



World Business Angels Investment Forum

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An affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI), the World Business Angels Investment Forum brings together key players of the equity market to discuss the benefits of and challenges to the angel investment community's achieving successful growth for their businesses and to discuss what more can be done to connect the early-stage market ecosystem.

Continental & Country Chairs - World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

World Business Angel Investors Week is envisioned as a great platform where all stakeholders pause to assess their fast-paced journey, to analyse why and how we should leverage angel investment as a must-have financial tool for boosting economies, and to reiterate how entrepreneurial ecosystems can create more jobs, more wealth and more social justice in co-operation with key players in early-stage equity markets. It is celebrated every year, under a global theme.

During World Business Angel Investors Week, partners host events and exhibitions related to that year's theme. These event partners are individuals and organizations from various sectors who volunteer to share their insights on angel investment, the startup economy, financial inclusion, gender equality, entrepreneurship, and innovation to audiences and collaborators in various sectors. To recognise and highlight the global entrepreneurship ecosystem's multi-lingual and multi-cultural business character, some events and activities are conducted in local languages.

World Business Angel Investors Week creates a unique opportunity to showcase fresh and innovative ideas that inspire current and future leaders of the world to take risks on new ideas, collaborate across sectors, and transform world economies through the scaling of entrepreneurship, angel investment, financial inclusion and innovation.

This week-long event is an open platform for connecting, learning, sharing, exhibiting inventions and innovations, and exchanging know-how that promotes entrepreneurship and angel investment ecosystems. World Business Angel Investors Week is a great platform from which to campaign for solutions to critical issues of early stage equity and capital markets and other worldwide concerns at the United Nations, the European Union and in G20 countries and regional and local economies.

Quick Facts

Celebrated in 132 Countries of 5 continents and 2 regions, more than 200.00 participants from around the world, 320 Key-note speakers, 765 distinguished panel speakers, addresses of 12 Presidents, 6 Prime Ministers, 32 Ministers.

Global Theme 2022:

Business Transformation for Post-Pandemic Economies

While the world strives to contain the pandemic, entrepreneurs, startups, and SMEs do whatever they can to maintain continuity and ensure survival. In the long term, however, such responses will not be enough. Companies need to grow and thrive in the post-pandemic world, so we must move swiftly to create pandemic-proof organisational models.

To survive in 'the new normal', that is, in the post-pandemic business environment, entrepreneurs, startups, SMEs, and governments all need to develop competencies in business transformation. Business transformation requires a completely new approach to harmonising the mindset and skills of founders, entrepreneurs, and policymakers.

With the digitization that ushered in Industry 4.0, and with disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, new ventures and enterprises are obliged to rethink their business models and strategies. Developments in technology, the current deglobalization trend, and the world's ever-changing demographics create challenges and disruptions in many areas of life. It is only by embracing creativity, innovation and an entrepreneurial mindset that companies can transform their business models and reshape their strategies in a way that allows them to identify new opportunities in the post-pandemic era we are about to enter.

With this in mind, the stakeholders of the World Business Angel Investors Week have agreed on the theme for this year's Week, which will take place 20-26 June 2022: Business Transformation for Post-Pandemic Economies.

During this special week, all stakeholders and participants in the Week's events will pause to reflect on their fast-paced journey, to analyse why business transformation is needed and how transformation will support entrepreneurship and innovation that will boost economies, and to reiterate how entrepreneurial ecosystems can create more jobs, more wealth and more social justice in cooperation with key players in early-stage equity markets in the post-pandemic economy.

World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 will feature roundtables that will provide a platform for entrepreneurs and angel investors to explore the processes startups will go through in post-pandemic times. The Week will also include discussions the ongoing challenges entrepreneurial ventures face in integrating the basic knowledge of strategic planning and will consider creative ways to overcome the challenges.

The ultimate goal of all of the Week's keynotes, discussions, presentations, and workshops is to agree on a common roadmap for entrepreneurs, startups and SMEs that will enable them to emerge from this pandemic period even stronger than they were before.

Strategic Partners of the World Business Angels Investment Forum

Strategic Partners are some of the world's top industry leaders representing diverse regions and industries; they are committed to the idea that interaction between multiple stakeholders can be a positive force in creating change. They work in close cooperation with the Forum to help shape regional and global agendas in the global and regional investment markets. Through this cooperation, Strategic Partners contribute to the global knowledge base and benefit from it as they determine the agenda of Forum meetings and develop the focus of Forum initiatives. WBAF has signed strategic collaborative agreements with global and regional institutions to empower the economic development of the world.

- International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group (IFC)
- London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG)
- World Association of International Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)
- International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP)
- The Middle East Business Angels Network (MBAN)
- The African Trade Association for Business Angels (ABAN)
- The World Free & Special Economic Zones Federation (FEMOZA)
- The Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Mediterranean (ASCAME)
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Junior Chamber International (JCI)

Global Leadership

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Continental Chair, Derik Kim, Asia

Continental Chair, Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes, North America

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Albania, Country Office Board Member, Kestrina Ramallari

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Chairman, WBAF Country Office Albania

International Committee:

N/A

Kestrina Ramallari is a financial analyst with extensive experience and management skills. She holds a Master of Science degree in Financial Markets and has completed an Executive Education with focus in Fintech Innovation and Economic Development at Harvard Business School. Apart from the experience in the financial markets, Ms. Ramallari has developed her managerial and analytical skills in European Policies thanks to her studies at École Nationale d'Administration (ENA) and SciencePo in Paris as well as at College of Europe in Bruges. Currently Ms. Ramallari works for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Albania with a focus on entrepreneurship, economic growth, and innovation. Before joining UNDP, she has been working at the Ministry for the Protection of Entrepreneurship as Head of the Sector for Policies and Development and also as an advisor to the Minister with a focus in foreign and domestic investments as well as giving her contribution for the development of startup ecosystem, from the creation of the startup law to supporting and developing the actors of the ecosystem.



Argentina, International Partner, Nohelia Sanchez

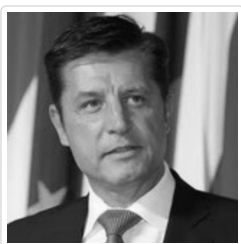
Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Professional in Corporate Communication & MBA in Marketing. I work as a consultant in digital strategy, business development, and entrepreneurial mindset development. An enthusiastic about branding, content strategies, and product design, I have a large experience in e-commerce and editorial management. I'm also a serial entrepreneur with know-how in product design and marketing of travel experiences (tours and activities). I'm also a certified start-up mentor and volunteer with several national programs of entrepreneurial support and international organizations promoting start-ups' internationalization. I have played different roles in my career, from marketing manager to CEO of my own company and consultant for IT companies among others. These roles allowed me to acquire a variety of skills and to be interrelated to international markets which give me a broad vision of business and the entrepreneurial world. My work ethic is oriented towards inclusion, gender equality, and sustainability, and I expect the same from the projects and people I get committed to. I am a versatile, pragmatic professional, and I'm very often a change agent within the circles I collaborate with. I'm a flexible person, with a global mentality, very creative and practical, which also allows me to be a problem solver. Currently living in Cordoba, Argentina, I'm working on a new project named Yalpay Tours, a trekking and mountain experiences agency in the Cordoba Province.



Austria, Senior Associate, Dr Gerhard Hrebicek

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Executive Committee Member, Global Startup Investment Promotion Agency WIPA | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

N/A

President, European Brand Institute. KR DI Dr. Gerhard Hrebicek, MBAPresidentEuropean Brand Institute -studied Mechanical Engineeringand Business Administrationat Technical University Vienna -graduated as MBA with specialisation in Marketing und Financeat University of Toronto -obtained his Ph.D. on „value-based management with special emphasis on intangible assets in particular brands" at the University of Graz -Founder and President of the European Brand Institute -President BRAND GLOBAL SUMMIT, Chairman BRAND GLOBAL Council -Chairman of the Austrian Committee for Brand-und Patent Valuations -Developed the standards ONR 16800, ÖNORM 6800 and ÖNORM 6801 -Chairman of the ISO Development Committee on ISO 20671: Brand Evaluation -Member of the Board of Austrian Standards Institute -Partner SummerLightCapital Partners, Chairman EBI BRANDINVEST -EBI UNIDO Partnership program "Branding for Competitiveness and Sustainable Growth" -Publicly appointed and sworn expert to Austrian courts for brand valuation.



Bahrain, High Commissioner, Feryal Nass

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Vice President, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Director, WBAF Country Office Bahrain | Qualified Angel Investor, Certified QBAC+ | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, Bahrain University - Master Degree in Political Economics, Stanford University - Founder & Chairwoman, Bahrain Entrepreneurship Organization (BEO) - Founder & Chairwoman, Bizgrow Incubators and Accelerators - High Commerce & Country Director at the World Business Angels Investment Forum - Executive Council member, WBAF Global Women Committee. Vice Chairman of ASEAN Bahrain Council - Board Member of Bahrain Khaireya Charity Society - Board Member of Entrepreneurs Organization (EO), Bahrain Chapter - Former President, Bahrain Businesswomen Society, Term 2016-2018 - Masterclass Social Entrepreneur of the Year Awardee, 8th Middle East Business Leaders Awards - International Women's Entrepreneurial Challenge (IWE) Foundation Awardee - Executive Director, Nass The Group (for past 27 years-present) - Founder & CEO of Design District Trading W.L.L. - Founder & CEO of Ma Maison Interiors - Founder & Owner of Smart Creative Factory - Head of Thailand Committee, ASEAN Council - Head of Women's Committee, Khaireya Charity Society - Member of Equal Opportunities between Supreme Council for Women and Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry Joint Committee - Head of Advisory Council for the Interior Design Curriculum - Applied Science University, Kingdom of Bahrain - Advisory Board Member for Retail Sector, Tamkeen - Member of Organizing Committee in Bahrain International Garden Show, 2006-2010 - Member in the National Initiative for Agriculture Development Planning Committee, 2010-2011 - Former Member of National Committee for International Commerce - Participated in international law business conferences - Worked for several BCCI committees and other joint committees - Activist in voluntary work and charity societies. Joint Committee Members Bahrain Chamber and the Supreme Council for Women.



Bangladesh, External Partner, Mohammad Nuruzzaman

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

N/A

Mohammad Nuruzzaman Group CEO, Daffodil Family An Education and Social Worker ABOUT After obtaining his Graduation & Post Graduation from the University of Dhaka and then MBA in Management Information System (MIS) from a leading Private University, Mr. Mohammad Nuruzzaman started his career in the education sector for rendering his contribution to the greater benefit of the human resources. During his glorifying professional career of more than 25 years, he gave his foot step countrywide for education and technological development along with human resources. Afterwards he did national branding internationally wherever he visited. He did everything from the commitment of giving back to society. He is now the PhD Scholar at Techno India University. He comes from a respected Muslim Family of Borobari, Kandar Gaon, Meghna, Comilla. He is married and a proud father of an only son Abrar Faiyaz, who has been studying in Concordia University, Canada. FOCUSED AREA Education development and employment of youths is the key two areas of Mr. Nuruzzaman. He has been doing the same both professionally as well as socially. In profession, he focused his attention to Industry academia relationship by developing skills human resources through education, training and research, for reducing gap between Industry-academia perspectives.

**Belgium, Senator, Yulia Stark**

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Yulia Stark, president of the European Women's Association, international keynote speaker, board member and a serial entrepreneur. Over the last 15 years Yulia focused on building ecosystems and business bridges, establishing strategic mutually beneficial partnerships globally. Her early career lies in private banking, where she managed investment portfolios of her high net-worth clients. She is a Senator for Belgium at World Business Angel Investment Forum WBAF, an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI). Living in the heart of Europe (Brussels), offers strategic opportunities, connecting East and West. She has developed a strong network of investors, business leaders, entrepreneurs and technology partners in her network. She is the connector to business opportunities in commodity sector in Eastern Europe. Active in the startup and scale up scene, connecting founder to Business Angels and Venture Capitalists. As the president of the European Women's Association she strongly believes in economical empowerment of women through education, entrepreneurship and Gender Lens Investment (GLI) approach.

**Belgium, Senior Associate, Prof Rudy Aernoudt**

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Faculty Member, WBAF Business School | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

N/A

Senior Economist at the European Commission. Co-founder of the European Business Angels Network (EBAN). Experienced Professor Corporate Finance and European policy and outstanding International and European experience (MIT, European Commission, European Council and European Social and Economic Committee). Experienced and skilled in Corporate Social Responsibility. Masters in Thomistic Philosophy (KUL), Economy (KUL) and European economy (college of Europe). Co-founder of EBAN, the European Business Angels Network and of FREE (the Foundation for the Research on Education and Entrepreneurship). Columnist (FD Magazine, CXO and Trends) and author of several books (30+) and papers (300+) on corporate finance, politics and economics. His handbooks 'Financial Management in Practice' and 'Entrepreneurship, no guts, no glory' (both Intersentia, Cambridge), are widely used both in academic and business world.

**Burundi, International Partner, Sixte Niyuhire**

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Committee Member, Global Startup Committee

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Sixte NIYUHIRE is currently the CEO of Youth Investment Bank -Banque d'Investissement pour les Jeunes (BIJE) and secretary of the Board of the Bank. Before joining BIJE he was serving in local commercial Bank (Banque de Gestion et de Financement -BGF as Head of Business Development and marketing. Since October 2019 to January 2020. Prior to that, he was Credit Director in BBCI (Banque Burundaise pour le Commerce et l'Investissement) from February 2016 to September 2019. From 2012 until January 2016, he was Trade Finance Manager at KCB bank Burundi, a Kenyan bank subsidiary. Before that, he served in senior positions as deputy Head of International Banking at Interbank Burundi sa (IBB) a bank that he joined in 2004. He started his working career at Government Health Insurance (MFP) as deputy chief accountant. Mr. Sixte NIYUHIRE is a Burundian citizen and was born in 1974. He is married and has 4 children-girls. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics of University of Bujumbura and holding various certificates in banking and in international trade and logistics and other miscellaneous topics. He was recently certified as International Trade Specialist by Export Academy London Uk after accomplishment of 42 certified modules.



Canada, International Partner, Saadia Lakehal

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Microbiologist and passionate about management, she is completing specialized training in project management at HEC Montréal, in addition to HACCP certification at the Saint-Hyacinthe campus in quality control for the agri-food industry sector. She is also certified in leadership from the Chefs & Cie program and in African Women Leadership Program (Agenda 2030- 2063) Egypt. Ms. Sâadia Lakehal has two areas of expertise. The first is scientific. She has worked in the management of hygiene and hospital sanitation in the agri-food and pharmaceutical industries (human and veterinary health). The second is managerial, she excels in the organization global events, in diplomatic business, international development. She leads various mandates in the business community. As a global citizen who is proactive, visionary and dedicated to her mobilizing projects, she acts as a facilitator and promotes networking and the development of business opportunities between manufacturing industries and the pioneers of the industry of the future here and elsewhere in the world. Strong with her global network, to propel and promote Canadian industries on the international scene, is the mission of Ms. Sâadia Lakehal. Her solid experience in industrial networking and her knowledge of the field, she improves the competitive positioning and level of competitiveness of Canadian manufacturers. After almost ten years at the head of several industry associations, Ms. Sâadia Lakehal is building a solid reputation in her field. Today, she wishes to put her 20 years of experience and her great expertise to good use by contributing to the creation of a more ethical future. Bringing together the players in the field, the mission of these events is to encourage inter-industrial intercultural connections to meet current and future economic, technological, organizational, environmental and societal imperatives. As global speaker and ambassador of global women in AgTech and manufacturing, Saadia Lakehal focuses in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment to achieve sustainable development.



China, Senator, Anthony Leung

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Under the creative and innovative business leadership, Anthony served as the founding CTO of Circle YY Technologies (Successfully evaluated at USD\$115.585m under US OTC company in 2019), CEO of Silk Road And Belt Technology Limited (member of Hong Kong Blockchain Industry Analyst Association), PayEase Cross Border Technology Ltd in Shenzhen and Zhuhai, PayEase (Beijing) Technology Ltd and PayEase (Hong Kong) Limited extended the services from China to Australia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand and more Belt & Road countries with payment integration, e-commerce and cloud computing technology platform. With over 20 years of concrete Information Technology and Management experiences in listed company, multinational enterprises, Anthony has built many successful cases starting from scratch to leading in the market by driving state-of-the-art R&D, strategically partnership and business model, like Mobile Imaging conversion engine.



Cote d'Ivoire, Senator, Etienne Kouadio Doh

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Board Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Country Director of Alink Telecom, From Nov. 2006 to Oct.2013. Alink Telecom is a leading panafrican Telecom Group. Alink Telecom is positioning as the Pioneer of Broadband, VoIP and Internet Provider in Western and Central Africa operating since 1994. From Nov.2006 to Oct.2013, I played a leadership role in double-digit sales growth in developing markets in Western Africa. I led the most important business operations of Alink Telecom in Cote d'Ivoire from Nov.2009 to Oct.2013. Before being appointed in Cote d'Ivoire, I have contributed to significantly develop the business of Alink Telecom in Niger and in Ghana as Country Director from 2006 to 2009. I joined Alink Telecom from Unilever FWA where I successfully managed the brand OMO to the highest Market share and the Top of Mind Awareness score in Cote d'Ivoire from 2003 to 2006 as Brand Manager.



Croatia, Country Office Staff, Helena Matuša

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Director, WBAF Country Office Croatia | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

N/A

Experienced professional with a demonstrated history of working in the program development industry. Skilled in Sustainable Development, Business Planning, Analytical Skills, Government, and International Economics. Strong and creative business development professional graduated from Faculty of Economics, Finance Department, Zagreb University.



Egypt, Senator, Dr Hanan El Basha

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Dr. Hanan El Basha, Founder of The Business Doctor, is an Empowering Business Strategist supporting aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners build and grow sustainable and profitable ventures through practical actions and strategies. Dr. Hanan has approximately 25 years of professional experience, most of which spent within small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) including 11 co-founding and running startups herself. She is also the Co-Director of the Founder Institute - Doha Chapter, the world's largest pre-seed startup accelerator. Dr. Hanan is a holder of a Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) in International Business specializing in "Internationalization for the Sustainable Growth of SMEs" and an MBA in Marketing as well as being an Accredited SME Consultant. She has been dubbed "Dr. FeelGood" and even the "Oprah of the Middle East" following tens of appearances on webinar and podcast discussions talking about topics that constitute her mission: empowering women in business, startups and SMEs, sustainable growth, entrepreneurial mindset, and wellness. She also hosts her own podcast Empowered to Grow.



Estonia, International Partner, Erki Vask

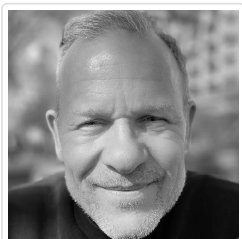
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International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Individual freelance Architect Landscape Designer Estonia(2005). Different embodiments co ops creational architectural renewable tech projects in Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Germany and Spain (2002-2020) Google and Microsoft Cloud ops endorsed Partner Member (2000) WASK.CO Wise Ads Solution Key add and design tool for professionals Co producer (2005) Senior member of Estonian EcoTechForum (2008) Individual Member Estonian Future Science and Innovation club (2010). Tartu StartUp committee member Ambassador (2014) LinkedIn professional user and member (2014) Endorsed, Industry 5.0 Ambassador (2022) Endorsed, Global Sustainable Futures Ambassador (2022) Endorsed, Chairman of the World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF) - an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion International Partner (2022) WBAF Global Science, Technology and Innovation Committee STI Endorsed Delegate member (2022).



Germany, Senator, Frank Beckmann

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

15 years leading Finance Management positions in various international renowned companies (incl. 4 years China, Hongkong, Thailand) • 10 ys. CEO/CFO Q-Park Germany (leading European parking operator) • 6 ys. Consultant Digital Parking & Strategic Mobility incl. projects in GCC • Founder of ParkingPropertyPartner GmbH, a disruptive consulting firm in Parking Infrastructure for the Real Estate Sector • International key-note-speaker • Member of ,The Global Leaders', Advisory Board Member of Medici Institute in India, former Senator of German Senate of the Economy. • Certified Systemic Business Coach, trained Mediator, The Art of Spiritual Guidance



Greece, International Partner, Lida Kourita

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Dr. Lida Kourita is a Greek internationally trained physician scientist & entrepreneur. She combines 12 years of clinical practice, healthcare innovation and entrepreneurship in the field of digital health and precision medicine. A strong believer that innovation happens at the cross-pollination of disciplines, she brings an international perspective with healthcare systems exposure around Europe and the United States. Currently she is the Strategy & Partnerships Lead for DiscernDx, a Series A Precision Medicine start-up in Silicon Valley. She also serves as the Medical Innovation Lead for neuroFit, a NASA spinout, leveraging eye-tracking technology to create a vital sign for brain health and was awarded a National Science Foundation I-Corps grant as the entrepreneurial lead to discover pressing medical unmet needs in the field of neurocognitive decline. Because of her work, neuroFit later was awarded funding from Jumpstart Foundry, was selected as hot-desking team at Berkeley's Skydeck accelerator, top 5 Forbes accelerators in 2019, was part of NVIDIA's inception program and was awarded a \$300K NIH SBIR/STTR Phase I grant and is now collaborating with research institutions such as UCSF, UCSD and the VA at Stanford. She obtained her Executive MBA from Berkeley-Haas in 2016 and selected to represent Haas at B-School Disrupt, TechCrunch, San Francisco in 2018. She trained at London School of Pediatrics and obtained her Membership and Diploma with Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health. As trainee she was chosen into the London Leadership Academy, was Media Spokesperson for Royal College of Pediatrics and a High-Fidelity Pediatric Simulation Facilitator with SCAMPS at Anglia Ruskin University. She was also involved Child Public Health Projects, using Big Data for Trauma Prevention at Barts in partnership with Prof. Allyson Pollock & Obesity Strategy with Child Public Health Expert, Prof. Mitch Blair. She holds an MD degree from University of Siena, Italy.



India, Senior Senator, Nikhil Agarwal

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Executive Investment Committee Member, WBAF Angel Investment Fund | Investor, WBAF Angel Investment Fund | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

N/A

Nikhil Agarwal holds twin charge of CEO FIRST "Foundation for Innovation & Research in Science & Technology" is responsible for incubation and innovation AND CEO of C3i Hub - Cybersecurity and Cyber Defence of Critical Infrastructure Innovation Hub. FIRST and C3i Hub are section 8 companies promoted by IIT Kanpur. He is the former CEO, AP Innovation Society, Government of Andhra Pradesh. The role of the innovation society is to kickstart the innovation agenda and promote entrepreneurship in the sunrise state of India. Dr Agarwal has founded businesses and advised firms on strategic matters in last 20 years of his career. He has worked with global multinationals like Cadbury's and Zensar (RPG Group). He has lectured at leading global universities like Virginia Tech, University of Bradford, University of Edinburgh and University of Cambridge in visiting capacity. His interviews and work has been extensively covered in international media including HBR, Forbes, CNN Money, BBC Radio, The New York Times to name a few. He has served on many international think-tanks and hold leadership positions in global organisations. He has served as high-level-advisor to United Nations Global Alliance on ICT & Development (UNGAID) between 2008-12; board member at World-Entrepreneurship-Forum and Open Mind Foundation respectively. He was the first Asian to be elected as Co-Chair of prestigious Internet Society Advisory Council (ISOC-AC) for 2008-10. In 2017, he was nominated as Fellow of IC2 Institute, University of Texas at Austin. Professor Agarwal has traveled extensively around the world and worked with global institutions, corporations and multinationals. He has published over 40 research papers, conference publications and articles in top journals. He writes his column "Snake Charmer" in Times of India (TOI) and Economic Times (ET). TOI is the largest English newspaper in the world by circulation. He founded EntrepreneurCafe.org one of the world's largest entrepreneurship networks. Dr Nikhil Agarwal is alumnus of University of Cambridge and University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom.

**Indonesia, Senator, Muliandy Nasution**

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Board Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

A C-level executive who hold three master degrees which are Master of Laws (MH), Master of Management (MM) and last the MBA degree from Jena Applied Science, Germany prior to complete his bachelor in Engineering from University of Indonesia. On top of it, also a proud alumni of BCG Strategy School, Certified Business Management (CBM), Certified Professional Marketer (CPM), authorize Investment and Capital Market Underwriter Representative (WPEE license holder), and a well know individual in the full stream Energy and Financial Services networks. A digital corporate transformation leader and industrial expert who escalate enterprise to the highest level, specialised in B2B/B2G agreements with proven track records of high quality end-to-end business commercial expertise, where targets are achieved by maximizing value-earned selling and marketing, streamlining business processes, optimizing resources and managing multiple projects. Acquire polished leadership to lead and develop teams, exceptional communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills to ensure valuable stakeholders management. Have a solid experiences and exposure on extensive digital and corporate transformation by managing multi-culture team to develop emerging market across Asia Pacific, especially South Asia and South East Asia Region.

**Italy, International Partner, Pietro Lanzarini**

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

My airport career started in 1988 in Bologna. I grew all the ladder from check-in, to ticketing to Supervisor to Station Manager. I left Aviation to manage important import-export projects in 2000, and succeeded in setting up new product range, sales network and structure for 3 different companies, worth mln € and growing. I made my way back to Aviation in 2003, a lot richer in sales experience and management. Always looking for stimula, I got my second degree, an EMBA from one of the best Business School in Italy. And came to know some people that would then create and develop with me Bagtrax tracking project. Having seen the huge frustration generated by mishandled luggage, we started to think about new possibilities with new technologies. Keeping Safety Regulations in our radar, we came out with first prototype in 2017. A second prototype was developed in February 2018, and patent granted in October 2019. Traxit is the innovative startup that was founded in the process, and now focuses also on mobility and sustainability, with a disruptive insurtech proposition. Company is still in stealth mode, but stay tuned for the biggest revolution in baggage management and mobility. Estimated product launch: March 2022.

**Jamaica, Senator, Sandra Glasgow**

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

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International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Sandra Glasgow is the Founder and Managing Director of BizTactics Limited, a consulting company dedicated to mentoring growth-aspiring firms and promoting best-in-class corporate governance in the Caribbean. She is a Co-Founder of Jamaica's first Angel Investor Network, FirstAngelsJA and a virtual business incubator, RevUP Caribbean Limited and she is a a Senator, representing Jamaica at the World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF). A graduate of the University of the West Indies, she holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Masters in Business Administration, with a specialisation in the Management of Technology. Mrs. Glasgow was Jamaica's Eisenhower Fellow in 2000 and serves on the Eisenhower Fellowships Global National Council. She currently serves as an independent director on the Boards of companies listed on the Jamaica Stock Exchange: the NCB Financial Group Limited, Stanley Motta Limited and Medical Disposables & Supplies Limited. She also serves on the boards of National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited (Jamaica's largest and most profitable bank) and young technology companies: DRT Communications Limited and SiFi Studios Jamaica Limited, a public sector entity, the Students Loan Bureau and two not-for-profit organisations: the National Crime Prevention Fund (Crime Stop Jamaica) and Multicare Youth Foundation. She is also a Trustee of three Pension Funds and Mentor to several small businesses.

**Korea, Senator, HyungSup Kim**

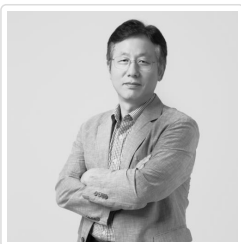
His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee | Qualified Angel Investor, Certified QBAC+ | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

HyungSup Kim is a globally experienced “Business Innovation & Transformation Leader” for radical and sustainable transformations through various spectrums of consulting experiences across industries. His competencies are Business Transformation, Strategy, Innovation, Performance Improvement, Digital Transformation(DT) and Business Model Innovation(BMI). He is a “Business Innovation and Transformation Leader - Korea” at Business Transformation Services(BTS) which is the “Strategy & Business Consulting” organization at SAP. Before joining SAP, he had “Korea Finance Transformation Domain Leader” role at Accenture. He also led business transformation and innovation projects at EY(Ernst Young). Furthermore, he contributes at KOC(KAIST One Club - Investor/Startup/Consulting Ecosystem) through several roles such as “VP of Consulting & Startup Acceleration” and “Blockchain - Head of Business”. He studied Information Management at KAIST Graduate School of Business and focused on Innovation and Business Transformation for Master's degree.

**Korea, Senator, Derik Kim**

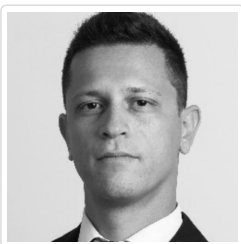
His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Daejin (Derik) Kim is the founder and honorary president of Global Entrepreneurs Foundation (“GEF”), which is the first non-profit accelerator in the Republic of Korea. Also he is a Senator of World Business Angels Investment Forum(“WBAF”) representing Korea and Associate Professor of Inha University. Before GEF, Mr. Kim was serial entrepreneur to found five start-ups, three of which were established in Korea, and two in the USA. Also he has served as CEO and Executive officer of several companies in Korea and USA, including EVP of Talon-International, Inc. During his career, he has worked as International sales man and global marketing specialist for 14 years, besides his entrepreneurship experience. Since 2015, he concentrates on making GEF the Gateway between Korea, Asia and Global start-ups ecosystem and so is serving globally as a supporter of EWB based in Sweden, Co-organizer of EU Startup week and Board of IKEDB, Advisor of Korea Accelerator Association and a Board Director of Korea Startup & Entrepreneur Mentors Association. He is also global speaker, mentor and juror at many international/national conferences in Turkey, Malta, Spain, Australia, India, China, Vietnam, Rwanda etc. and Korea. He has also advised on UNDP Africa Youth Connect research as well as Korean ODA projects and policy consulting related to startup ecosystems in countries such as Rwanda, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan and working as the PM of the project “Capacity building in Bangladesh universities to promote youth entrepreneurship during 2020-2024.

**North Macedonia, International Partner, Aleksandar Celeski**

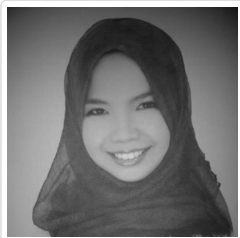
His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Committee Member, Global Startup Committee

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Aleksandar Celeski is Certified Management Consultant (CMC®) with proven and extensive consulting experience in leading international professional services and management consultancy firms. He is also a serial entrepreneur and investor. He has more than 15 years of professional experience where he has been working on training, mentoring, coaching and consulting services. Latest, he became a member of DUEL Consulting in 2019 as an Executive Director with main responsibilities of advisory services such as business plan and business development, feasibility study, valuations, due diligence, transaction advisory services, mergers and acquisitions, operational, commercial and financial advisory, reorganisation, managerial accounting, loan applications, market research, access to markets, pricing policy, budgeting, etc. with emphasis on business conceptualisation, business development, innovations, investments and fundraising for SMEs and Start Ups.

**Malaysia, Senator, Wan Fara Ayu W Ahmad**

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Board Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Wan Fara Ayu is a Venture Capital ("VC") entrepreneur who focuses on shariah compliant investments and developing start-up companies. She has 17 years experiences of which 10 years in VC and 7 years in entrepreneurship. She has screened over 2,000 companies from diverse sectors and stages. She has acquired the end to end experience of the Venture Capital Value Chain, from working with General Partner (Fund Management), Limited Partner level (Fund) fund of funds to being an entrepreneur herself. She has monitored 11 fund companies with AUM of RM350mil and helped secure more than RM15mil worth of investment for 2 portfolio companies. She is currently the Co-founder for Kanzun Ventures Management Sdn Bhd, a Venture Capital Fund Management Company involved in nurturing and developing promising SMEs/start-ups. Fara is a World Business Angel Forum ("WBAF") Senator for Malaysia and is a Board Member for the WBAF Start-Up Committee for 2021. She is the Country Chair for Malaysia's World Business Angel Week 2021. Fara is also the Chairperson for USPSC Cryptocurrency Committee and recently elected as one of the Board of Directors for USPSC.

**Mexico, Senator, Thor Robledo**

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee

Expert in international business and public relations, credit risk mitigation current CEO of Impulsora de Recuperación Crediticia and columnist for the newspaper El Correo del Golfo, the only Spanish-language newspaper in the United Arab Emirates that aims to connect the Middle East with Spanish-speaking countries. Expert in accounts receivable, global debt collection, recovery, due diligence and investigation services. Risk mitigation. International business and sales. Debt negotiation with national and international institutions (Export - Import Bank of USA). High skills in persuasion with commercial, psychological and legal strategies. Experience in global logistics (land, rail-road, ocean and air freights) purchasing, foreign trade, sales, administration, and energy.

**Montenegro, Senator, Ivan Jovetic**

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Committee Member, Global Startup Committee

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Ivan Jovetic is lecturer & entrepreneur and holds PhD in economy. He is lecturer at the UDG-Faculty for International Economy, Finance and Business (FIEFB). In addition, he is coordinating UDG-Faculty for Sports Management (FSM). He also acts as the UDG Senate member and Council member at the FIEFB and FSM. Ivan is co-founder of MSI INVEST LLC where he also acted as the executive director. Family company is active in several sectors with key emphasis on tourism (hotel & travel agency owner and operator). Company owns and operates Laguna hotel & restaurant. Since 2005 he has been researcher and analyst at the ISSP, the most prominent economic think tank in Montenegro. At the ISSP he has led numerous national, international and transnational projects (including ones for EC, UNDP, UNIDO, MED program, DTP, US administration departments and etc). From 2006 till 2018 he acted as the executive director of CEES dedicated to development of education and business support. CEES is ECSA World member institution. Ivan Jovetic had also been member of two working groups for EU accession process of Montenegro. Ivan Jovetic has been appointed as member of the RTCG Council (public service media). He has been elected as the Council president in 2018 and reelected in 2019 until 2021.



Morocco, International Partner, Ahlam Mekkaoui

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Partner of Boulalf & Mekkaoui Law Firm, Ahlam MEKKAOUI is a Business Lawyer admitted in Casablanca Bar Association and Arbitrator, Member of the National Commission of Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Moroccan Chamber of Arbitration -ICC Maroc and Qualified Intermediary in Marshall Islands Registry. She is graduated from Sorbonne Paris 1 University in Paris.



Namibia, International Partner, Thekla Mutero

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Committee Member, Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee

International Committee:

Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee

Be greeted all, kindly find my short Biography of me Thekla Mutero 28 years old women from Namibia. Co- Founder & President of Emerging Mining Association of Namibia | Founder & President of African Female Network | International Partner for World Business Angel Investment Forum (WBAF) Namibia Official Delegate of the grand assembly congress 2021 WBAF | Leader of World Women Conference & Awards for Namibia Chapter | Member of Global Entrepreneurship Network Namibia | Co-Founder & Managing Director of Namib Rise Shine Minerals PTY. LTD- one of the Fewest young women in mining industry in mining commodities such as trading High Valued Minerals, Diamonds, Gold, Gemstones, Fuel, Oil etc & mining prospecting and exploration | who now opened the first Namibian gemstones office store-to create market for Namibian small scale miners.



Niger, Senator, Yazi Adamou

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

After completing his engineer degree in Topography from Ecole Nationale d'Ingénieurs in Bamako, Mali, Yazi Adamou served as Director and Host for U.S. based nonprofit organizations for more than 25 years covering the Sahel and Sahara area. His field of expertise includes but not limited to personal development, entrepreneurship and business development. Yazi is certified entrepreneurship trainer by a U.S. based NGO. As serial entrepreneur he founded two companies and co-founded a media business in Niger. He founded ACCEntrepreneur to support, train, connect entrepreneurs and help them access to finances. He started an acceleration program called B2B ZAURE. Yazi initiated and co-founded the Niger Business Angels Network. Yazi is a U.S. Exchange Alumni on Entrepreneurship from the University of Findlay. He attended many programs including the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Marrakech and Nairobi; Global Entrepreneurship Congress in Johannesburg and Istanbul; and World Business Angel Investment Forum (WBAF.) He is WBAF High Commissioner to Niger. Yazi is the National Managing Director for Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) Niger. He co-founded the Niger YMCA and is Board member of many local not for profit organizations. On Belbin, Yazi is a pioneer, implementer and coordinator. He loves giving back, reading inspirational books, meeting people and seeing places.



Nigeria, Senator, Folashade Ambrose

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

N/A

A Communication and Sustainability Expert with board management level multifaceted experience in Strategy, Finance and Change. I have a proven track record of delivering - world-class strategic business transformation solutions, leading award winning communication and crisis management business strategies coupled with a skilled ability to build trust, connect culture with the business objective and significantly enhance the bottom-line, reputation and influence of many FTSE 100 companies in developed and emerging markets. Inaugural President European Business Organisation (EBO) - Nigeria. United Nations Global Compact Board Member- Nigeria. Founder Women Inspiring Impact Network (WiIN) - NGO focused on coaching, empowering and inspiring young women to excel in their career and achieve indelible leadership impact.



Panama, International Partner, Sandra Moreno

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Board Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Qualified Angel Investor, Certified QBAC+ | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Sandra Moreno has worked in the Branded Sport industry for over 30 years, gaining experience in selling & distributing famous sport brands such as Nike, adidas, Asics, Converse, Puma, Fila and others in Latin America, Caribbean Islands, Asia & USA, As a believer & seasoned Commercial Director at HBB Distribution & Training Co., S.A., she is passionate about transforming the Sport Industry with strength & power which is a dream in her heart since 2010, when she was given a vision to create a Sport Brand with intelligence, innovation and technology. In addition to she is also involved in a Foundation named "The Giver" to help children & their families of social risks in which there will also be a creation of a business school for these children from age 4 which will be the first one in Panama of this kind. She also works as Consultant in commodities market field trading in Buying & Selling Fuel, Food and Gold products.



Peru, Senator, Isabel Velarde

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Committee Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

I work on the intersection of technology, business and innovation helping multinational corporations and entrepreneurs transform their business, instead of being disrupted. I enjoy leading and developing multi-tasking teams to create strategic and breakthrough work that connects the dots between entrepreneurship, female empowerment, gender equality, diversity, and inclusion. Over 16 years of cross-industry experience as a data-driven marketer, I acquired expertise in the development of innovation and business transformation strategy, design, and the implementation of agile methodologies to drive growth and deliver more value to all stakeholders. Driven by my personal journey, I have become a self-taught, changemaker and lifelong learning entrepreneur. Since 2015, I founded and bootstrapped from scratch INNOVATION HUB CONSULTING® [www.ihc.pe] a business transformation consulting firm focused on transforming businesses at scale by solving complex challenges combining innovation, strategy, technology, design, and marketing. As a creative problem solver with an operational mindset and strong analytical thinking skills, I became an explorer, enthusiastic and passionate about big data, AI, cognitive science, algorithmic diversity & ethics. I am passionate about challenging the status quo and demonstrate that the world always can be improved, while also being a force for good through ethics and responsibility, community impact, gender equality, and environmental sustainability. My personal mission is to build a fair and equitable work environment in Latin America, where no one ever feels like corporate spaces were not made for women.



Rwanda, Senator, Huseyin R Demirhisar

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

24+ years of multi-asset investment experience, 10+ years commitment in Impact Investment and entrepreneurship, +15 years working and investing in emerging markets with a specific focus in Sub Saharan Africa. CEO, CFO, CIO, Board Member. Investment Fund and Portfolio Management. Family Office. Transaction Advisory. Transaction Facilitation. Program Management. Structured Finance. Treasury Management. PE- VC Advisor Manager. Impact Assessment. M&A Corporate Finance. BiD Capital Partners, PYMWYMIC, Shell, ING, AmsterdamPark Capital, and Angel Wings Ventures.



Saudi Arabia, International Partner, Salem Bagami

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

N / A | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

N/A

Chief Executive Officer who develops and executes corporate strategy and manages operations for optimal performance. Strategic Innovation advisor, serial entrepreneur and Executive senior level management professional with over 20 years career. Technology Transformation Consultant, which includes Startup, blockchain platforms for private and public organizations. Thought leader and accomplished senior level executive with proven ability to combine broad based technology, business and financial expertise in developing innovative advanced technology solutions, services, operations, and processes. Healthcare Chief Executive responsible for strategic direction, leadership and overall operational management of healthcare facilities including planning and directing, marketing, budget finance, Human Resources, purchasing and supply, and ensuring top medical staff activities with patient care. Specialties: Strategic innovation advisor Chief Executive Officer Chief Operating officer Blockchain Consultant and Advisor Hospital Operations Healthcare Management Expert Healthcare Administration BOD Advisor Start-Up Studio Specialist Technology innovation and entrepreneurship Start-Up Ecosystem Development Creating and managing Strategic International Relationships and Alliance US and International Consulting Angel Investment specialist Private Equity Investments/Deal Strategic Alliances & Partnership International Joint ventures



Slovenia, Senator, Sandra Damijan

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Board Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Skills and experience Sandra is partner and Head of Grant Thornton Advisory and Forensic Services in SEE. She serves as Senior Advisory Board Member at Sigma Ratings for Europe (Fitch Group). She is also President of the Slovene Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Sandra serves as forensic investigation trainer for US Department of Justice (Serbia), OLAF (Hercule Programme) and assists to IFIs in investigations. She is Certified Fraud Examiner, Financial Management Expert, Licensed FIDIC expert. Prior to joining Grant Thornton, she led forensic practices in one of Big Four companies in Slovenia and SEE region. Before that she also led a department within the Slovenian Commission for the Prevention of Corruption in charge of leading and managing investigation teams for corruption offences in public and private sector. She was particularly focused on healthcare, financial, infrastructure, energy and telecommunications sectors. She is former member of the Slovenian delegation of the Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Head of Slovenian delegation to the UNODC for legal and technical assistance for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) to other countries, and former Vice-President of the European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network (EHFCN), Brussels. Sandra has extensive investigation and consulting experience and is particularly expert at compliance, special investigations, forensic examination and litigation, ESG compliance management. She has extensive international experience, from various CEE and SEE countries. Her work experience extends to over 20 countries. Country experience Ukraine, Serbia, Croatia, Georgia, Bosnia, Sri Lanka Afghanistan, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Moldova, Albania, Uzbekistan, Kosovo, Slovenia, Austria, Netherlands, UK, Bulgaria, Hungary, Tajikistan, Turkey. Education and professional qualifications • PhD in Financial Management, faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana • MSc in International Security, Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, University of Bristol • BA in Economics with specialization in International trade and Political Science, University of Conway • Researcher and Lecturer at the School of Economics and Business UL



South Africa, International Partner, Miyelani Mkhabela

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Miyelani Mkhabela is a Founding Director and Managing Partner of Antswisa Transaction Advisory and Antswisa Private Equity. A Capital Markets Strategist and Economist, passionate about corporate governance and accountability principles, growth for SME and Medium caps. Miyelani runs the Institute of Mergers, Acquisitions and Alliances (IMAA) in Africa.



Spain, Senior Senator, Miguel Martin

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Committee Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Qualified Lawyer & eMBA with +20 years of experience in international business & investments in Europe, LATAM, CEE/CIS & MENA. Fluent English, Spanish & French. Serial Entrepreneur & Investor. Founder & Investor of IMMERXING Hub/Fund, Immersive techs development centre for talent, projects & investments for XR techs. Partner at INTERCUBA, a new international business & investment soft-landing platform helping foreign investors interested in Cuba. CEO at ALLIANZING, an investment, projects & partnerships consulting specialized on international development & soft landing of foreign investors in Spain & Spanish companies abroad.



Sweden, Senator, Maria Marengo

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Executive Council Board Member, Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee | Secretary General, Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee | Board Member, WBAF Country Office Albania | Board Member, WBAF Office Silicon Valley | Board Member, WBAF Country Office USA | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee

Entrepreneur | Blockchain Strategist & Advisor | International Keynote Speaker | Digital Health Expert | Mental Health Professional. I participate in specialist groups that explore and educate around the potentials and implications of decentralized technologies, with a special focus on the cultural and ethical considerations of technology adaptations and the importance of stakeholders' value of social and socio-economic impacts. I am engaged as a board member in various health, wellness and green tech enterprises, strategic planning, and related government/public services of same. A multi-disciplinary entrepreneur, a whole-brain thinker and a global citizen (Latin American-Swedish Londoner). I founded MentFort Ltd to provide digital health consulting with a special focus on blockchain technology for private and public sector and well-being solutions and services. Having commenced my journey in the healthcare and wellness industry in 1999, I have since followed emerging technologies as they provide greater opportunities to deliver health improvement solutions to more people in more exciting and gratifying ways. I am also a fully qualified CBT/REBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy/Rational Emotive Behavioural Therapy) therapist. In addition to my entrepreneurial background, I have been involved in the Swedish Blockchain Association as a vertical lead for the eHealth/Health sector and the Sweden/Nordic Chapter President for the Government Blockchain Association as well as an international keynote speaker on related subjects.

**Switzerland, Senator, Xiao Jean Chen**

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Xiao Jean Chen CEO & Founder@VenturePole | Startup juror, mentor, investor | Researcher, programmer, poet, ex-consultant An award-winning business and technology hybrid, Xiao Jean (XJ) Chen builds smart tools to make venture capital faster, better and equitable. Their mission is to end gender injustice in venture capital. XJ founded VenturePole in Switzerland, an AI-powered venture investment platform that is armed with smart tools, including Investment Risk Rating, Valuation Calculator, Company Strength & Weakness Analysis, as well as automated due diligence. They are the winner of the FemBizSwiss Award, ambassador of Google Women Techmakers, juror of the Digital Entrepreneurship Competition at the University of Zurich, mentor at Startupbootcamp, researcher in management, programmer at 13 hackathons, angel investor, and ex-consultant in Hong Kong. XJ is a contributor of Forbes, Hackernoon, Business Upside, BRINK News and StartupNation. They were interviewed by Irish Tech News, Authority Magazine (Medium's leadership magazine), Startup Life Live Show, Heads Talk and the Female VC Lab Podcast. XJ gave speeches at Swiss AI Association, Google Developer Student Club and London Business School.

**Tanzania, Senator, Tuti Mwambenja**

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Director, WBAF Country Office Tanzania | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Tuti Mwambenja hails from Tanzania and is deeply committed to entrepreneurship as a gateway for financial freedom and financial inclusion for the Tanzanian youths. She is an upcoming entrepreneur, who founded Tzeetravel agency, which developed and implemented the zurura challenge campaign that encouraged domestic tourism, by showcasing domestic destinations and available offers. The campaign was commended by the minister of tourism and gave birth to other domestic tourism initiatives; Awamupay Tanzania, an installment e-commerce platform geared at making essential products and services available in easy installments to the local community; Goshen Tanzania is a consulting business offering business development, property management, hospitality management, and administration support. She also co-founded Tanzania-Asia young Leaders, a program that developed leadership skills in the Tanzanian youths through training and mentorship. She was recognized for her entrepreneurship spirit by the Tanzaniasheroes initiative, which aims to inspire the girlchild towards different aspirations and possibilities for progress and development, supported by the Swedish embassy in Tanzania. She holds a master's degree in international tourism and hospitality from the University of Toulouse and a bachelor's degree in international business management from the University of Cardiff, Wales.

**Thailand, Country Office Board Member, Dr. Thitapha Smitinont**

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Chairman, WBAF Country Office Thailand

International Committee:

N/A

Dr. Thitapha Smitinont is Executive Vice President of National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA). NSTDA is entrusted with an important task to accelerate science, technology and innovation development in Thailand in order to respond to the need of the industry and enhance the country's competitiveness in the global economy, and as a result, making contribution to national economic and social development. Their mission is to perform and support Research and Development, Design and Engineering, Technology Transfer, Science and Technology Human Resource Development and Infrastructure Development. This mission is implemented through working with partners from academic, government, private, and non-government sectors, both domestically and internationally.



Togo, International Partner, Tokunbo Ige

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Olatokunbo Ige is an international human rights lawyer, peace and development expert turned social entrepreneur. Trained by the John Maxwell Team, she is also a certified trainer, coach, mentor and human behavior consultant. With 30 years of experience in the field of human rights, peace, security and disarmament in Africa, she recently retired from the United Nations and is now founder / coordinator of The Livingstones Resource Center (TLRC) an incubator, as well as principal consultant of TI Consulting her leadership training and consulting outfit based in Togo. She has recently started working on environmental issues, a passion that has become a career. Through TLRC, Tokunbo Ige leads several projects including the creation of an ecological centre known as ECOVILLAGE. ECOVILLAGE is an eco-friendly hotel built with local materials where she brings to life her passion for healthy living as well as adding value to others by imparting eco-centric leadership, personal development and technical skills, especially to women and young people In 2019, she established UTRADER as a waste management and transformation centre that seeks to alleviate the problem of domestic waste management by transforming, for example, used plastics, tyres, barrels, wood and textile waste into quality products and goods.



Turkey, Senior Senator, Emine Erdem

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Vice President, Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021

International Committee:

Ethical Governance, Standards of Excellence, and Quality Leadership Committee

President, Turkey Woman Entrepreneurs Association (KAGIDER). A lawyer by profession, she is a Board Member of Erdem Holding since 1985 and served as a Chamber Counsel for Turkish Airlines between 1990 and 2017 until her retirement. She is the President of KAGIDER where she has been a Board Member since 2013. Successively, she worked as the President of Soroptimist International of Turkey (2008-2010), Board Member (2013-2017) and Vice President (2015-2017) of Soroptimist International of Europe and President of Soroptimist International Convention (2015.) She is the Vice President of SEDEFED, one of the founders of UNESCO-Istanbul Center for Global Ethics and Sustainable Development and a member of the Advisory Board of Association of Women Candidates. She is a member of UNESCO Turkish National Commission Gender Equality Monitoring Committee. She has also worked as the Assistant Coordinator of Istanbul Women's Platform, and her other civil society memberships include International Federation of University Women and Foundation of Turkish Women in Legal Profession. She has been a spokesperson at several international meetings such as International Federation of University Women Conference (2013), 6th World Water Forum (2012) and Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Equality Commission Meeting (2009). She speaks French and English.



Turkey, Senior Associate, Baybars Altuntas

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Executive Chairman, World Business Angels Investment Forum | Board Member, Diplomacy in Action for Entrepreneurs Initiative | Senior Advisor, Global Startup Investment Promotion Agency WIPA | Senior Advisor, WBAF Angel Investment Fund | Global Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Global Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

N/A

Former Senior Advisor of the London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG), Executive Chairman of the World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF) - an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) chaired by the Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, and President of Deulcom International Inc., Star of the Turkish version of the television show Dragons' Den / Sharks Tank. Recipient of the European Trade Association of Business Angels (EBAN) award for the Best Individual in Europe Globally Engaging with the Global Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in 2014 (Ireland), 2015 (Netherlands), 2016 (Portugal), 2017 (Spain) and 2018 (Bulgaria). The only angel investor to be granted a personal audience with former President Obama at the Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship in Washington DC. Appointed as JCI Ambassador, following Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary General of the United Nations. Profiled regularly by leading international media such as CNN International, Bloomberg, BBC. A co-author of Planet Entrepreneur: The World Entrepreneurship Forum's Guide to Business Success Around the World, published by Wiley (2013). Author of "How I Became a Top TV Star and Celebrated Investor", published by Balboa Press (2014) and translated into Chinese, Croatian, Albanian, and Macedonian.



United Arab Emirates, Senator, Sandeep Verma

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Committee Member, Global Startup Committee

International Committee:

Global Startup Committee

Sandeep Verma has over 15 years of experience in financial services focusing across Corporate Finance, M&A, Private Equity, Investment Banking and Fund Raising; Sandeep has worked across various strategic advisory transactions across Middle East, Asia Africa covering wide range of sectors including Blockchain, Fintech, Healthcare, Retail, Education, Logistics, F&B, etc.; Currently, Sandeep leads the Corporate Finance, M&A and Deal Advisory practice at UAE-headquartered MMJS Group, partner entity of Kreston; Prior to MMJS, Sandeep was heading the Private Equity practice at Skycap Investments, a UAE based financial services firm, where he worked extensively in identifying investment opportunities within Blockchain, Fintech E Commerce based disruptive businesses across MENAT, South East Asia (Sub Saharan Africa, India Bangladesh, enabling entrepreneurs and business owners navigate growth and reach their full potential; Prior to joining Skycap, Sandeep was a Director at Regulus Capital, one of the fastest growing alternative investment management firms in the MENASEA region, offering private equity across Healthcare, Education, F&B and Logistics sectors with AUM in excess of US 850 million Sandeep was primarily responsible to drive the organic inorganic growth of their Healthcare platform called "AVIVO Group"; Sandeep has also worked at Arqaam Capital, a specialist emerging markets investment bank based in Dubai, where he advised extensively on M&A fund raising, restructuring transactions across MENASA region; Sandeep was appointed as the Chairman of the IQPC's Middle East Mergers Acquisitions Conference, which took place in Dubai, UAE in November 2016; Sandeep is also a mentor at the Microsoft GrowthX Accelerator, which helps startups scale; Sandeep holds a master's degree in finance, and is a certified Chartered Financial Analyst from ICFAI, India; Sandeep is also an avid writer and has written various articles on Financial Markets, Global Economy, Hedge Funds, Interest Rates, Private Equity, etc for various finance journals in India UAE.

**United Kingdom, Senator, Ritesh Jain**

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Committee Member, Global Startup Committee

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Ritesh is recognised among the top 100 Fintech and Payments leaders globally, Entrepreneurial Technology Leader, Board Advisor, startup founder and PhD in Payments Innovation, Open Banking and Financial Inclusion. He is a fellow and expert at Digital Euro Association, Global Blockchain Association. Ritesh has two decades of global experience in Digital Technology, Business Transformation and Operations and has been at the forefront of the payments and banking industry, led the future of VISA payments, introduced Apple Pay in Europe / UK, and is a recognised advocate of Financial Inclusion, Diversity & Inclusion. He has led the transformation across many global organisations, notably HSBC, Maersk, Visa etc. Recently He was leading HSBC as COO Digital, where he led the bank of the future strategy; after leaving HSBC, Ritesh co-founded Infynit, a fintech to disrupt the credit market in the UK & Europe. Ritesh is an advisor and visiting lecturer to leading business schools and universities, apart from being a keynote speaker, published author, mentor and advisor to Harvard Business Review, MIT, Oxford, Hult, IIT Kanpur (India), incubation centres, Board Advisor and founding member of Fintech Centre at the University of London, Advisor to the Parliamentary Digital Service in the UK, and other fintechs and startups in Europe and Asia, including Y Combinator. Ritesh is an expert on open banking and a trusted advisor to payment regulatory and government bodies, the big four consulting firms, VCs & PEs. He has recently advised major payments programs globally, such as UPI, P27, and Fednow in the US.

**United States, Senior Senator, Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes**

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Executive Council Board Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee | Secretary General, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee | Faculty Member, WBAF Business School | Secretary General, WBAF Research Institute | Vice President, World Smart Cities Economic Development Commission WSCED | Country Director, WBAF Country Office USA | Board Member, WBAF Office Miami | Board Member, WBAF Office Silicon Valley | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022 | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Continental Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Expert Advisor to the European Union Blockchain Observatory Forum, Sr. Senator and Secretary General of the Science, Technology and Innovation Committee, Secretary General Research Institute, as well as USA Country Director for the World Business Angel Investment Forum (WBAF) - an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) chaired by the Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, CEO of Softthread Inc., Board Member and Chief Innovation Officer Government Blockchain Association, Board Member of The Partners In Digital Health Institute, the Founder & CEO of the Institute for Science, Entrepreneurship and Investments. Recipient of numerous awards, most notably the WBAF World Excellence Award for Social Entrepreneurship 2021, the Top 100 Visionary In Education Award 2021, the Top 100 Global Women in Leadership Award 2021, the Top 100 World Women Vision Award for Innovation and Technology in 2021, the Top 100 Healthcare Leader 2020 Award, Top 100 Finance Leader 2020 Award. Named Top 25 Quantum Technology Leader, a Top 20 Global Leader in Digital Twins Technologies, Top 50 Global Leader in Health, Top 150 Women in Business To Follow. Forbes Business Council Member, Co-Founder of the WBAF World Smart Cities Economic Development Commission and global thought leader on digital advocacy, digital ethics, digital transformation, contributing to numerous UN SDG 2030 global initiatives. Author of several books and teaching at the University of Miami Business School, Executive MBA Program and at the WBAF Business School.



Venezuela, International Partner, Fernando Rios Diaz

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

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Personal Brander, entrepreneur, marketer with a human sense, innovator and ultra marathon runner. I love helping people develop their life projects. Current chapter director in Caracas of the Startup Grind community. WBAF International Partner. Speaker on Personal Branding, Entrepreneurship and Marketing in different Universities and Institutions. My purpose is to help passionate entrepreneurs to grow, beginning from the (re) design of their purpose/value proposition all the way through the acceleration process and the fund raising stage, including marketing implementation.



Yemen, International Partner, Abdul Khaleq Al-Qasaily

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2021 | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee

Abdul Khaleq Al-Qasaily brings over 21 years of leadership , project management ,business strategy and entrepreneurship experience, leading and consulting many companies in five continents. Abdul Khaleq is a Serial entrepreneur and consultant who works across multiple fields in developing entrepreneurship, GIS, digital transformation , business growth and innovation. He is the founder of QR International LTD for Data collection and Research, GIS Solutions and Services Entrepreneurship and innovation and IT Projects and Consultancy. Mr. Al-Qasaily has an extensive experience in project management, within GIS has served in many leadership roles across education planning, ICT, urban and smart city management, health, agribusiness, natural resources management, renewable Energy capacity building, and economic development sectors. In the Startup ecosystem, he serves as a global mentor , and angel investor with focus on geospatial , deeptech , AI, blockchain, IoT, Fintech,spacetechnology, AR/VR and Renewable Energy.



Zambia, Senator, Nambula Kachumi

Her role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Board Member, Global Women Leaders Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

Global Women Leaders Committee

Founder/Executive Director, WEAC. Nambula Kachumi is a Private Enterprise Development Professional with over 15 years' experience in entrepreneurship ecosystems and inclusive innovation. Passionate and eager to see African women entrepreneurs succeed and create wealth in mainstream economies, Nambula has influenced business strategy and product design in key development areas in emerging markets including finance, impact investing, technology and innovation and enterprise support. Through various program and policy work, Nambula has significantly contributed to the design and roll-out of a number of gender-integrated enterprise development initiatives in Zambia and in the region. Prior to co-founding WEAC, Nambula's previous engagements included development initiatives focusing on addressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) such as the EU's Mining Sector and Energy Diversification Program (MSDP), the Adolescent Girls Empowerment Program AGEPE by DFID, Financial inclusion projects with Making Cents International, among others. This has amplified Nambula's passion and interest in gender lense approaches, particularly women entrepreneurship support. Nambula has played a leading role within the Zambian entrepreneurial ecosystem and across the region in influencing policy around financial inclusion, angel investment, private enterprise development and gender equality. Nambula is Country Chair for the African Women in Energy and Power in Zambia, World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF) Senator for Zambia and Co-founder of the Zambia Entrepreneurship Summit, an annual event co-hosted during the Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) by WEAC and the US Embassy. She is also a Co-founder at WEInvest, an investment advisory firm that supports majority female owned companies to raise capital across the full investment spectrum.



Zimbabwe, International Partner, Mkhululi Ndlovu

His role(s) at the World Business Angel Investment Forum and its institutes:

Committee Member, Global Startup Committee | Country Chair, World Business Angel Investors Week 2022

International Committee:

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Over twenty two years' experience of software enterprise resource planning implementation, demonstrating consistent success in leading technology deployments, training and innovation throughout tenure. Instrumental in envisaging and developing innovative technology solutions for business challenges in over several African countries. Founded two Microsoft partners in Zimbabwe. Strengths include software development in Microsoft Dynamics ERP, CRM, software architecture, envisaging, training, mentoring, leading, strong people skills, presentation, business analysis, proposal writing, report writing, negotiation & strategic planning skills, strategic tools such as balanced scorecard and communication skills. MK Worked in consulting, united nations, non-governmental organisations and user environments. Implemented solutions in Financial, Legal, Manufacturing, Retail, Distribution, Healthcare, Education and Public sectors. Founded Westchase Consultants in 2003 a Microsoft partner from an almost zero financial investment, weathered the Zimbabwe economic crisis from 2003-2008 with financial growth from 2009 (dollarized era) to 2012 of 500%. The company has a footprint of work done in 17 African countries where they either were outsourced or deployed or trained Microsoft Dynamics Solutions. Two of the company's customer references were featured in the global Microsoft Public sector publications for innovation. MK is an implementation consultant for Microsoft Dynamics Nav, Microsoft Dynamics 365 - Business Central, CRM & Finance Operations as well as Oracle Netsuite. In 2016 MK cofounded through a merger Capesso an IT firm. Capesso is an Oracle Gold partner with a strong focus in Risk, Compliance, Core Banking and Digital Channels. In its eighteen months of trading Revenues were at over USD 1million dollars. MK is also a budding startup mentor and investor with interest in Telecoms (Wireless ISP), Agri Processing, Construction and Information Technology firms. MK is a co-founder & Advisor of Micah Foundation a technology accelerator that focuses on helping startup firms to scale through offering mentorship, coaching, and entrepreneurship training and advisory. In 2017 & 2018 Micah Foundation was the Demo Africa host for Zimbabwe, Demo Africa is a technology startup pitch event. Micah participated in a StartupBootcamp hosted by VC4 a capetown based venture firm. MK is also a founder of Heritage Angel Investor Network which focuses on seed funding for startups. MK sits in various boards and is a key note speaker.