

DAY 3  
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INTERNATIONAL SUMMITS

Hall 3

**WORLD BUSINESS ANGELS INVESTMENT FORUM**  
**AN AFFILIATED PARTNER OF THE G20 GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP**  
**FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION (GPFI)**  
**2023 INTERNATIONAL SUMMITS**

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22 November 2023, Wednesday, Durban, South Africa

**WBAF International Summits**

WBAF International summits have emerged as pivotal arenas for fostering cooperation, diplomacy, and problem-solving on the global stage. These gatherings, which bring together leaders, diplomats, and experts from around the world, play a critical role in addressing complex and pressing challenges that transcend national borders.

International summits serve as platforms for the world's thought leaders to come together and engage in constructive dialogue. Their primary objectives often revolve around resolving international conflicts, tackling global issues such as climate change, trade disputes, and security concerns, and promoting collaborative efforts to achieve common goals. Through diplomatic negotiations, the exchange of ideas, and the forging of partnerships, these meetings aim to produce actionable solutions that can benefit not only the participating countries but the entire global community.

WBAF International summits also provide opportunities for networking, cultural exchange, and the sharing of best practices. The personal relationships and trust built during these gatherings can have far-reaching implications in promoting mutual understanding and cooperation between nations.

**10am    Global Women Leaders Summit 2023**

The primary goal of the World Business Angels Investment Forum's Global Women Leaders Summit is to utilize its distinct access to the world's most influential women leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and artists. This summit unites these global forces to harness their collective expertise, tackle contemporary critical challenges, and create inventive solutions that can drive and strengthen the global economy.

Opening Remarks by the 2023 Summit Chair:

Deborah Walliser, Board Member, Global Women Leaders Committee

Keynote Address:

Hussain Al Mahmoudi, Chief Executive Officer, Sharjah Research Technology and Innovation Park, UAE

## Roundtable: The Role of Women in Sustainable Development and Economic Growth

This roundtable discussion delves into the pivotal role of women in fostering sustainable development and economic growth. Recognizing that women's participation in various sectors is not only a matter of equality but also an imperative for global progress, the abstract provides an overview of the topic's significance, objectives, and potential outcomes.

Speakers will examine women's contributions to sustainable development, emphasizing their roles as entrepreneurs, community builders, educators, and decision-makers. The discussion will explore the ways women are driving innovation and resilience in areas such as renewable energy, eco-conscious businesses, and sustainable agriculture. Moreover, it will consider the social and cultural aspects, acknowledging the role of women in promoting inclusive and environmentally responsible practices.

This roundtable promises to ignite a robust conversation, shedding light on the multifaceted contributions of women and their potential to shape a more equitable, prosperous, and sustainable world. The insights and recommendations generated in this discussion will undoubtedly contribute to global efforts to harness the full potential of women in these critical domains.

### **Moderator**

Deborah Walliser, Global Women Leaders Committee

Sheikha Nabeelah Al Sabah, Vice Chair, Al-Saad Foundation for Knowledge & Scientific Research, Kuwait  
Tony Moroney, Senator, Ireland  
Allyson Reneau, Senator, USA

## **11.15am Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Summit 2023**

The World Business Angels Investment Forum's Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Summit is geared towards the following objectives:

- Facilitating the connection between innovators and intelligent financial resources.
- Establishing an improved innovation environment.
- Assisting inventors in effectively bringing their creations to the market.
- Nurturing the type of innovative thinking driven by open learning and skill development.
- Speeding up the global transfer of technology.

Opening Remarks by the 2023 Summit Chair:

Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes, Secretary General, WBAF Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Keynote Address:

H.E. Sheikha Fadyah Al-Sabah, Chair, Al-Saad Foundation for Knowledge & Scientific Research, Kuwait

Roundtable: The Role of Science and Technology in Addressing Global Challenges: Climate Change, Pandemics, and Beyond

In an increasingly interconnected and rapidly evolving world, the pivotal role of science and technology in addressing global challenges cannot be overstated. This panel discussion delves into the profound impact that scientific advancements and technological innovations have on the most pressing issues of our time such as climate change, pandemics, and beyond.

Beyond these immediate challenges, the discussion extends its gaze to the broader landscape of global issues. It explores how emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and space exploration can help address concerns ranging from biodiversity loss to geopolitical tensions.

Panel speakers, representing diverse backgrounds in science, technology, and policy, will engage in a thought-provoking conversation about the dynamic synergy between innovation and global problem-solving. Join us to gain a deeper understanding of the transformative potential of science and technology as we tackle the multifaceted challenges that define our era.

**Moderator**

Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes, Secretary General, WBAF Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Dr Birgul Cotelli, Senator, Switzerland

HyungSup(HS) Kim, Senator, South Korea

Muhammad Sharif, Senator, Pakistan

**12.30pm Lunch Break**

**1.30pm Global Startup Summit 2023**

The World Business Angels Investment Forum's Global Startup Summit is a pioneering international event with a clear mission: to catalyze innovation and entrepreneurship on a global scale. This summit brings together visionary entrepreneurs, investors, and thought leaders from diverse backgrounds and industries to foster collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the acceleration of groundbreaking startups. With a focus on nurturing creativity, fostering connectivity, and promoting sustainable business practices, the Global Startup Summit aims to ignite a new era of economic growth and positive societal impact. Through keynote speeches

and a roundtable, this summit aspires to empower the global startup ecosystem and drive innovation that can shape the future.

Opening Remarks by the 2023 Summit Chair:

Kevin Hin, Secretary General, WBAF Global Startup Committee

Keynote Address:

Dr Tonny K. Omwansa, Chief Executive Officer, Kenya National Innovation Agency  
Kenya

Roundtable:

Fostering Startup Growth: The Entrepreneurship Ecosystem's Impact on Early-Stage Equity Investment

This panel discussion delves into the critical interplay between the entrepreneurship ecosystem and early-stage equity markets, with a specific focus on how this relationship influences increased investor participation and, in turn, fosters the growth of startups. In an era where startups are the driving force of innovation and economic growth, understanding the dynamics of the entrepreneurship ecosystem becomes imperative. The panel will explore how supportive infrastructures, mentorship networks, and regulatory frameworks can shape the attractiveness of early-stage investments for a broader spectrum of investors. Participants will also delve into the crucial role of incubators, accelerators, and government initiatives in creating a conducive environment for startup development. By examining these intricate relationships, the discussion aims to shed light on how nurturing the entrepreneurship ecosystem can drive increased investment activity, ultimately propelling the growth of early-stage startups and driving economic prosperity.

**Moderator**

Kevin Hin, Secretary General, WBAF Global Startup Committee

Fran Guillén, Senator, Spain

Jaeyeong Park, International Partner, South Korea

H.M. Johannes Weiss, International Partner, Germany

## **2.45pm Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Summit 2023**

The Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Summit, organized by the World Business Angels Investment Forum, is a paramount gathering that aspires to set the stage for progressive discussions and thought leadership in the realm of business ethics, corporate governance, and exemplary leadership practices. With a focus on fostering responsible and ethical entrepreneurship, this summit brings together global leaders,

influential investors, innovative entrepreneurs, and prominent policy-makers. Join us in this endeavor to shape the future of business, where ethics, excellence, and quality leadership converge to lead the way for a better world.

Opening Remarks by the 2023 Summit Chair:

Maria Marengo, Secretary General, WBAF Ethical Governance Committee

Keynote Address:

Baybars Altuntas, Executive Chairman, World Business Angels Investment Forum

Roundtable:

Cultivating Ethical Leadership for Enhanced Company Valuations through Good Governance

In an era marked by heightened scrutiny of corporate behavior and a growing emphasis on sustainable business practices, the concept of ethical leadership and good governance has never been more critical. This panel discussion delves into the profound impact of cultivating ethical leadership on a company's valuation and overall success. Panelists will attempt to explore how ethical leadership practices, characterized by transparency, accountability, and social responsibility, can foster long-term trust among stakeholders and drive increased company valuations. By examining real-world examples and expert insights, this panel underscores the symbiotic relationship between ethics, governance, and financial performance, providing a roadmap for businesses looking to thrive in an evolving global landscape. Join us as we uncover the pathways to achieving not only financial success but also societal and environmental prosperity through ethical leadership and sound governance.

**Moderator**

Maria Marengo, Secretary General, WBAF Ethical Governance Committee

Enrico Fiore, Senator, Italy

Shadi Kuzam, International Partner, UAE

Satya Prakash Singh, Chief General Manager, Small Industries Development Bank of India

**4pm Coffee Break & Networking**

**4.30pm Closing Ceremony at the Main Hall**