

SHAPING THE FUTURE... ARABS' ROLE?

FIKR 9 Overview

FIKR 9 brings together entrepreneurs, decision-makers, academics and intellectuals to discuss new ways of 'making sense' and 'taking action' to shape the Arab future throughout the region. New possibilities are emerging from a variety of countries, people, technologies and methods that contain early seeds of potential significant transformation throughout the region. These early seeds are the seeds of new capacities, and communities – enabled by:

- Creativity,
- Community,
- Entrepreneurship and
- Education.

Key to FIKR's vision is to bring to light some of these early seeds of change and help nurture them to greater scale. To that end, FIKR 9 seeks to begin building a community of capacity transformation throughout the region, bringing together people from a wide range of experiences, professions and ages to share their lessons on such capacity building through which the region will be transformed. Please join us to help us "**make sense**" and "**take action**" in enhancing these seeds of capacity transformation.

Program Overview

New possibilities require new ways of "making sense" of our challenges and the opportunities ahead of us. Day 1 shares a variety of perspectives on how to "**make sense**" of the new possibilities emerging. It highlights:

- The Arabs' Role in Shaping the Future.
- 'New Maps' of Possibilities – exploring geopolitical changes and the disappearing relevance of 'borders'.
- The Knowledge Economy: New Possibilities – a keynote and panel discussion of those involved in creating new economic possibilities.
- Social Innovation in the Arab World.
- Arab Thought – a panel discussion around trends and possibilities.

Day 1's core theme is how to "**make sense**" given "**new maps of emerging possibilities.**"

Day 2 builds upon this theme – focusing on specific examples of how to "**take action**" on them. Key to taking action is reliance on Arab youth. Consequently, day 2 starts with a keynote followed by a discussion between several young entrepreneurs, intellectuals and technologists who discuss their experiences and perspectives on shaping the future. Day 2 highlights:

- Experiences of a New Generation – from the perspective of a young entrepreneur, an intellectual, a technologist and a social entrepreneur.
- Emerging Modes of Expression – a keynote and a panel on women through voices of expression in the social community and through novels.
- Building Human Capital and Talent Development – a final keynote and panel that tie together the themes, issues and potential projects discussed throughout the conference to support **Capacity Building to Shape the Future throughout the Region.**

DAY 1 – December 8, 2010

10.00-11.00	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Soliman Abdel Moneim, Secretary General, Arab Thought Foundation• HRH Khalid Al Faisal, Chairman, Arab Thought Foundation• HE General Michel Sleiman, President of the Republic of Lebanon
11.00-11.15	Coffee break and Networking
11.15-11.45	<p>Spotlight Arabs' Role in Shaping their Future <i>How can Arabs play a positive role in shaping their future? What is the futuristic vision of the Sultanate of Oman? Is the Gulf Cooperation Council a good example of Arab cooperation to be followed in the future? How we enable sustainable change and build capacity throughout the Arab region?</i></p> <p>With:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H.E. Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah, Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs, Sultanate of Oman <p>Interviewed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Khalil Gebara, Head of Good Governance Unit, Office of the President of Council of Ministers, Republic of Lebanon
11.45-12.15	Break (Prayer Time)
12.15-13.15	<p>Spotlight Geopolitical Changes <i>Explores geopolitical changes in the world – with a special emphasis on the Arab region – and how “new maps” of political geography and understanding lead to new possibilities?</i></p> <p>With:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parag Khanna, Expert in International relations and Director of the Global Governance Initiative, United States <p>Interviewed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nadim Koteich, Talk Show Host, Future News Television, Republic of Lebanon
13.15-13.30	<p>Keynote speech Knowledge Economy <i>How knowledge economy will help creating competitiveness in terms of technology, human resources, training and exploration. How knowledge economy helps in enhancing the oil and gas business.</i></p>

	<p>Keynote Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amin Al Nasser, Senior Vice-President for Exploration and Producing, Saudi Aramco, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
13.30-14.00	<p>Plenary Session The Knowledge Economy: New Possibilities <i>Explores global trends and regional opportunities around the knowledge economy to build new economic and social economies. What the knowledge means from the perspective of each person in creating "new possibilities."</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maher Kaddoura, Social entrepreneur, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan <p>Speakers: <i>(In alphabetical order)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ahmed Nassef, Vice President, Managing Director, Yahoo! Middle East, The United Arab Emirates - Nadhmi Al-Nasr, Executive Vice President, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
14.00-15.15	Lunch Break (Prayer Time)
15.15-15.30	<p>Spotlight Presentation (<i>Toufoula</i>) Toufoula is a NGO that works for the well-being of children with cancer or blood diseases.</p> <p>Keynote Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maxime Chayaa, Corporate Ambassador, Audi Bank, Lebanese Republic
15.30 – 16.30	<p>Spotlight Social Innovation in the Arab World</p> <p>With:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Burhan Ghalioun, Director of the Center for Contemporary Oriental Studies, France <p>Interviewed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oussama Safa, Former Director, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Republic of Lebanon
16.30-17.00	Break (Prayer Time)

17.00 -18.00	<p>Plenary Session</p> <p>The contemporary Arab thought and the reconciliation with the present</p> <p>The greatest power a person can find in himself is the power of ideas. The world draws the future with creative ideas that can frame the human being capacities leading to new horizons due to the power of ideas. Thus, reading the contemporary Arab thought structure, criticizing it, mentioning the points of weakness and strength in order to accept the diversity and mitigate the mutual exclusion of ideas, is considered an attempt to open the doors to new ways of thinking through a holistic view that goes beyond looking at the tree to the jungle. Changing the way of thinking, by overpassing the problem and considering the solution, should be one of the first steps toward the Arab participation in the world future.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mohammed Al Rumaihi, Arab Thought Foundation board member, State of Kuwait <p>Speakers: <i>(In alphabetical order)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Abdullah Al-Sayyed Walad Abah, Writer and intellectual, The Islamic Republic of Mauritania- Amel Grami, University professor, Tunisian Republic- Mona Fayyad, Writer and university professor, Lebanese University, Republic of Lebanon- Radwan El-Sayed, Writer and Intellectual, Republic of Lebanon- Sarkis Abou Zeid, Writer and media personality, Republic of Lebanon
20.00 – 23.00	Dinner

DAY 2 – December 9, 2010

09.00-09.15	<p>FIKR Youth presentation Presentation of the outcome of the Youth Meeting held on the 7th of December 2010.</p>
09.15-10.15	<p>Plenary Session Experiences of a Future Generation: New Time, New Space <i>Lessons and opportunities given the Knowledge Economy are explored through the experiences of several young people from different perspectives – an intellectual, an entrepreneur, an internet game designer and a social entrepreneur. This session builds upon the themes from day 1 of “new maps, new possibilities” and the knowledge economy. Time includes changing generations and discussions of space recognize the difference between physical and cyber space – and its implications for new possibilities.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rana Chmeitally, General Manager, The Little Engineer, Republic of Lebanon </p> <p>Speakers: <i>(In alphabetical order)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abdulaziz Alnaim, Chairman, Yareem Companies, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Habib Haddad, Founder, YAMLI and Chief Yalla Officer, YallaStartup, Republic of Lebanon - Maria Mahdaly, General Manager, Fainak, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Mohammed Al Kilany, Founder of Souktel, Palestine - Samia El-Solh, Publisher, Editor-in-Chief, PUSH Magazine, Republic of Lebanon
10.15-10.45	<p>Coffee Break and Networking</p>
10.45-12.15	<p>Keynote and Plenary Session Future of Expression: New Modes.... Explores the role of arts in shaping the culture, social involvement and behaviors of future generations through the new modes of expression (novels, blogging, etc.)</p> <p>Keynote speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amel Grami, University professor, Tunisian Republic </p> <p>Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shafeeq N. Ghabra, Professor of Political Science, University of Kuwait, State of Kuwait </p> <p>Speakers: <i>(In alphabetical order)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hoda Awad, Professor of Political Science, Misr International University, Arab Republic of Egypt

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fadila Farouk, writer and novelist, The Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria - Rosa Yasin, writer and novelist, Syrian Arab Republic - Samia Issa, writer and novelist, Palestine <p>Youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asaad Thebian, Blogger and Journalist, Republic of Lebanon - Saja Abdeli, Writer and Journalist, Republic of Iraq - Sanabel AISalhi, Education Consultant, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan - Sarah Al Mutairy, Deputy Head of the Labor Syndicate at the Kuwaiti Oil Ministry, State of Kuwait
12.15-12.30	<p>Spotlight YALLAH – Youth Allied to Learn, Lead and Help <i>An Arab young man and a non-Arab young man, the creators and main implementer of YALLAH, explain to us how they are – together – building a youth-led community of global citizens – male and females, Arabs and non-Arabs – who are able to navigate national differences, dispense with stereotypes and build stronger relations with their peers.</i></p> <p>Speakers: <i>(In alphabetical order)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Damon Mallory, Co-Founder, YALLAH, United States of America - Fahad Al Nahdi, Co-Founder, YALLAH, State of Qatar
12.30-14.30	Lunch Break (Prayer Time)
14.30-18.30	<p>Keynote and Plenary Session Human Capital and Talents Development: The Building Blocks of Capacity Building</p> <p>The keynote will discuss Saudi Aramco's experience as a case study in the Arab World where sound strategies of talent development that 'Make Sense' have been 'Put into Action'.</p> <p>The plenary will tie together the themes and issues raised by the keynote speech, and the conference as a whole, to support the case for in building the capacity to shape the future throughout the Arab Region.</p>
Part 1 14.30-16.00	<p>Keynote speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samir Al-Tubayyeb, Executive Director, Employee Relations & Training, Saudi Aramco, and Chairman of Saudi Aramco Total Oil Refining Project (SATORP), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fouzi Bubshait, President, Arabian Society for Human Resources Management, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

	<p>Speakers: <i>(In alphabetical order)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abdulaziz M. Al-Horr, Director of Aljazeera Media Training & Development Center, State of Qatar - Rana Abuzeid Qubain, General Manager of Investment World for Development and Technology, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan - Salma Al-Hajjaj, Director of Center for Leadership Development, KPC, State of Kuwait - Shabir Hussain, Director of HR Policy and IT, PDO, Sultanate of Oman
16.00-16.30	Break (Prayer Time)
<p>Part 2 16.30-18.00</p>	<p>Keynote speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daniel Walker, Founder of Walker Talent Group, United States of America. <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yasser Akkaoui, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Executive Magazine, Republic of Lebanon <p>Speakers: <i>(In alphabetical order)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elizabeth Murray, Project Manager, MIT Blossoms, United States of America - Rakesh (Raj) Bhala, Rice distinguished professor, University of Kansas, School of Law, United States of America - Richard Larson, Founder and Director, Learning International Networks Consortium (LINC), United States of America. - Ramazan Salman, Executive Managing Director, Ethno-Medical Center, Federal Republic of Germany - Robert Pearson, President of the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), United States of America
<p>Part 3 18.00-18.30</p>	<p>Closing discussion between the Arab and non-Arab panelists highlighting the most important points of convergence between the Arab world and the west. It aims at emphasizing the integration of Arabs with the rest of the world.</p>
20.30 – 23.30	<p>Gala dinner Arab Creativity Award Ceremony</p>