



World Business Angels Investment Forum

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Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023s

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- Easing access to smart finance for entrepreneurs and angel investors
- Promoting gender equality
- Increasing financial inclusion
- Promoting digital inclusion

WBAF is the world's biggest organization of early-stage equity and investment markets, hosting 6 continental summits and/or 5 thematic forums every year during the World Congress of Angel Investors. The main organisation helps shape the global agenda of the early-stage equity and capital markets of the world.

WBAF acknowledges and emphasizes the importance of the many players in the startup economy—startups, scaleups, high-growth businesses, angel investors, crowdfunding platforms, incubation centres, accelerators, technology transfer offices, technoparks, innovation centres, corporate ventures, business angel networks, wealth management institutions and family offices. It advances its agenda at the G20 level through its affiliation with the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPII), chaired by Queen Maxima of the Netherlands. The WBAF also hosts World Business Angel Investors Week, which is celebrated every third week of October, under a global theme.

The World Business Angels Investment Forum is committed to collaborating globally to empower the economic development of the world by fostering innovative financial instruments for startups, scaleups, innovators, entrepreneurs and SMEs and by promoting gender equality and women's participation in all sectors of the world economy.

World Leaders 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. To facilitate engagement with WBAF's world vision, WBAF has developed a World Leaders Programme for individuals who want to play a part in WBAF's global efforts to empower the world economy.

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 Senior Associates, High Commissioners, Senior Senators, Senators, and International Partners. Becoming a WBAF Senior Associate, High Commissioner, Senior Senator, Senator or International Partner involves embracing activities that are designed to serve the global community.

- Senior Associates
- High Commissioners
- Senior Senators
- Senators
- International Partners

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 Senior Associates, High Commissioners, Senior Senators, Senators and International Partners around the world, we all benefit from shared learning, better networks and increased exposure.

Strategic Partners of the World Business Angels Investment Forum Strategic Partners are some of the world's top industry leaders representing diverse regions and industries; they are committed to the idea that interaction between multiple stakeholders can be a positive force in creating change. They work in close cooperation with the Forum to help shape regional and global agendas in the global and regional investment markets. Through this cooperation, Strategic Partners contribute to the global knowledge base and benefit from it as they determine the agenda of Forum meetings and develop the focus of Forum initiatives. WBAF has signed strategic collaborative agreements with global and regional institutions to empower the economic development of the world.

- International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group (IFC)
- London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG)
- World Association of International Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)
- International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP)
- The Middle East Business Angels Network (MBAN)
- The African Trade Association for Business Angels (ABAN)
- The World Free & Special Economic Zones Federation (FEMOZA)
- The Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Mediterranean (ASCAME)
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Junior Chamber International (JCI)

Secretary General

Christina Mc Gimpsey, Secretary General

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Austria, Senior Associate, Dr Gerhard Hrebicek

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Executive Committee Member, Global Startup Investment Promotion Agency WIPA | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

N/A

President, European Brand Institute. KR DI Dr. Gerhard Hrebicek, MBAPresidentEuropean Brand Institute -studied Mechanical Engineeringand Business Administrationat Technical University Vienna -graduated as MBA with specialisation in Marketing und Financeat University of Toronto -obtained his Ph.D. on „value-based management with special emphasis on intangible assets in particular brands" at the University of Graz -Founder and President of the European Brand Institute -President BRAND GLOBAL SUMMIT, Chairman BRAND GLOBAL Council -Chairman of the Austrian Committee for Brand-und Patent Valuations -Developed the standards ONR 16800, ÖNORM 6800 und ÖNORM 6801 -Chairman of the ISO Development Committee on ISO 20671: Brand Evaluation -Member of the Board of Austrian Standards Institute -Partner SummerLightCapital Partners, Chairman EBI BRANDINVEST -EBI UNIDO Partnership program "Branding for Competitiveness and Sustainable Growth" -Publicly appointed and sworn expert to Austrian courts for brand valuation.



Bahrain, High Commissioner, Feryal Nass

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | WBAF 2022 | Vice President, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Director, WBAF Country Office Bahrain | Qualified Angel Investor, Certified QBAC+ | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, Bahrain University - Master Degree in Political Economics, Stanford University - Founder & Chairwoman, Bahrain Entrepreneurship Organization (BEO) - Founder & Chairwoman, Bizgrow Incubators and Accelerators - High Commerce & Country Director at the World Business Angels Investment Forum - Executive Council member, WBAF Global Women Committee. Vice Chairman of ASEAN Bahrain Council - Board Member of Bahrain Khaireya Charity Society - Board Member of Entrepreneurs Organization (EO), Bahrain Chapter - Former President, Bahrain Businesswomen Society, Term 2016-2018 - Masterclass Social Entrepreneur of the Year Awardee, 8th Middle East Business Leaders Awards - International Women's Entrepreneurial Challenge (IWECC) Foundation Awardee - Executive Director, Nass The Group (for past 27 years-present) - Founder & CEO of Design District Trading W.L.L. - Founder & CEO of Ma Maison Interiors - Founder & Owner of Smart Creative Factory - Head of Thailand Committee, ASEAN Council - Head of Women's Committee, Khaireya Charity Society - Member of Equal Opportunities between Supreme Council for Women and Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry Joint Committee - Head of Advisory Council for the Interior Design Curriculum - Applied Science University, Kingdom of Bahrain - Advisory Board Member for Retail Sector, Tamkeen - Member of Organizing Committee in Bahrain International Garden Show, 2006-2010 - Member in the National Initiative for Agriculture Development Planning Committee, 2010-2011 - Former Member of National Committee for International Commerce - Participated in international law business conferences - Worked for several BCCI committees and other joint committees - Activist in voluntary work and charity societies. Joint Committee Members Bahrain Chamber and the Supreme Council for Women.



Bangladesh, Senator, S M Zillur Rahman

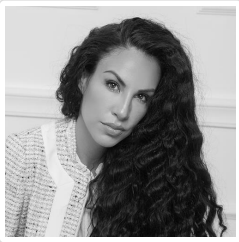
His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

WBAF 2022 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023 | Committee Member, Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee

International Committee:

Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee

S M Zillur Rahman is the Chairman & CEO of RAHMAN GROUP OF COMPANIES LTD. He is involved in Textile and Ready-made garments manufacturing, Int'l manpower recruitment, restaurant, real estate development, international trading and export-import businesses under RAHMAN GROUP OF COMPANIES LTD. He like to make relation with the peoples in home and abroad who maintain honesty, punctuality and very much conscious of personality and reputation. At the age of 15 he started his business from Singapore and Thailand and continuing with good reputation at home and abroad as an international reputed businessman. He is well known to the maximum diplomats in Bangladesh from last two decades and visited many countries including Europe, America, Australia, Canada, Far-East, Middle-East, South-East countries for different business meetings as well as business delegations member of Bangladesh, as foreign Expert, as speaker and as stakeholders from Bangladesh. He achieved several awards and crest in home and abroad for his outstanding contribution to society and business, like, BKVA Gold Medal, DCRU award, TRAB award, life time achievement award by Journalism Development Foundation, crest by Voice of America (VOC) Fan Club, Glamor Media Award, Atish Dipankar Gold Medal, SME Excellence award, Etc. Crest from Vietnam ambassador, Brunei Ambassador, Malaysian DCM, Association of Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Malaysia. Mr. S M Zillur Rahman has founded Fatema Mahbub Foundation, a humanitarian organization to serve the society especially for needy peoples and for the development of religious and general knowledge. He is devoted for the development of SME's in Bangladesh and across the world and as a result he has nominated as president of World Association for Small & Medium Enterprises (WASME), Bangladesh. He is director of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and industry (DCCI) for the year of 2018-2020. Founder and President of Bangladesh- Qatar chamber of commerce & industry (BQCCI). President of Bangladesh Bamboo Cane and Mate Crafts foundation (BBCMF).



Bulgaria, International Partner, Boryana Hristova

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Boryana is the Co Founder of the first business and social network for women only - IWCONNECTED.COM . After over 10 years of living as an expatriate in and outside Europe she decides to create a platform where all women like her initially can help each other worldwide. Boryana starts from London as IWConnected first location and creates the first online and offline space for women, where they can find business and life support, meet business mentors, create their own brand, socialize with like- minded people, get advertised through the platform. The company exists since 2016 and it is selected by location and occupation. Every lady, who joins leaves her details so she can be advertised among the others from a particular city, as well as everyone can see who is doing what at a global level. IWCONNECTED operates in London, Vienna, Sofia, Istanbul, Sydney, Moscow, Accra, New York, Los Angeles, Toronto and Moscow. Boryana has established solid relations with the Bahrain Businesswomen Society; Bulgarian council for women in business; Indian Business women Camber of Commerce, The Female Factor, Mediaspace global and many other communities and organisations worldwide to promote and protect women rights and equal chances for development and growth. Boryana is a PhD student in Journalism in Sofia University. Boryana and International Women Connected will be participating in the 6th International Conference on Future of Women in Sri Lanka in 2023



Canada, International Partner, Saadia Lakehal

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | WBAF 2022 | Committee Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Microbiologist and passionate about management, she is completing specialized training in project management at HEC Montréal, in addition to HACCP certification at the Saint-Hyacinthe campus in quality control for the agri-food industry sector. She is also certified in leadership from the Chefs & Cie program and in African Women Leadership Program (Agenda 2030- 2063) Egypt. Ms. Sâadia Lakehal has two areas of expertise. The first is scientific. She has worked in the management of hygiene and hospital sanitation in the agri-food and pharmaceutical industries (human and veterinary health). The second is managerial, she excels in the organization global events, in diplomatic business, international development. She leads various mandates in the business community. As a global citizen who is proactive, visionary and dedicated to her mobilizing projects, she acts as a facilitator and promotes networking and the development of business opportunities between manufacturing industries and the pioneers of the industry of the future here and elsewhere in the world. Strong with her global network, to propel and promote Canadian industries on the international scene, is the mission of Ms. Sâadia Lakehal. Her solid experience in industrial networking and her knowledge of the field, she improves the competitive positioning and level of competitiveness of Canadian manufacturers. After almost ten years at the head of several industry associations, Ms. Sâadia Lakehal is building a solid reputation in her field. Today, she wishes to put her 20 years of experience and her great expertise to good use by contributing to the creation of a more ethical future. Bringing together the players in the field, the mission of these events is to encourage inter-industrial intercultural connections to meet current and future economic, technological, organizational, environmental and societal imperatives. As global speaker and ambassador of global women in AgTech and manufacturing, Saadia Lakehal focuses in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment to achieve sustainable development.



Chile, International Partner, Juan Carlos Silva

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

WBAF 2022 | Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Experienced Entrepreneur, Co-Founder of RoomBeast (Chile) with a demonstrated history of working and leading multidisciplinary teams in the Food, Hospitality and Technology industries. Skilled in Sales Strategy, Team leadership, Advertising, E-commerce, Business Development, Brand Positioning and Marketing Strategy. Specialist in luxury products and native speaker of English and Spanish. Decisive and forward-thinking leader with persuasive communication style. Results-oriented and focused on exceeding revenue objectives and driving business growth. Excellent networking and lead development skills.



Croatia, Country Office Staff, Helena Matuša

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | WBAF 2022 | Country Director, WBAF Country Office Croatia | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

N/A

Experienced professional with a demonstrated history of working in the program development industry. Skilled in Sustainable Development, Business Planning, Analytical Skills, Government, and International Economics. Strong and creative business development professional graduated from Faculty of Economics, Finance Department, Zagreb University.



Cyprus, International Partner, Sotiris Makrygiannis

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:
Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:
N/A

Inspirational leader, gifted with creative thinking, unique experience that delivers unbelievable results.



Georgia, International Partner, Mariam Chikopaidze

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:
WBAF 2022 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:
N/A

President of Association of Women Entrepreneurs - AWE. An artist, designer, entrepreneur, owner of the Jewellery brand PIGMALIONI. By education Philologist and political scientist.



Guyana, Senator, Miranda Thakur-Deen

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:
WBAF 2022 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:
N/A

Miranda Thakur-Deen commenced her entrepreneurial journey in the extractive gold mining industry. She is the Managing Partner and Chairman of the Atlantic Ventures Inc. Group of Companies, which operates within Guyana and the Regional Maritime Sector. Miranda is also the Founder and Executive Director of a non-governmental organization known as The Give Another Chance Foundation (GACF). Miranda aspires to empower women in Guyana in the maritime industry by integrating women into mainstream Maritime activities. She partnered with WiMAC Guyana's Chapter, the Office of the First Lady of Guyana, and her very own, the Give Another Chance Foundation, to offer one hundred (100) scholarships to women.



India, Senior Senator, Nikhil Agarwal

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | WBAF 2022 | Executive Investment Committee Member, WBAF Angel Investment Fund | Investor, WBAF Angel Investment Fund | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

N/A

Nikhil Agarwal holds twin charge of CEO FIRST "Foundation for Innovation & Research in Science & Technology" is responsible for incubation and innovation AND CEO of C3i Hub - Cybersecurity and Cyber Defence of Critical Infrastructure Innovation Hub. FIRST and C3i Hub are section 8 companies promoted by IIT Kanpur. He is the former CEO, AP Innovation Society, Government of Andhra Pradesh. The role of the innovation society is to kickstart the innovation agenda and promote entrepreneurship in the sunrise state of India. Dr Agarwal has founded businesses and advised firms on strategic matters in last 20 years of his career. He has worked with global multinationals like Cadbury's and Zensar (RPG Group). He has lectured at leading global universities like Virginia Tech, University of Bradford, University of Edinburgh and University of Cambridge in visiting capacity. His interviews and work has been extensively covered in international media including HBR, Forbes, CNN Money, BBC Radio, The New York Times to name a few. He has served on many international think-tanks and hold leadership positions in global organisations. He has served as high-level-advisor to United Nations Global Alliance on ICT & Development (UNGAID) between 2008-12; board member at World-Entrepreneurship-Forum and Open Mind Foundation respectively. He was the first Asian to be elected as Co-Chair of prestigious Internet Society Advisory Council (ISOC-AC) for 2008-10. In 2017, he was nominated as Fellow of IC2 Institute, University of Texas at Austin. Professor Agarwal has traveled extensively around the world and worked with global institutions, corporations and multinationals. He has published over 40 research papers, conference publications and articles in top journals. He writes his column "Snake Charmer" in Times of India (TOI) and 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 University of Cambridge and University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom.



India, Senator, Harris Kovoov

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

WBAF 2022 | Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

With over 15 years of professional experience in the financial and business advisory services, Mr. Harris has played key roles in structuring various financial products for major public limited Companies listed in stock exchanges. As Financial Manager, Royal Family Office, of Abudabhi, UAE has also played key roles in managing investments from Central & southern Asia, EU, US & UK. The experience is varied with several initiatives of debt & equity structuring / Infrastructure development / Oil & Gas / Energy / Fintech & Block chain / Education in the MENA region. Playing a key role in the regional capital markets, Mr. Harris engages with various organizations looking to raise funds. Whether it is through an IPO, private equity or debt financing, the network he has built expands globally. His interest in angel investing comes from his experience in capital markets and working with start-ups looking to grow their business. Mr. Harris has handled Private Equity, IPO Management, and Company Law matters, Statutory Audits, Taxation, Bank Branch Audits and Stock Audits for Nationalized Banks etc. Completed academic credentials in Finance, Accounting, Corporate Laws and Economics and Passionate about encouraging ventures of Social entrepreneurship.



Indonesia, Senator, Muliandy Nasution

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022
| Board Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

A C-level executive who hold three master degrees which are Master of Laws (MH), Master of Management (MM) and last the MBA degree from Jena Applied Science, Germany prior to complete his bachelor in Engineering from University of Indonesia. On top of it, also a proud alumni of BCG Strategy School, Certified Business Management (CBM), Certified Professional Marketer (CPM), authorize Investment and Capital Market Underwriter Representative (WPEE license holder), and a well know individual in the full stream Energy and Financial Services networks. A digital corporate transformation leader and industrial expert who escalate enterprise to the highest level, specialised in B2B/B2G agreements with proven track records of high quality end-to-end business commercial expertise, where targets are achieved by maximizing value-earned selling and marketing, streamlining business processes, optimizing resources and managing multiple projects. Acquire polished leadership to lead and develop teams, exceptional communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills to ensure valuable stakeholders management. Have a solid experiences and exposure on extensive digital and corporate transformation by managing multi-culture team to develop emerging market across Asia Pacific, especially South Asia and South East Asia Region.



Israel, Senator, Fiona M. Darmon

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

WBAF 2022 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023 | N / A

International Committee:

N/A

Fiona Darmon, Managing Partner, Sunvest Capital Partners. Fiona is a seasoned venture capitalist and capital markets investor, whose investment, strategy, fund management and fundraising experience spans over two decades, in Israel and Internationally. Fiona currently serves as founder and managing partner of Sunvest Capital Partners, which aims to identify investments, primarily resulting from liquidity-driven private equity opportunities, at both the fund and direct investment level, in Israel, Europe and the US. Previously Fiona served as General Partner at leading international venture capital fund JVP, overseeing numerous portfolio investments, ranging from seed to publicly listed and unicorn companies, as well as fundraising many of the groups successful early and growth oriented funds. Ahead of this Fiona held a number of executive roles with leading Israeli NYSE-listed investment conglomerate, Koor Industries, as well as served as a founding member of the first Israeli corporate VC - Koor CVC. Repeatedly recognized as one of the most influential women in Israel, Fiona is an angel investor and sits off the boards of directors of numerous not for profit initiatives throughout Israel. Fiona holds a BA in Finance and IT and an Executive MBA from the Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management.



Italy, Senator, Enrico Fiore

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

WBAF 2022 | Committee Member, Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee

Trust Your Instincts & Visibilia ex Invisibilibus are my motto! I am a trusted advisor, a serial entrepreneur, and a philanthropist with over 30 years of diversified international work experience. My focus is on investments and innovation with a fervent pursuit of economic, environmental, and social sustainability. I am a strong advocate of the need for corporations' success to be measured based on the triple bottom line concept and to establish criteria to measure their social impact. 3P+ is People Planet Profitability (Profit+Sustainability) is a mantra in my/our projects. Me/We always look at the second horizon because seeking the future is my/our attitude. I am the CEO and Co-Founder of TruYoins - Strategy & Ventures Israel, with representative offices in UK-ITA-BEL-MNE; CEO of Mazo Energy Tech UK/China; Project Leader of SaluberMD (USA); Chairman of the Steering Committee of several companies: Delphinus Biotech, Trento/Italy (winner 2020 life science Start Lab UniCredit Bank); Mazo Energy Tech - Genova/Italy, Nanoblend Technology - Rovereto/Italy; Fibonacci Trento/Italy, WBST - White Black Slag Technology, Treviso/Italy. I am Director of Unione (UK Ltd. & Foundation, Netherlands), a grassroots movement with a positive impact, which brings people together creating a positive contagious understanding through own uniqueness in the oneness and also Ambassador Member of the GSN - Global Sustainability Network, the platform to deliver Goal 8. Accredited Qualified Global Mentor (AQGM) WBAF and Faculty Member of the WBAF Business School and I am appointed as Italy Senator at WBAF - World Business Angels Investment Forum.



Kenya, International Partner, Stacey Menga Onyango

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023 | Committee Member, Global Women Leaders Committee

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Founder/ CEO of Minkoti Agencies Limited a Company founded in 2009 dealing in Labour Based Contracting and Construction.Co-Founder of Nileganics Limited which deals in sourcing and value addition of organic products from South Sudan. Senior Human Resource Officer at the National Construction Authority and the Authority's Service Leader at Huduma Kenya Secretariat. Holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and an MBA- Strategic Management . Member of Young African Leaders Network ;Member of Independent Continental Youth Advisory Council on AFCFTA . Nominated by the African Women Innovations and Entrepreneurship Forum(AWIEF) as a finalist in the Young Entrepreneur Award Category in Africa. Passionate about creating sustainable economic development opportunities for youth and women.



Korea, International Partner, Jaeyeong Park

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023 | Committee Member, Global Startup Committee

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

N / A



North Macedonia, International Partner, Aleksandar Celeski

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Aleksandar Celeski is Certified Management Consultant (CMC®) with proven and extensive consulting experience in leading international professional services and management consultancy firms. He is also a serial entrepreneur and investor. He has more than 15 years of professional experience where he has been working on training, mentoring, coaching and consulting services. Latest, he became a member of DUEL Consulting in 2019 as an Executive Director with main responsibilities of advisory services such as business plan and business development, feasibility study, valuations, due diligence, transaction advisory services, mergers and acquisitions, operational, commercial and financial advisory, reorganisation, managerial accounting, loan applications, market research, access to markets, pricing policy, budgeting, etc. with emphasis on business conceptualisation, business development, innovations, investments and fundraising for SMEs and Start Ups.



Mexico, Senator, Nelly Sanchez Ortega

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

WBAF 2022 | Committee Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

My main motivation for the nomination to such honorable position is the outstanding role for the search, creation and implementation of innovative projects of great scalability that provide solutions to today's world, with the support of technology to achieve a more active participation of the business function, entrepreneurial ecosystem and focus each project towards continuous improvement as a successful experience. Knowledge should be an obligation to share it, what better opportunity than this platform to share my experience and receive feedback from professionals like those who make up this great jury. Review by Nelly I consider myself a disruptive and dynamic woman, with a high degree of commitment and work ethic.



Namibia, Senator, Deborah Walliser

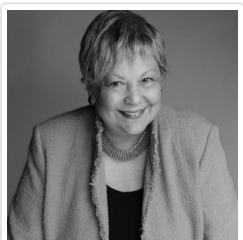
Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

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International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Currently selling greenhouse franchise systems in Africa, Europe, Russia, Australia and the US. Helping clients from around the world build greenhouse systems in arid or water restricted climates. Am interested in working with government, corporate and private entities for new joint-ventures, project consultation and franchise opportunities. Specialties: Specialties are creating innovative water conservation methods for agriculture and food production, project planning and development, fresh produce marketing and branding, project planning and development.



Panama, International Partner, Arletty Pinel

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

N/A

Dr. Arletty Pinel is an internationally recognized global health authority who has supported programs in over one hundred countries in most regions of the world. A visionary, she has more than twenty years innovating in the use of technology for health systems strengthening. A social entrepreneur and angel investor, she has spearheaded multiple initiatives including the recently launched E-Silver, a coalition of institutions and individuals committed to promote the silver economy as an instrument of inclusion, participation, and revitalization of local economies using exponential technologies. Dr. Pinel is leading an initiative to create impact funding mechanisms focused on the silver economy in Latin America and the Caribbean.



Peru, Senator, Isabel Velarde

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Committee Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

I work on the intersection of technology, business and innovation helping multinational corporations and entrepreneurs transform their business, instead of being disrupted. I enjoy leading and developing multi-tasking teams to create strategic and breakthrough work that connects the dots between entrepreneurship, female empowerment, gender equality, diversity, and inclusion. Over 16 years of cross-industry experience as a data-driven marketer, I acquired expertise in the development of innovation and business transformation strategy, design, and the implementation of agile methodologies to drive growth and deliver more value to all stakeholders. Driven by my personal journey, I have become a self-taught, changemaker and lifelong learning entrepreneur. Since 2015, I founded and bootstrapped from scratch INNOVATION HUB CONSULTING® [www.ihc.pe] a business transformation consulting firm focused on transforming businesses at scale by solving complex challenges combining innovation, strategy, technology, design, and marketing. As a creative problem solver with an operational mindset and strong analytical thinking skills, I became an explorer, enthusiastic and passionate about big data, AI, cognitive science, algorithmic diversity & ethics. I am passionate about challenging the status quo and demonstrate that the world always can be improved, while also being a force for good through ethics and responsibility, community impact, gender equality, and environmental sustainability. My personal mission is to build a fair and equitable work environment in Latin America, where no one ever feels like corporate spaces were not made for women.



Singapore, International Partner, Peter Hu

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International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Peter Hu, Market Development Head at CFLW Cyber Strategies BV (CFLW), has more than 20 years' experience in the Singapore government, offshore banking, entrepreneurship, and cybersecurity innovation. Since 2020, he has spearheaded CFLW's vision, strategy, and roadmap for markets development, collaborating with diverse foreign organizations to promote good practices in fighting abuse of crypto-assets and the dark web. He has a proven record in establishing beachheads in new markets and contextualizing policy development against market realities. He is adept at bridging East-West cultural divides across the public, private, and community sectors to spearhead commercialization and co-creation initiatives, as well as plan and coordinate impactful programs for specific target markets. He is skilled at spotting commercial, regulatory, and consumer trends, applying market research and trend analysis to deliver insightful case studies and strategic recommendations. Peter is also an International Partner for Singapore at the WBAF driving insights on issues critical to global transformational leadership, cybersecurity programs, and startup ecosystems. Peter graduated from Yale University, USA with a BA in Economics (2001).



Slovenia, Senator, Sandra Damijan

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | WBAF 2022 | Board Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Skills and experience Sandra is partner and Head of Grant Thornton Advisory and Forensic Services in SEE. She serves as Senior Advisory Board Member at Sigma Ratings for Europe (Fitch Group). She is also President of the Slovene Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Sandra serves as forensic investigation trainer for US Department of Justice (Serbia), OLAF (Hercule Programme) and assists to IFIs in investigations. She is Certified Fraud Examiner, Financial Management Expert, Licensed FIDIC expert. Prior to joining Grant Thornton, she led forensic practices in one of Big Four companies in Slovenia and SEE region. Before that she also led a department within the Slovenian Commission for the Prevention of Corruption in charge of leading and managing investigation teams for corruption offences in public and private sector. She was particularly focused on healthcare, financial, infrastructure, energy and telecommunications sectors. She is former member of the Slovenian delegation of the Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Head of Slovenian delegation to the UNODC for legal and technical assistance for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) to other countries, and former Vice-President of the European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network (EHFCN), Brussels. Sandra has extensive investigation and consulting experience and is particularly expert at compliance, special investigations, forensic examination and litigation, ESG compliance management. She has extensive international experience, from various CEE and SEE countries. Her work experience extends to over 20 countries. Country experience Ukraine, Serbia, Croatia, Georgia, Bosnia, Sri Lanka Afghanistan, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Moldova, Albania, Uzbekistan, Kosovo, Slovenia, Austria, Netherlands, UK, Bulgaria, Hungary, Tajikistan, Turkey. Education and professional qualifications • PhD in Financial Management, faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana • MSc in International Security, Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, University of Bristol • BA in Economics with specialization in International trade and Political Science, University of Conway • Researcher and Lecturer at the School of Economics and Business UL



South Africa, Senator, Phillip J Mostert

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023 | Committee Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Phillip J Mostert - Vice President Fio Capital Group | Founder and Chairman MontRiche Capital | Rainmaker & Influencer | Specialist in Mergers & Acquisitions | Strategic Business Specialist | Global Deal Maker | Born 1964 | Multiple Qualifications in International Contract Law and Business | Avid scholar & reader and believes in Benjamin Franklins' quote: "Either write something worth reading, or do something worth writing". Member International Chamber of Commerce | Member Institute for Mergers, Acquisitions and Alliances (IMAA) | Member World Intellectual Property Organization - WIPO | Member Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis | Member International Institute of Business Analysts - IIBA | Member International Institute for Strategic Studies - IISS | Member Center for Strategic and International Studies - CSIS | Licensed Consultant - Licensing Executives Society (USA & Canada) Inc. | Associate Certified Coach (ACC) Project Management Institute.



Spain, Senior Senator, Miguel Martin

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | WBAF 2022 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023 | Committee Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Global startup investor, mentor, board advisor & ecosystem builder specialized in international expansion & fundraising and impact business models & investing. Currently focusing on Nocode & AI for democratizing & empowering digital inclusion, employment & entrepreneurship globally. Leading global entrepreneurship, innovation and investment initiatives in Spain; President SDGs Science, Tech & Innovation Committee at World Business Angels Investment Forum an affiliated partner G20 GPFI, Lead National Partner for Entrepreneurship World Cup, VP for International Relationships at LACBAN - Latin American & Caribbean Business Angels Network, Founding Curator of Global Shapers Seville a young leaders global initiative founded by World Economic Forum.



Tanzania, Senator, Tuti Mwambenja

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023 | Committee Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Director, WBAF Country Office Tanzania

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Tuti Mwambenja is a Tanzanian entrepreneur with experience in hospitality, travel, and angel investment. She earned her degrees in International Business Management and International (Wales) Tourism and Hospitality (Malaysia) before starting her career as a Management Trainee at Kilimanjaro Kempinski Hotel Dar es salaam in 2011. She went on to start her own travel agency, promoting international travel and domestic tourism. In 2015 she co-founded Tanzania-Asia Young Leaders, a program for leadership and entrepreneurship skills training and mentorship. In 2018, she became an international partner of the World Business Angel's Investment Forum (WBAF) and founded Awamupay Tanzania, an installment e-commerce platform. After 3 years of working in the investment readiness program of WBAF Tanzania Country office, in 2021, she became the country director for WBAF Tanzania, working to promote angel investment and chairing the WBAF annual Angels Investors Week. She is also a member of the WBAF global women leader's committee, advocating for women's access to funding.



Thailand, Senator, Krithpaka Boonfueng

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

N/A

Dr. Krithpaka Boonfueng is the Deputy Executive Director of National Innovation Agency. In Thailand, she graduated a LL.B. (2nd Class Honors) from Thammasat University in 1994, a LL.M. (Business Law) from Chulalongkorn University in 1997 and qualified as a Thai Barrister-at-Law in 1998 before pursuing her academic study at the United States. After receiving the Royal Thai Government Scholarship to study the master and doctoral degrees in the United States, she graduated a LL.M. (International Business Law) from American University in 1999 and LL.M. from University of Pennsylvania in 2000. Finally, she finished the Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) from American University in 2003. Her legal expertise is in intellectual property law (Copyright, Patent, Trademark), electronic commerce and internet law, international trade and business law and intellectual property management. In area of intellectual property management, she is a patent agent and a part-time lecturer at the Graduate School of Management & Innovation at Thammasat University and King Monkut's University of Technology Thonburi. She teaches the intellectual property law at the School of Law, Ramkhamhaeng University and Bangkok University and is the Associate Judge at the Intellectual Property and International Trade Court, Thailand. I am qualified angel investors thru QBAC+ with inspiration to recognize the strong commitment in building up the innovation capability of our Nation and in supporting entrepreneurship development in Thailand.



Togo, Senator, Tokunbo Ige

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | WBAF 2022 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023 | Committee Member, Global Startup Committee

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Olatokunbo Ige is an international human rights lawyer, peace and development expert turned social entrepreneur. Trained by the John Maxwell Team, she is also a certified trainer, coach, mentor and human behavior consultant. With 30 years of experience in the field of human rights, peace, security and disarmament in Africa, she recently retired from the United Nations and is now founder / coordinator of The Livingstones Resource Center (TLRC) an incubator, as well as principal consultant of TI Consulting her leadership training and consulting outfit based in Togo. She has recently started working on environmental issues, a passion that has become a career. Through TLRC, Tokunbo Ige leads several projects including the creation of an ecological centre known as ECOVILLAGE. ECOVILLAGE is an eco-friendly hotel built with local materials where she brings to life her passion for healthy living as well as adding value to others by imparting eco-centric leadership, personal development and technical skills, especially to women and young people In 2019, she established UTRADER as a waste management and transformation centre that seeks to alleviate the problem of domestic waste management by transforming, for example, used plastics, tyres, barrels, wood and textile waste into quality products and goods.



Turkey, Senior Associate, Baybars Altuntas

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Executive Chairman, World Business Angels Investment Forum | Global Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Global Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | WBAF 2022 | Board Member, Diplomacy in Action for Entrepreneurs Initiative | Senior Advisor, Global Startup Investment Promotion Agency WIPA | Senior Advisor, WBAF Angel Investment Fund | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

N/A

Former Senior Advisor of the London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG), Executive Chairman of the World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF) - an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) chaired by the Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, and President of Deulcom International Inc., Star of the Turkish version of the television show Dragons' Den / Sharks Tank. Recipient of the European Trade Association of Business Angels (EBAN) award for the Best Individual in Europe Globally Engaging with the Global Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in 2014 (Ireland), 2015 (Netherlands), 2016 (Portugal), 2017 (Spain) and 2018 (Bulgaria). The only angel investor to be granted a personal audience with former President Obama at the Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship in Washington DC. Appointed as JCI Ambassador, following Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary General of the United Nations. Profiled regularly by leading international media such as CNN International, Bloomberg, BBC. A co-author of Planet Entrepreneur: The World Entrepreneurship Forum's Guide to Business Success Around the World, published by Wiley (2013). Author of "How I Became a Top TV Star and Celebrated Investor", published by Balboa Press (2014) and translated into Chinese, Croatian, Albanian, and Macedonian.



Turkey, Senior Senator, Emine Erdem

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | WBAF 2022 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023 | Vice President, Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee

International Committee:

Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee

A lawyer by profession, she is a Board Member of Erdem Holding since 1985 and served as a Chamber Counsel for Turkish Airlines between 1990 and 2017 until her retirement. She is the President of KAGIDER where she has been a Board Member since 2013. Successively, she worked as the President of Soroptimist International of Turkey (2008-2010), Board Member (2013-2017) and Vice President (2015-2017) of Soroptimist International of Europe and President of Soroptimist International Convention (2015.) She has been appointed as Senator for Turkey at World Business Angels Investment Forum in August 2020. Moreover, she has been elected as the President of Federation of Industrial Associations (SEDEFED) in June 2021. She is a Board Member of Global Entrepreneurship Network Turkey, GEN TR, a member of Executive Committee of Istanbul Economy Summit, a member of the Advisory Board of Association of Women Candidates; and Steering Committee member of FCEM, a member of the Advisory Board of Habitat Association and also W20 Delegate from Turkey. She was a member of UNESCO Turkish National Commission Gender Equality Monitoring Committee between July 2018 - May 2022. Her other civil society memberships include International Federation of University Women and Foundation of Turkish Women in Legal Profession. She has been a spokesperson at several international meetings, she speaks French and English.



United Kingdom, International Partner, Hakan Candaner

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Co-Founder & Managing Director at Global Advisory Board & Networklife Group | E2E Ambassador | Westminster | IoD | Tech Investor | Strategic Board Advisor | Startup & Scale-up Growth Advisory | Mentor Member and Advisory of Turkish Chamber of Commerce & Industry.



United States, Senior Senator, Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | WBAF 2022 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023 | Executive Council Board Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee | Secretary General, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee | Faculty Member, WBAF Business School | Secretary General, WBAF Research Institute | Vice President, World Smart Cities Economic Development Commission WSCED | Country Director, WBAF Country Office USA | Board Member, WBAF Office Miami | Board Member, WBAF Office Silicon Valley

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Expert Advisor to the European Union Blockchain Observatory and Forum, and holding several leadership roles at the World Business Angels Investment Forum and its Institutes, which is an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPII) chaired by Her Majesty Queen Maxima of the Netherlands. Founder & CEO of the Institute for Science, Entrepreneurship and Investments, Board Member of the Partners in Digital Health Institute, as well as the Government Blockchain Association, where she remains the acting Chief Innovation Officer. Executive partner or advisor to Fortune 500 and UN-affiliated organizations. Most recent executive consulting engagements include the EU Central Bank and US Bank.

Earned a Doctor in Medicine and an Executive Masters in Business Administration, and is an alumna of MIT, Harvard, Stanford, and Columbia Universities. Executive certifications in AI, Blockchain, Finance, Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Bioethics. She continues to teach at the University of Miami Business School and the WBAF Business School, while serving as an Affiliate Faculty at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy, as well as the US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights as a certified consultant. Member of the Forbes Business Council, and Co-Founder of the WBAF World Smart Cities Economic Development Commission. Numerous lifetime recognitions and 30+ awards, most notably the WBAF World Excellence Award for Social Entrepreneurship, Award of Excellence in Research by Columbia University in New York City, and Teacher of The Year twice by the University of Miami, FL. Member of several prestigious professional organizations, including the International Business Honor Society, Lifetime Fellow of the ACP, a Fellow of ACHE, and a Member of IEEE. She has authored and guest-edited several scientific journals and is a publishing editor at IGI Global and Frontiers Media.



Venezuela, International Partner, Fernando Ríos Díaz

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Personal Brander, entrepreneur, marketer with a human sense, innovator and ultra marathon runner. I love helping people develop their life projects. Current chapter director in Caracas of the Startup Grind community. WBAF International Partner. Speaker on Personal Branding, Entrepreneurship and Marketing in different Universities and Institutions. My purpose is to help passionate entrepreneurs to grow, beginning from the (re) design of their purpose/value proposition all the way through the acceleration process and the fund raising stage, including marketing implementation.



Viet Nam, Senator, Phi Van Nguyen

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2023

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Nguyen Phi Van holds an MBA from Australia majoring in marketing communication. Her experience spans over 20 years as a senior executive in brand, retail, and franchise development across global emerging markets in Asia, The Middle East, Africa, and Eastern Europe. She has engaged in various national projects in developing the creative economy and the entrepreneurship network for various governments and is currently advisor to Project 844 under the Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam on startup & innovation, Board Director of ASEAN Business Angel Network, Chairwoman of Vietnam Angel Network, and is an angel investor with a portfolio of 24 companies.. Phi Van is 2015 award winner of Retail Leadership presented by Asia Retail Congress, 2017 & 2018 award winner of 100 Top Great Retail Minds presented by World Retail Congress, 2019 award winner of ASEAN Outstanding Business Award, and has been curated in Top 100 powerful women of the global franchise industry 2019 & 2020. Phi Van is the author of seven books, “Franchising - The Short Route to Global Markets”, “Cross The Rice Field, Reach The World”, “Go Global: An MSME’s guide to global franchising”, “I, The Future and The World”, “In Search of Myself”, “Nym - My Future Self”, and recently “Opening the Future”.