will use digital space-planning tools. Numerous factors drive the successful deployment of smart cities, but emerging technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, 5G and 6G networks, and edge computing are considered essential.

The panel will discuss challenges and opportunities, as well as the need for novel business models suitable for smart cities deployments. Our expert guest speakers will highlight how digital innovation, digital transformation, and building smart cities can strengthen the entrepreneurship ecosystem, promote financial inclusion and act as catalysts for economic growth.

Moderator

Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes, Country Director - WBAF USA Country Office

Shelli Brunswick, Chief Operating Officer Space Foundation, USA

Peter Hu, Head of Market Development CFLW Cyber Strategies, Singapore

Aleksandar Mastilovic, Digital Transformation Consultant, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Pamela Norris, Vice Provost for Research at George Washington University, USA

ETHICAL GOVERNANCE SUMMIT 2022

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Maria Marengo, Secretary General, WBAF Ethical Governance Committee

Keynote Speeches

Massimo Falcioni, Chief Executive Officer - Etihad Credit Insurance (ECI), UAE
Increasing role of responsible finance for post-pandemic economies

Dr Paul Doany, Rector, WBAF Business School
Importance of ethical governance to increase company valuations

Sello Hatang, Chief Executive Officer, Nelson Mandela Foundation, South Africa
Building social justice and solidarity through our institutions to decrease polarisation of the world

Prof Inderjit Singh, President, WBAF Global Startup Investment Promotion Agency
New Rules for the Startup Economy in the Post Disruption World - The Great Reset.

15.15 Roundtable 1

Mobilizing Private and Public Capital in Innovative Ways for the Social Good

Now is the time to focus on developing new ways to finance social investments. The World Business Angels Investment Forum brings together angel investors, corporate venture executives, fund managers, stock exchange executives and public institutions at the Ethical Governance Summit WBAF 2022 to discuss the increasing need for innovative and effective approaches to solving social and environmental issues.

This panel will focus on new ways of cooperation between governments, NGOs, corporates, and private investors that combine the forces of entrepreneurship, innovation, and capital to improve peoples' lives. Such cooperation leads to increased awareness and can expand the investor base, which in turn fosters more inclusion and more sustainable societies as they develop action plans for impact investment.

Moderator

Maria Marenco, Secretary General, WBAF Ethical Governance Committee

Dr Nikhil Agarwal, Executive Committee Member - WBAF Ange Investment Fund

Miguel Martin, WBAF senior Senator for Spain

Emin Ozer, CEO - Albaraka Portfooy, Turkey

Muhammad Sharif, Advisor Science and Technology at Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), Morocco

16.00 Roundtable 2**Responsible finance and impact Investment: The future of smart finance for social entrepreneurs**

There is an increasing trend in capital markets to use responsible finance to search for – and fund – solutions to many of the pressing social or environmental issues of our time. Corporate ventures also intend to invest up to 10 percent of their private equity investments with private equity fund managers whose investment strategies they expect to generate positive social and environmental outcomes, and who are willing to report on non-financial impact metrics. This trend is important for shaping the future of smart finance in capital markets.

This session will be essentially a think-tank session for the future of responsible smart finance in impact investments.

Moderator

Maria Marenco, Secretary General, WBAF Ethical Governance Committee

Fiona M. Darmon, General Partner at JVP, Israel

Enrico Fiore, CEO - Truyoins Partners & Ventures, Italy

Kamil Guclu, Executive Board Member, Adastec Corp. and Smart Holding, USA

HyungSup Kim, Principal at SAP & Business Innovation and Transformation Leader, South Korea

WBAF BUSINESS SCHOOL

WBAF BUSINESS SCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

World Congress of Angel Investors 2022



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Becoming an accredited investor
at the WBAF Angel Investment
Fund

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Exclusive Masterclass 1

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Business transformation
challenges for incumbents, present
opportunities for startup ventures

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Golden Rules of Three for
Startups' Fund Raising

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Understanding the Israeli Start-Up
Ecosystem and its Key
Opportunities

Exclusive Masterclass 3

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Designing Sustainable Smart City
Strategic Roadmaps

Faculty Members

Dr Nikhil Agarwal

Fiona M. Darmon

Dr Paul Doany

Prof Inderjit Singh

Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes

Exclusive Workshop

10.00 – 11.00 Canopus Hall

Becoming an accredited investor at the WBAF Angel Investment Fund

The satisfaction of supporting a startup at its early stage is one of the major reasons why people invest in early-stage-startups. Angel investment is termed as risk capital because of the risks associated with it. Angel investors are accomplished individuals in their own field who can bring guidance, networking, and knowledge to the startup company in addition to their capital investment.

The WBAF Angel Investment Fund is an international co-investment platform for the Global Fundraising Stage (GFRS). The goal is to create a high-quality portfolio with some of the world's most promising startups, scaleups and, at the same time, create co-investment opportunities and follow-on investments. Another goal is to connect the best startups with the best angel investors, making it possible for them to benefit from the know-how, mentorship, and networks of qualified investors.

The WBAF Angel Investment Fund is designed to capitalize on the worldwide growth in entrepreneurial activity and venture financing for startups and scaleups and to capitalize on WBAF's extensive network of global investors, including angel investors, private equity funds, co-investment platforms, wealth management institutions, family offices, VCs and acceleration centers.

In this workshop, participants will gain a deep understanding of how to become an accredited angel investor with the WBAF Angel Investment Fund. The masterclass will cover:

- a detailed overview of WBAF Angel Investment Fund
- the startup ecosystem & venture capital landscape
- raising capital & structuring a cross-border angel investment
- identifying the next big opportunity & evaluating global startups
- portfolio management & exit strategies

Dr Nikhil Agarwal – Executive Investment Committee Member, WBAF Angel Investment Fund

Nikhil Agarwal manages India's biggest tech incubator with 150+ incubated startups at the Indian Institute of Technology at Kanpur (one of India's premier tech universities). He is the former CEO of the Government of Andhra Pradesh's Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society. Dr Agarwal has founded businesses and advised firms on strategic matters in past 20 years of his career. He has worked with global multinationals like Cadbury's and Zensar (RPG Group). He has lectured in a visiting capacity at leading global universities like Virginia Tech in the US, and in the UK at the University of Bradford, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Cambridge. His interviews and work have been covered extensively in the international media including HBR, Forbes, CNN Money, BBC Radio, and The New York Times, to name a few. He has served on many international think-tanks and has held leadership positions in global organisations. He served as a high-level-advisor to the United Nations Global Alliance on ICT & Development (UNGAID) between 2008 and 2012, and he was a board member at the World Entrepreneurship Forum and the Open Mind Foundation. He was the first Asian to be elected as co-chair of prestigious Internet Society Advisory Council (ISOC-AC) for 2008-2010. In 2017, he was nominated as a Fellow of the IC2 Institute at the University of Texas at Austin. Professor Agarwal has travelled extensively around the world working with global institutions, corporations and multinationals. He has published over 40 research papers in conference proceedings and articles in top journals. He writes a column entitled "Snake Charmer" in the Times of India (TOI) and the Economic Times (ET). TOI is the largest English newspaper in the world by circulation. He founded EntrepreneurCafe.org, one of the world's largest entrepreneurship networks. Dr Nikhil Agarwal is alumnus of the University of Cambridge and the University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom.

Exclusive Masterclass

11.00 – 12.00 Canopus Hall

Business transformation challenges for incumbents, present opportunities for startup ventures

Companies have been facing increasing challenges, ranging from the need to introduce digital transformation to facing new market entrants, on top of the increasingly challenging environment that accompanied the pandemic. In addition, the increasingly tough economic conditions that businesses and governments are facing make it even harder, given budget constraints, higher inflation, higher debt costs, and lower overall company valuations.

Technology ventures are also facing challenges, although the inaction of incumbents may present opportunities for nifty young companies. It is a tough time for them to raise venture funding.

To survive this 'new normal', which will obviously stay with us for a few years, established incumbents, SMEs, as well as entrepreneurs and startups need to develop competencies to be able to develop the most appropriate business transformation strategies for their companies: from the deceptively comfortable 'Do-Nothing Option' to costly Major Business Overhauls. Any proposed action (or inaction) needs to be well understood by all stakeholders, including shareholders, boards of directors, top management, middle management, and their business partners (in some cases) in order for them to make the most appropriate decision for their entities.

The will and the ability to embrace creativity, innovation, and an 'entrepreneurial spirit' across their entire organizations are becoming increasingly critical for all companies, especially established incumbents, small and large, as well their new entrant challengers—and even in some cases, policymakers, who generally work for governments, and some regulators as well.

Dr Doany will share his experience and suggest various methodologies on how to best to assess business transformation options and how to phase in execution, taking into account their operational and funding constraints.

Dr Paul Doany – Rector, WBAF Business School

After his first tenure as Group CEO of Turk Telekom (2005-2010), Dr Doany moved into ICT Venture Capital, with 22 technology investments, half of which were pure start-ups. He also expanded into renewable energy (geothermal power, hybrid biogas/solar energy + organic fertilizers). During this period, he also served as Group CEO of Turk Telekom for a further 3 years, ending late 2019 (i.e. total of 8 years); the company had 47 million customers and 34,000 employees. He established the company's Corporate Venture Capital arm and supported its Tech/Starters Accelerator, with a focus on three main verticals: edtech, healthtech, and energy. In his first Turk Telekom tenure, he led the full acquisition of four strategic IT/ technology companies, an international carrier business with 19 country operations, and listed the Group on the Istanbul Stock Exchange in 2008. Dr Doany continues to invest in Technology Ventures (FinTech, EdTech, eGames, eCommerce BackOffice Services (eCommerce Merchants, plus RBF/financing), and renewable energy.

Exclusive Masterclass

12.00 - 13.00 Canopus Hall

Golden Rules of Three for Startups' Fund Raising

Fundraising is an important part of an entrepreneur's journey in creating a successful company, but we also know that without fail, raising funds is one of the biggest challenges faced by all start-up entrepreneurs. And even more challenging is raising Smart Money. This is a universal challenge faced by entrepreneurs in every corner of the world. It is therefore crucial for every entrepreneur to know how to raise funds and more importantly, how to do the groundwork before even approaching potential investors.

Based on his personal experience, both as an entrepreneur who has raised many types and rounds of financing and is also a savvy angel investor, Prof Inderjit Singh will share the secrets of fundraising based on his "Golden Rules of Three for Start-up Fundraising". In his talk, he will share useful lessons that all entrepreneurs should learn before they raise any type of funds. He will also be covering useful tips on what investors look for in start-ups before they decide to invest.

This masterclass will be useful for both entrepreneurs and angel investors. Each can have an idea of the different perspectives of fundraising. By understanding the psyche from the entrepreneurs' point of view and then from an investor's point of view, we can all develop a better understanding of the subtle aspects of fundraising for start-ups.

Prof Inderjit Singh – President, WBAF Global Startup Investment Promotion Agency (WIPA)

Founder of the United Test and Assembly Centre Limited, which became a unicorn 3 years after he started the company, Prof. Dr. Inderjit Singh served as Chairman of NTUitive, the Innovation Company of the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Solstar International Pte Ltd, a multinational company in Singapore. Prof Singh was the founding President

of the Singapore Chapter of The Indus Entrepreneurs, a network of entrepreneurs and professionals founded in 1992 in Silicon Valley, California. From 1995 to 2012, he was the Deputy Chairman of the Action Community for Entrepreneurs (ACE), a Singapore national committee involved in Entrepreneurship Policy and Advocacy. Previously, Prof Singh founded the United Test and Assembly Centre Limited, or UTAC, a Singapore-based semiconductor test and assembly company, and served as UTAC's President and Chief Executive Officer. UTAC became a unicorn 3 years after Inderjit started the company. Before founding UTAC, Prof Singh served at Texas Instruments Singapore (known as Micron Semiconductor Asia since 1999) for 13 years, holding the post of Director of Assembly and Test Operations for the Memory Division from 1996 to 1998. Prof Singh also served as a Member of Parliament (MP) in Singapore from 1996 to 2015 and was the Chairman of the Singapore Government Parliamentary Committee for Finance, Trade and Industry for the duration of his term as an MP. Prof Singh serves as a Member of the Board of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and in the past served as a board member in several statutory and public bodies, including the Urban Redevelopment Authority, the Standards, Productivity and the Innovation Board and Spring Singapore. He is an active angel investor and also holds directorship positions and investments in a number of start-up companies. Prof Singh holds a degree in Electronics Engineering from the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, an MBA from the University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom, and an Honorary Doctorate from Amity University, India.

Exclusive Workshop

14.30 - 15.45 Canopus Hall

Understanding the Israeli Start-Up Ecosystem and its Key Opportunities

Much has been discussed about the Israeli start-up ecosystem, as people seek to understand the small country's ability to create some of the world's largest innovations over the past three decades. Historically serving as the R&D center of the world, in recent years the country has produced some of the largest unicorns to hit the global market. All these and many more started as merely an idea by a number of ambitious Israeli entrepreneurs; they received funding from local VCs that believed in the founders' vision. But what is the real secret to Israel's start-up success? In this 75-minute workshop led by Fiona Darmon, who is a General Partner with one of Israel's leading VC firms, Jerusalem Venture Partners, and a veteran of Israel's Private Equity and VC scene, participants will be introduced to an abbreviated history of Start-Up Nation, the sources of the innovation, the deep-rooted entrepreneurship culture, the unique go-to-market mindset and the drive and ambition of the founders.

Darmon will focus on the key areas of innovation Israel is known for on the technology side and delve into the key applications of these technologies, from fintech to insurtech, agritech, foodtech, retailtech, healthtech, and many more. We will address the question of why—why were they founded in Israel, and then the question of what—what is interesting in the market today through a select example of exciting startups. Finally we will discuss the Israeli investment ecosystem, describe the available VC and PE resources in the local market through venture lending, angel funding and government support programs, with the latter driving and promoting the ecosystem as a whole and individual regions and themes in particular.

Fiona M. Darmon – WBAF Senator

Darmon is a veteran of the Venture Capital and Private Equity Industry, with over 20 years' experience in investing, venture capital, strategic planning and capital-raising. With experience

that spans public and private companies in Israel, the US, Europe and China, Ms. Darmon has been repeatedly recognized as one of the Top 50 most influential women in Israel by both Forbes and Globes magazines. Ms. Darmon is currently General Partner with the top-quartile performing VC firm Jerusalem Venture Partners (JVP), serving on the firm's Executive Committee and Investment Committee. Ms. Darmon serves on the board of directors of numerous JVP portfolio companies, including an insurtech unicorn, Earnix, cloud-native storage innovator Ionir, TASE-listed digital packaging disruptor Highcon Systems, audit and compliance innovator Datricks, and web security disruptor SourceDefense. Previously, Ms. Darmon held multiple executive roles with the NYSE-listed investment conglomerate Koor Industries and served as a founding member of the first Israeli corporate VC firm, Koor CVC. A recognized lecturer on all subjects of VC and PE investing, alternative fund formation and fundraising, Fiona is passionate about supporting the next generation of business leaders. She serves as a mentor in the Facebook SHESHE program and the Women2Women program. Fiona holds a BA in Finance and Information Technologies, an Executive MBA from the Kellogg School of Management of Northwestern University, and Tel Aviv University.

Exclusive Masterclass

15.45 - 17.00 Canopus Hall

Designing Sustainable Smart City Strategic Roadmaps

This masterclass is a highly interactive, in-person program focused on the key elements required to design and deploy a sustainable smart cities roadmap. Special emphasis will be placed during this masterclass on integrated planning with multiple key stakeholders and on how to successfully manage the implementation of emerging technologies while meeting increasing sustainability commitments, resource constraints, and exponential urban growth.

This masterclass optimizes participants' understanding and readiness to design a state-of-the-art smart city strategic roadmap, as well as enabling them to be future-ready and gain a distinctive competitive advantage. This masterclass is founded on three pillars: smart design, smart business, and smart leadership.

The smart design pillar will describe methods to harmonize existing enterprise strategic business goals with digital transformation goals, ways to continuously incorporate novel emerging technologies and embed novel ESG metrics.

The smart business pillar will focus on novel funding instruments, novel business models, and novel management techniques that are uniquely suited for smart cities deployment in a highly volatile global environment. The smart leadership pillar will address novel smart city governance and ways that leaders can augment and complement their existing skillsets to adapt to disruptive technologies, a global workforce, a digital economy, and high demands for an ethical, authentic, purpose-driven governance style. The masterclass didactics will be enriched with a variety of use cases from a variety of industries and geographic markets, punctuated by industry-agnostic key drivers of success, and lessons learned from failed deployments.

After attending this masterclass, leaders will feel more confident in designing and deploying complex smart city projects and managing multi-stakeholder relationships to create sustainable and inclusive urban living ecosystems. They will feel empowered to incorporate science and technology-driven innovations in their smart cities roadmap and to deploy them smartly to ensure long-term sustainability.

Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes – President, WBAF Economic Development Commission for Developing Smart Cities

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