

2022 AWIEF

AFRICA WOMEN INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM

Advancing Africa through Gender Integration

Hybrid Conference

26 & 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

CAIRO, EGYPT

Co-organisers:



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Venue: The Nile Ritz-Carlton Cairo, Egypt

All times are Egypt Standard Time (EGY)/Eastern European Time (EET)

DAY 1 - MONDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

09:00 - 10:00	Registration and Refreshments
09:00	Exhibition Opening
10:00 – 11:00	Opening Session
MC Welcome	To be confirmed
	Irene Ochem AWIEF Founder & CEO
	Ali Eissa Chairman, Egyptian Businessmen Association (EBA)
	Sherif El Gabaly Member of Egyptian Parliament, Chairman of Committee on Cooperation, International Relations, and Conflict Resolutions, African Parliament, Chairman of the African Affairs Committee in the Egyptian Parliament
	Elena Atanasova Panova United Nations Resident Coordinator in Egypt
	H. E. Dr. Rania Al-Mashat Minister, Ministry of International Cooperation, Egypt
	Opening Keynote Address High-level speaker from Egypt (TBD)
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:15	High-level Panel Session: Gender Equality as Means to Accelerate Progress towards the UN SDGs & Africa Agenda 2063
Moderator:	Nevine AbdelKhalek Dean, School of Continuing Education, Nile University, Board Member & Chairman of Sustainable Development Committee of EBA
	H. E. Dr. Rania Al-Mashat Minister, Ministry of International Cooperation, Egypt
	Maya Morsy Member, United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, President, National Council for Women, Egypt (TBC)
	Gielan Elmessiri Deputy Country Representative, UN Women, Egypt

	Mariam Masha Senior Special Assistant to the President on Humanitarian Interventions, Federal Republic of Nigeria
	Representative UNDP (TBD)
	Almas Jiwani CEO, Almas Jiwani Foundation
12:15 – 13:15	Women Leading Climate Action and Sustainability
Moderator:	Azza El-Shinnawy, Country Manager, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Egypt
	Damilola Ogunbiyi Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General & CEO for Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) and Co-Chair of UN-Energy 3-minute video message
	Representative Ministry of Environment of Egypt (TBC)
	Josette Fiani President, Knowledge Economy Foundation
	Patricia Obozuwa Vice President, Government Affairs, Communications & Sustainability for Africa, Coca Cola Company
	Ahmed Rezk Deputy UNIDO Representative, Regional Hub in Egypt
	Amina Kandil Partner, McKinsey & Company, Egypt
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch Break
13:45 – 14:05	Fireside Chat
	Malvika Iyer International Motivational Speaker and Disability Rights Activist, India Interviewer: Irene Ochem AWIEF Founder & CEO
14:15 – 15:15	Advancing Women’s Leadership to Build Resilient Healthcare Systems (hosted in partnership with The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)
Moderator:	Nabhit Kapur, Founder President, Peaceful Mind Foundation, India
	Ayoade Alakija WHO Special Envoy for the ACT-Accelerator, Co-Delivery Alliance
	Jackie Jones Director & Chief of Staff, Gender Equality Division, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
	Glenda Gray President & CEO, South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)
	Heba Wali CEO & Chairman of Vascera (Egyptian Biological Products and Vaccines Company) (TBC)
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
Parallel Panel Sessions	
15:45 – 16:45	Finance and Investment - The ROI of Removing Barriers to Access
Moderator:	Nirmala Reddy, Senior Manager, Enterprise Development, Nedbank
	Representative from CIB or National Bank of Egypt (TBC)

	Chinyere Almona Director-General, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry
	Dalia Ibrahim Chief Executive Officer, Nahdet Misr Publishing House and Founder of EdVentures
	Naglaa El Nozahy CBE Governor's Advisor for African Affairs, Supervisor of the Economic Research Sector (TBC)
	Kanayo Awani Executive Vice President, Intra-African Trade Bank (TBC)
	Marieme Esther Dissanou Manager, Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA), African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
	Yasmine EL- Hini Egypt Country Officer IFC (TBC)
	Representative Bank of Industry Nigeria
15:45 – 16:45	Transforming African Agriculture to Mitigate the Twin Challenges of Climate Change and Food Insecurity
Moderator:	Mostafa El Naggari, Chairman, Fresh Fruit Group, Chairman, Agriculture and Irrigation Committee, Egyptian Businessmen's Association
	Dina Saleh Regional Director, Near East, North Africa, Europe & Central Asia, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
	Menghestab Haile Regional Director, World Food Program WFP (TBC)
	Maïmouna Coulibaly Founder, Faso Kaba Seed Company, Mali
	Catherine Nakalembe NASA Harvest Africa Program Lead, University of Maryland, USA
	Abd El Hameed El Demerdash Chairman, Export Council for Agricultural Crops, Egypt
	Representative OCP Group (TBC)
	Representative Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)
	Representative Hani Sonbol Institution (ITFC) (TBC)
	Side Event: B2B Matchmaking
DAY 2 - TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2022	
09:00 - 10:00	Registration
09:00	Walkabout/Photo opportunity at Expo

10:00 – 10:15	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p>Solomon Quaynor Vice President for Private Sector, Infrastructure and Industrialization, African Development Bank Group (AfDB)</p>
10:15 – 11:30	High-level Panel Session: Making the AfCFTA Work for All
Moderator:	Rita Edozie, African Economic Development Expert, Interim Dean, John W McCormack School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts-Boston, USA
	<p>Hon. Bogolo Kenewendo Former Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Botswana & UN Climate Change High-Level Champions, Africa Director & Special Advisor</p>
	<p>Sherif El Gabaly Member of Egyptian Parliament, Chairman of Committee on Cooperation, International Relations and Conflict Resolutions, African Parliament, Chairman of the African Affairs Committee in the Egyptian Parliament</p>
	<p>First Undersecretary Minister Plenipotentiary Yahya Al-Wathiq Billah Head, Egyptian Commercial Services, Ministry of Trade and Industry (TBC)</p>
	<p>Amany Asfour President, Africa Business Council</p>
	<p>Yvonne Manzi Makolo CEO, RwandAir</p>
	<p>Cynthia Griffin Commercial Counselor, U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration</p>
	<p>Bosco Sebabi Deputy CEO, Pan-African Payments Settlement System</p>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 12:45	Egypt's Role in Africa's Sustainable Development – Sharing Potentials for a Shared Profit (Plenary)
Moderator:	Oumnia Boualam - Managing Director, Brussels Global Review
	<p>Mohamed Abd El Wahab CEO, General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI)</p>
	<p>Infrastructure Sayed El Baroudy, Chairman of The Arab Contractors (Osman Ahmed Osman & Co.) (TBC)</p>
	<p>Energy Ahmed EL Sewedy, El Sewedy Group (TBC)</p>
	<p>Industrialization Hossam Elgamal, Speaking as International Chamber of Commerce Digital Economy Commission Ambassador to Africa</p>
	<p>Health Representative, 100 million Healthy Lives Initiative (TBD)</p>
	<p>Agriculture and Agri Industries Representative, Ministry of Agriculture (TBD)</p>
	<p>Representative Ministry of Public Enterprise (TBD)</p>

	Banking Representative, Banque du Caire or National Bank of Egypt
	Heba Handoussa Managing Director, Egypt Network for Integrated Development (ENID) and Member of the Board of Trustees, The Egypt Foundation for Integrated Development (EI Nidaa) (TBC)
12:45 – 13:00	Destination AWIEF2023
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
Parallel Panel Sessions	
14:00 – 15:00	Venture Capital and Support for Africa's Bright Ideas
Moderator:	Laila Hassan, General Partner, Algebra Ventures
	Itumeleng Monale COO, Johannesburg Stock Exchange
	Bongani Sithole Managing Director, Founders Factory Africa, South Africa
	Roberta Annan Founder & Managing Partner, Impact Fund For African Creatives (IFFAC)
	Ahmed El Alfy Chairman, Sawari Ventures (TBC)
	Aly El Shalakany Chairman, Cairo Angels Syndicate Fund
	Mohamed Metwalli CEO & Managing Director, N1 Capital (TBC)
14:00 – 15:00	Training and Support for Start-Ups - What Works
Moderator:	Mojolaoluwa Aderemi-Makinde, Google Regional Head Brand and Reputation, Africa
	Irene Ochem Founder & CEO, AWIEF
	Irene Danquah Programme Manager, Investment Climate Reform Facility (ICRF-GIZ)
	Kristine Ngiriye Founder & CEO, Entreprenarium (TBC)
	Representative Value For Women
	Victoria Sabula CEO, Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF) (TBC)
15:00 – 16:00	Technology & Innovation: Digital Tools to Unlock SMEs Growth: FinTech, Cloud Technology, AI, Big Data and Payment Systems
Moderator:	Chizor Malize, MD/CEO, Financial Institutions Training Centre (FITC), Nigeria
	Yazeed Sheqem Digital Skills Program Manager, Amazon Web Services (AWS), MENA
	Uzoma Dozie Founder & CEO, Sparkle Digital Bank, Nigeria
	Georges Vivien Hounbonon Digital, TMT Economist - World Bank Group-IFC

	Juliet Anammah Chief Sustainability Officer, Jumia Group and Chairwoman, Jumia Nigeria
	Nshuti Mbabazi Head of Africa Advocacy & Partnerships, Better Than Cash Alliance, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)
	Representative VISA
	Ahmed El Beheiry CEO North Africa, Cassava Technologies (TBC)
	Dalia Wahba Deputy CEO and CIO of Hassan Allam Utilities
15:00 – 16:00	Building Africa – Energy, Infrastructure & Industrialization
Moderator:	Rania El Rafie, Group Account Director, APO Group
	Brenda Mbathi CEO, GE East Africa
	Grace Orife Founder & CEO Adelaar Energy Limited
	Dolapo Kukoyi Managing Partner, Detail Solicitors
	Ndiarka Mboji Founder & CEO, Kowry Energy
	Amr Essam Hassan Allam Managing Director, Hassan Allam Holding (TBC)
	Nishdeep Sethi Group Director, Structured Finance, African Guarantee Fund (AGF)