



10th IsDB Youth Development Forum- 2022

Building Youth Resilience: Transition to the Green Economy and Beyond

About IsDB's 10th Youth Development Forum 2022

The Youth Development Forum (YDF) is a flagship annual standing event on the sideline to the Islamic Development Bank Group Annual Meeting. It brings together influential thinkers, policymakers, international development policy experts, and most importantly, youth delegates to address, discuss and debate critical issues of relevance to young women and men around the globe.

This year celebrates the Bank's 10th Youth Development Forum. The topic for this YDF is **Building Youth Resilience: Transition to Green Economy and Beyond** which expands the scope of youth economic empowerment and explores the interdependent areas of youth, economic growth, climate change, and environment issues more broadly. The theme of this year's Forum is in line with the objectives of the Bank's new strategic priorities for 2022-2025, namely, boosting recovery and driving green economic growth.


Key Issues to be Addressed

- What can national governments and development partners in IsDB MCs do to enable green investments to benefit young jobseekers in particular?
- Which skills development strategies can be devised to prepare young women and men to take up green jobs?
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 May 26, 2022

 01:00 PM – 02:30 PM (KSA Time)

 Virtual Event





Speakers List

Welcoming Remarks



H.E. Dr. Mansur Muhtar

IsDB Vice President, Operations

Keynote Speaker



H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad

Minister of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Closing Remarks



Mr. Amer Bukvic,

Acting Director General—Global Practice and Partnerships (DG-GPP).

Master of Ceremony



Sharia Walker

Senior Youth Development Specialist

Moderator



Irene Boghdadi

Head of Entrepreneurship and MSME Support Services (Cleantech)

Panelist



Hanan Alnuwaiser

Council Member at Arab Youth Council for Climate Change



Hassan Mansi

Entrepreneur, Co-Founder and Program Director at Flat6Lab



Olatunji Yusuf

Senior Climate Change Specialist, the Islamic Development Bank



Olga Strieska-Ilina

Senior Skills Specialist in charge of the ILO green skills portfolio



Tamer Taha

Advisor to the Minister of International Cooperation of Egypt on Innovation, Digitalization and Entrepreneurship



Speaker Profiles

H.E. Dr. Mansur Muhtar



Mansur Muhtar joined IsDB in December 2015, and currently serves as Vice President Country Programs Complex (Formerly Operations). He has served as Ag. Group Chief Economist, and Ag. Chief Product and Partnerships Officer. He served as Executive Director on the Board of the World Bank Group (2011-2014) as well as Co-Chair of the UN Inter-Governmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Finance (2013-2014). He has served as Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Development for the Federal Republic of Nigeria and as Chairman of the Country's National Economic Management team (2008-2010), as Executive Director, African Development Bank (2007-2008) and as Director-General of Nigeria's Debt Management Office (2003-2007).

H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad



Dr. Yasmine Fouad was appointed Minister of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt on 18 June 2018. She was previously Assistant Minister of Environment since 2014. Dr. Fouad holds MSc in Environmental Science and PhD in Political Science - Euro Mediterranean Studies. She has more than 20 years' experience in Environment and International cooperation, working in Government, UN organizations, NGOs and Universities.

Mr. Amer Bukvić,



Mr. Amer Bukvić is the Acting Director-General -GlobalPractice & Partnerships (DG-GPP) at the Islamic Development Bank. Amer leads the Bank's product organization and strategic direction in the areas of partnerships, public (sovereign) financing, private (non-sovereign) financing, co-financing, and knowledge products, in a manner that helps the Bank provide suitable financing solutions with improved financial terms and sustainable added value. He builds upon the existing relationships with major developmental partners such as Arab Coordination Group, MDBs, UN system, and private sector partners such as business enterprises, philanthropic and corporate foundations, and financial institutions, and seeks to establish new network of collaborative alliances with private and public entities to augment the Bank's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Speaker Profiles

Sharia Walker



Sharia Walker describes herself as a “curious global citizen”. She is the Senior Youth Development Specialist at the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), and has led substantial Youth Development initiatives at IsDB: including developing the Bank’s first Youth Development Strategy and mainstreaming youth development and empowerment throughout the Bank’s projects and programmes. Sharia has a MA in Education Management and a second MA in Peace and Justice with a specialization in Conflict Management and Resolution and is a California certified mediator. She is also an entrepreneur, before joining the Islamic Development Bank Sharia established the first privately owned alternative dispute resolution consultancy firm in Saudi Arabia where she offered mediation, negotiation, and conflict resolution advisory services to government entities, civil society, private sector, and SMEs.

Irene Boghdadi



Ms. Boghdadi is the Head of Entrepreneurship and MSMEs in Chemonics Egypt since 2014. In the past decade, she focused on the intersection of technical and business aspects of clean technologies. She worked on multiple studies including market analysis, policy, technology, value chain and clusters analysis and development in various recycling and renewable energy sub-sector. She co-established Egypt’s first incubation, acceleration and growth management programs in the clean technology markets and has advised 100+ startups and MSMEs in MENA working in the water-energy-food nexus from technical aspects to investment readiness. Irene holds a MSc Degree in Masters of Energy Systems Management from the University of San Francisco.

Hanan Alnuwaiser



Prior to her career transition, Hanan worked in the research sector on tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. Since early 2021, Hanan has been working as a Sustainability Manager at an investment management holding company. She is directing a holistic sustainability program that ensures nine businesses from a diversified portfolio adopt best practices that align with a Nature Positive strategy. Since then she has become a member of the Arab Youth Council for Climate Change, an initiative by the Arab Youth Centre which aims to achieve a qualitative leap in the interaction of Arab youth with environmental issues, support youth climate action, and engage young Arabs in developing innovative and sustainable solutions to the climate change challenges. Driven by a growth mindset and impact generation, Hanan is passionate about harnessing the transformation of science, technology and innovation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal



Speaker Profiles

Hassan Mansi



Hassan is an entrepreneur who co-founded training and consultancy firms in Egypt and UAE: coming from an engineering and business background, he managed several organizational development projects using the Lean Six Sigma methodology as well as organizational restructure for a wide variety of clients, featuring financial institutions, across different countries in the region.

Olatunji Yusuf



Olatunji is a Senior Climate Change Specialist within the Climate Change Practice of the Global Practice & Partnership Directorate at the Islamic Development Bank. He is responsible for implementing the Bank's climate change strategy and action plan in financed operations and investment portfolios.

Olga Strieska-Ilina



Olga Strietska-Ilina is an Area Lead for Skills Strategies for Future Labour Markets at the ILO, Geneva. Her work focuses on anticipating skills needs for the Future of Work, skills for trade and economic diversification, skills for environmental sustainability and climate action, and skills for technological change and digitalisation.



Speaker Profiles

Tamer Taha



Tamer Taha is the Innovation, Digitalization and Entrepreneurship Advisor to the Minister of International Cooperation of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

He has +10 years of professional experience in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship. He was Founder and CEO of Istebdaa' LLC., a Cairo-based Innovation Consulting and Management Company that has developed Yomken.com, the regional CrowdSolving platform. He is also a PhD Fellow at UNU-MERIT and has been elected in 2017 as an Ashoka Fellow.

Tamer has been working with the World Bank as a Research Analyst for three years on two programs: "Innovation and Knowledge-based Economy for Growth and Job Creation" and "Governance in Higher Education" for which he contributed to a number of regional reports. In addition, Tamer had a number of consulting experiences for international, public and private entities including the EIB, GIZ and UNDP.

He holds a Master's degree from Paris-Sorbonne University in International Economics of Development (2010) and a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Computer Applications in Social Sciences from Cairo University (2009). He is currently pursuing his PhD remotely on "Innovation and Employment in the Arab world" at the United Nations University in Maastricht.



Agenda

1:00 PM – 1:20 PM

Introduction

- Opening Remarks by H.E. DR. Mansur Muhtar, IsDBG Vice President, Operations
- Keynote Statement by H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Cop27 Ministerial Coordinator and Envoy

Master of the ceremony: Sharia Walker, Senior Youth Development Specialist, IsDBG

1:20 PM – 2:00 PM

Technical Plenary Session:

- Hanan Al-Nuwaier, Council Member at Arab Youth Council for Climate Change
- Hassan Mansi, Entrepreneur, Co-Founder and Program Director at Flat6Lab
- Olga Strieska-Illina, Senior Skills Specialist in charge of the ILO green skills portfolio
- Olatunji Yusuf, Senior Climate Change Specialist, the Islamic Development Bank
- Tamer Taha, Advisor to the Minister of International Cooperation of Egypt on Innovation, Digitalization and Entrepreneurship

Moderator: Irene Boghdadi, Head of Entrepreneurship and MSME Support Services (Cleantech), Chemonics Egypt Consultants

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Questions & Answers

2:15 PM – 2:20 PM

Launching of the “Green Skills Accelerator Challenge for Youth”

2:20 PM – 2:25 PM

Closing Remarks by Mr. Amer Bukvic, Acting Director General–Global Practice and Partnerships (DG-GPP).

