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I'm so Excited and Here's Why: Testimonials by the Youth

Young leaders from the Arab region and beyond offer their perspectives with one-minute messages regarding what they look forward to in the decade of the 2020s.

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Speakers:

- Ms. Malak Akiely, CEO of Golden Wheat Grain Trading
- Ms. Wafa Ben Hassine, Policy Counsel at Access Now
- Ms. Donna Maria Feghaly, Art Curator / Architectural Design Retrieving Beirut
- Mr. Chaker Khazaal, Best-selling Author and Journalist
- Ms. Emtithal Mahmoud, Poet and Activist, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador
- H.E. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General World Assembly of Youth in Malaysia
- Mr. Shady Qubaty, Founder and President of the Yale MENA Students Association

Ms. Malak Akiely, CEO of Golden Wheat Grain Trading

Today I stand before you not only as Arab business woman trading oil and wheat. In the decade 2020 it will be no economic progress with the progress of human. That's why I implore you to embrace diversity and inclusion. In 2020s deep technology integration will become.

Power will be in the hand of those who owns the data

In such an event I look forward to create an actionable path. That all Arab countries will realize that our path is technical and institutional.



Ms. Wafa Ben Hassine, Policy Counsel at Access Now

A grim highly evolved to reality, I am optimistic, I have faith in policy and decision makers. Younger generation that is clearly better informed about the world will have to take the lead.

I look forward to freer flow of ideas where people and everyone can be whatever they are. Instead of talking about liberty lets act liberty.

Policy in favor of youth is not only an investment of tomorrow

Ms. Donna Maria Feghaly, Art Curator / Architectural Design Retrieving Beirut

The crossroads of arts, culture, literature and architecture in society.

Technology connects us and separates us at the same time.

Us designers and artists will keep our humanity together.

Mr. Chaker Khazaal, Best -selling Author and Journalist

I look forward to people swimming in the Mediterranean and other seas not to flee instability

I look forward to celebrating more astronauts more thinkers more innovators more Arab putting their footprints in the history

I look forward to planting a tree in Jerusalem to remember my grandfather who lived in displacement who he hoped that one day he will return.

Ms. Emtithal Mahmoud, Poet and Activist, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

A new approach to conflict resolution. Young people are finally rejected the notion that we have to continue the wars that had already started.

I hope that young people no longer have to throw themselves in the buffer between change and the past.



H.E. Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General World Assembly of Youth in Malaysia

As a youth leader what do I expect, I want them to sit on the table, I want them to speak their mind and be part of the decision process. Lets have them on the table, they are the most connected generation ever.

Mr. Shady Qubaty, Founder and President of the Yale MENA Students Association

I look forward to a decade where the economy becomes an engine

The GCC should serve as a core group allowing other countries to join, such as Jordan and Egypt.