



YOUTH FORUM CONTEST: IDEAS AND PROJECTS AT WORK

5 DECEMBER 2019

Since its first edition in 2015, MED has promoted a **Youth Forum** with the purpose to gather young promising leaders distinguished for their innovative ideas and projects.

Throughout this year, young leaders have participated in the “**MED Youth Forum Contest – Ideas and Project at Work**”. They presented the projects that could most effectively facilitate the creation of a positive agenda in the broad Mediterranean region and foster development and cooperation in the area. Young leaders have been focusing their ideas and proposals on “**start-ups and new economic models**” and projects supporting the development of “**civil society and cultural exchanges**” in the MENA region.

Several project proposals were received in the selection phase. Twenty-two were chosen and will be presented during the Youth Forum, where a winner for each category will be selected.

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09.00 – 09.15

WELCOMING REMARKS

Serena MASSIMI, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Italy

Paola BOCCHIA, Event manager & webmaster c/o the Communication sector, European Commission, Representation in Italy

INTRODUCTORI SPEECH

Ivan SCALFAROTTO, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

09.15 - 10.45

GROUP 1

“START-UPS AND NEW ECONOMIC MODELS: INNOVATION FIRST”

How can highly motivated talents contribute to creating innovative initiatives that promote shared prosperity throughout the Mediterranean?

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Giuseppe FALCO, CEO, Boston Consulting Group Italy, Greece, Turkey, Israel

Chair: **Adel HAMAIZIA**, Committee Vice-Chairman, Oxford Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies Forum and Associate Fellow, Chatham House, UK

- **Adnane ADDIOUI**, Founder, Moroccan Center for Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship (MCISE), Morocco
- **Tariq AL OLAIMY**, Co-founder, 3BL Associates, Bahrain
- **Azhar ALMADANI**, Co-founder and Operation Manager, Shiffer, Turkey
- **Chouaib ATTOUI**, Co-Founder, Shift'IN Agency, Algeria
- **Lydia BASSALY**, Head of Recruitment and Translation Services, NaTakallam, Lebanon
- **Keti GJIPALI**, Founder and General Manager, AGOG Marketing, Albania
- **Wala KASMI**, CEO, WeCode LAND, Tunisia
- **Shimmaa KHALED**, Operation Manager and Founder, Olomangy, Egypt
- **Ade OLOWOJOBA**, Founder and Country Director, Nerdz Factory Company, Nigeria
- **Tarneem SAEED**, CEO, alsoug.com, Sudan
- **Ghada WALI**, Founder, Wali's, Egypt

10-45 - 11.00 – Coffee Break

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11.00 - 12.30

GROUP 2

“CULTURE AND CIVIL SOCIETY AT WORK”

How can Young Leaders help to foster social and intercultural dialogue and strengthen the role of civil society in the region?

Chair: Forsan **HUSSEIN**, Founder and CEO, Zaitoun Ventures, USA

- **Aleksandra CHMIELEWSKA**, Project Manager, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain
- **Ahmad Bassam HILMI**, Founder, DoctorX, Jordan
- **Ikram LAIMECHE**, Young Leader, Women Deliver, Algeria
- **Marilena MARAGKOU**, Project Coordinator, Youth Makers Hub, Greece
- **Nathanael MOLLE**, Co-founder and President, Yeobi, France
- **Akosua PEPRAH**, Founder, Mmaakunim Foundation, Ghana
- **Ali SHAATANI**, Project Manager and Coordinator, Moomken, Libya
- **Shanti WALDE**, Director of Public Relations, Sine Qua Non, France

12.30 - 13.00

CONTEST WINNERS NOMINATIONS

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