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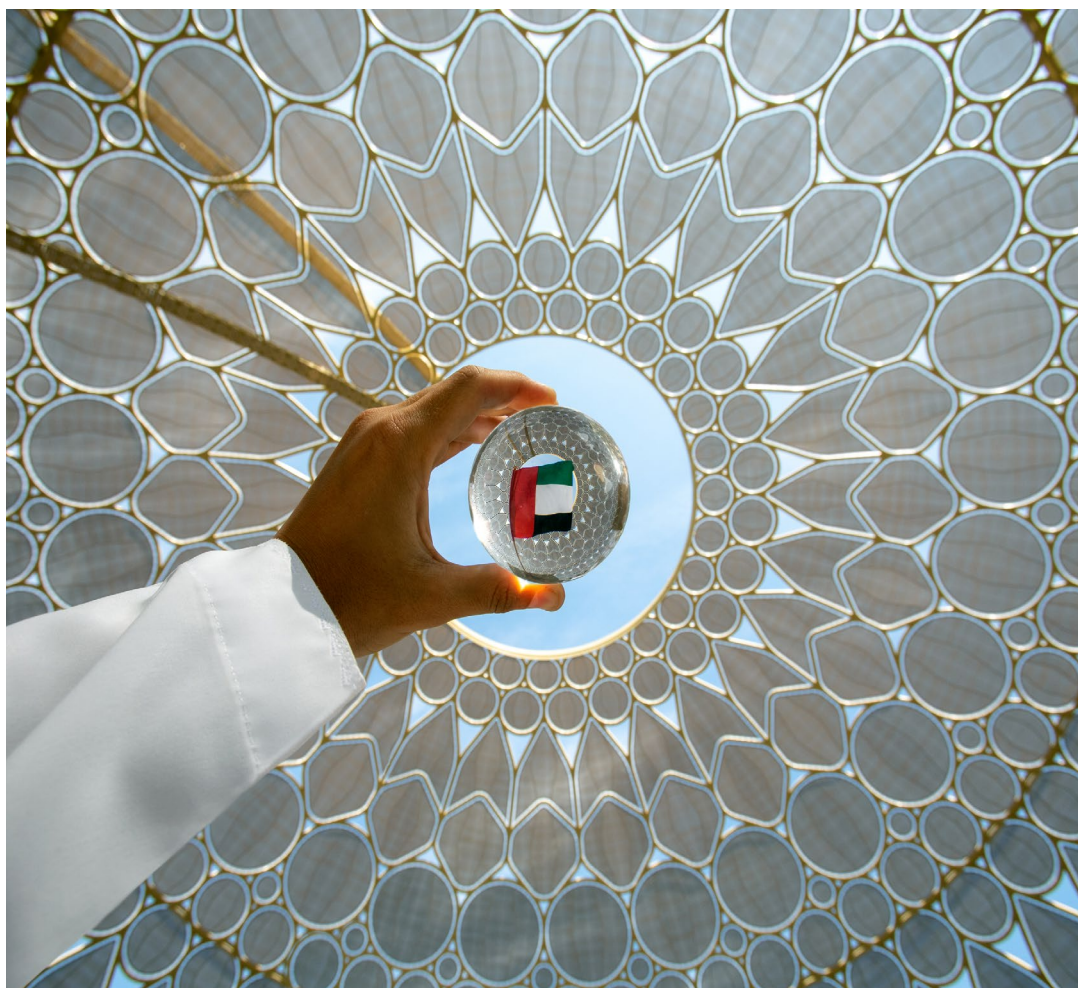


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A SHARED FUTURE
Reframing a better future for all

DATE Wednesday, March 30th 2022

TIME 2:30 to 4:30 PM UAE

VENUE Stage of Nations
Al Wasl Plaza



**THE
CONVERSATION
TOPIC**

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Over the course of six months and 10 theme weeks, the World Majlis at Expo 2020 Dubai has convened some of the most diverse and original voices from across the world to discuss the greatest challenges facing humanity.

These discussions within the context of a World Expo, held against the backdrop of an increasingly unpredictable and threatened world, lay the foundation for a conversation on what it would take to build a better future – one where people and planet, the young and the experienced, institutions and the communities they serve, work in partnership with each other to navigate and thrive in an uncertain tomorrow.

In this final edition of the World Majlis at Expo 2020 we explore insights from the previous World Majlis conversations to talk about how to navigate a complex future:

How do we better frame our place in the world – in relation to our planet(s), and new realities within which we must exist?

How do we equip ourselves with better knowledge - of the world and ourselves, to thrive in a future of uncertainty?

How do we prioritise wellbeing as the new currency – for the individual, the community and the planet?

MODERATOR



JOHN DEFTERIOS

**Former CNN Emerging Markets Editor
Professor of Business, NYU-Abu Dhabi**

John Defterios is veteran, award winning journalist and economic analyst with more than 35 years of experience at CNN, Reuters, and PBS Television in the United States.

John recently retired as CNN Business' Emerging Markets Editor and Anchor. Based in the network's Abu Dhabi bureau since 2011, his reporting focused on the top business stories from emerging economies, with a specialty in trade, geo-politics and energy.

He is a Strategic Senior Advisor for the global public affairs firm APCO Worldwide, board member in media and the youth development arenas, Professor of Business at NYU-Abu Dhabi and World Economic Forum Energy Fellow.

Defterios arrived to the UAE during the regional uprisings of the Arab Spring and covered the economic rebuilding and challenges across the region. Major story coverage included: the impact of Covid-19 on the global economy, oil prices collapsing into negative territory for the first time, the Ritz Carlton crackdown on corruption and the passing of King Abdullah in Saudi Arabia. He was key member of the CNN team that won the coveted Alfred I. Dupont award for in-country coverage between 2017-18.

Defterios was a World Economic Forum media leader from 1995-2021, a member of the Global Agenda Council on the Arab World and is a WEF Energy Fellow. He also serves on the board of the Stern Stewart Institute in Germany, a non-for-profit group promoting leadership and entrepreneurship.

PARTICIPANTS



HE REEM AL HASHIMY

**UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation
Director General, Expo 2020 Dubai Bureau**

In February 2016, Reem Al Hashimy was sworn in as Minister of State for International Cooperation, in the UAE's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Prior to this, Reem led the UAE's bid to host the World Expo 2020 in Dubai.

She currently serves as the Managing Director for the Expo 2020 Dubai Bureau and is a member of the Higher Committee of Dubai Expo 2020, under the chairmanship of His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed al Maktoum. She continues to serve as the chairperson for Dubai Cares, a philanthropic organisation with the aim of improving access to quality education in developing countries. She also manages the Vice President's Office for Political Affairs.

Since her first ministerial appointment in February 2008, Her Excellency has held the sub-saharan Africa portfolio within cabinet. She was also the former chairperson of the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority, which drives the UAE's global competitiveness across many sectors.

Her Excellency completed her undergraduate degree at Tufts University, earning a BA in International Relations and French, followed by an MA from Harvard University. She also holds a PhD degree from Tsinghua University.



HE DIMITRI KERKENTZES

Secretary General of the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE)

Dimitri S. Kerkentzes is Secretary General of the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE), the intergovernmental organisation that regulates and oversees international exhibitions.

Mr. Kerkentzes joined the BIE in 2003 and was appointed Deputy Secretary General in 2015. He previously worked in the energy industry in London, before moving to the United Nations in New York in 2001. He graduated from the University of Kent with a Master's degree in International Relations and Human Rights.

A Greek/British national born in London in 1979, Mr. Kerkentzes speaks English, French and Greek.



DR ALAWI ALSHEIKH-ALI

Deputy Director, Dubai Health Authority, UAE

Alawi Alsheikh-Ali is an Emirati physician-scientist and currently serves as the Deputy Director General of the Dubai Health Authority. He is a Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine at the Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences where he was previously the Founding Dean of the College of Medicine and University Provost. A consultant cardiac electrophysiologist, he previously served as Section Head of Cardiac Electrophysiology and Chair of the Cardiac Sciences Institute at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Dr. Alsheikh-Ali holds a Bachelor of Science in biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a Master of Science in applied physiology from Boston University, a Master of Science in clinical research from Tufts University School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences and a Doctor of Medicine from Tufts University School of Medicine. He completed his clinical residency and fellowships in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease and clinical cardiac electrophysiology at Tufts Medical Center in Boston leading to triple certification from the American Board of Medical Specialties.

He is a member of the Emirates Scientists Council and of the Dubai Future Councils and is Past President of the Emirates Cardiac Society and a Founding Board Member of the Gulf Heart Rhythm Society. His research has led to more than 200 peer-reviewed publications in leading journals and spans a broad range in cardiology including clinical electrophysiology and epidemiology of cardiovascular disease in the developing world.



SEÁN CLEARY

Vice-Chair, FutureWorld Foundation, South Africa

Seán Cleary is Vice-Chair of the FutureWorld Foundation, an Advisory Council member of the World Leadership Alliance-Club de Madrid, EIT Climate-KIC, Carnegie Artificial Intelligence and Equality Initiative, and the Institute of Advanced Studies, Kőszeg; a Faculty Member of the Parmenides Foundation; a Senior Advisor and Senior Fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar; Special Adviser to the Global Solutions Initiative, a Diplomacy Moderator of the Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator, and a Director of Companies.

He saw diplomatic service in Iran, the USA, and Namibia, where he facilitated all-party negotiations, the release of political prisoners, and the adoption of a Bill of Rights. He served on the Facilitating and Preparatory Committee of South Africa's National Peace Accord and chaired the Working Group on the Code of Conduct for Political Parties.

He was a Board member of many non-profit organisations, and a Strategic Adviser to the World Economic Forum.

He studied social sciences, philosophy and law in South Africa and Iran, and has an MBA from Henley Management College and lectured around the world on global corporate strategy, development and conflict resolution.

He has received academic and public service awards, co-authored Resilience to Risk (2006) and Global Risks (2007) with Thierry Malleret, and published scores of articles and book chapters, including Cognitive Constraints and Behavioral Biases in Learning from Catastrophes: Strategies for Reaction and Response. (Pearson 2009).



AHMED ELHADJ TAIEB

**General Secretary, Youth for Climate Tunisia
Youth Ambassador, Break Free from Plastic**

Ahmed Elhadj Taieb is a 22 years old, environmental science student with a major in waste management and is currently pursuing a master's degree in environmental engineering. He is the general secretary of Youth for Climate Tunisia, as well as a youth ambassador of the international movement "Break Free from Plastic" and a campaign leader with STOP ECOCIDE. He is also an environmental blogger with the Fibelk science project.

He has participated as a delegate for his home country of Tunisia at COY16 (conference of youth in Glasgow) and was part of the official Tunisian delegation at COP26 as a young climate negotiator. Most recently, he was chosen as one of the 10 young African climate activists changing the face of the planet.

To help the fight of water scarcity in his region, he participated in the creation of the first fog sensor in Tunisia and succeeded in collecting water with the Rashel mesh; water that concluded to be potable after further analysis.



HIROAKI MIYATA

Chair and Professor, Department of Health Policy Management, Faculty of Medicine, Keio University, Japan

Hiroaki Miyata is the Chair and a Professor of the Department of Health Policy Management within the Faculty of Medicine at Keio University. He also serves as a Professor of the Healthcare Quality Assessment at the Graduate School of Medicine in The University of Tokyo.

As a data scientist with an expertise on scientific methodology, health policy, and value co-creation; he has harnessed the power of data to research innovative solutions, challenge social change and contribute to the betterment of society.

Working across and outside the traditional health discipline, Miyata founded the National Clinical Database, the largest clinical database in Japan that 5,000 hospitals in Japan participate in collaboration with the Japanese medical specialty certification system. In addition, he spearheaded a national survey on the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in partnership with LINE, the most popular messaging app in Japan, and the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare at a time when information regarding COVID-19 was scarce.

He also engages in a variety of practices, including those outside the medical field. Recently, he has been working with the Keidanren and the World Economic Forum to create a new social vision. One of Miyata's visions is a "resonant society" in which each individual can shine as they experience the world together, creating a diverse society by echoing life.

He serves as a Thematic Project Producer for 2025 Japan International Exposition, Member of the Advisory Panel on "Health Care 2035" for the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, an Executive Adviser on health policy and ICT to the central government (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare) as well as to local governments (Shizuoka, Niigata, Hiroshima, Kitakyushu, Fukuoka), Director of the International House Japan, and Chair of the The Commons Project Japan Board.



MAZLAN OTHMAN

Director of the International Science Council (ISC) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP), Malaysia

Mazlan obtained a Ph.D. in Astrophysics from the University of Otago, New Zealand, and became a lecturer at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in 1981. Seconded to the Prime Minister's Department in 1990 to set up and head the Planetarium Division, which subsequently became the Space Science Studies Division in 1993. Appointed by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia as Professor of Astrophysics in 1994, she was appointed Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) in Vienna, Austria in 1999, and returned to Malaysia to become the founding Director General of the National Space Agency (ANGKASA) beginning of July 2002. In this capacity she established the National Observatory in Langkawi and National Space Centre in Selangor. She headed the National Angkasawan (Astronaut) Programme, which saw the launch of the first Malaysian to the International Space Station in 2007. She was responsible for the launch of Malaysia Remote Sensing Satellites : TiungSAT and RazakSAT and she attended the Advanced Management Programme (AMP169) at Harvard Business School in 2005.

She resumed her post as Director of UNOOSA in December 2007 upon retirement from the Malaysian Civil Service and was appointed Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV) in June 2009. She retired from the United Nations in December 2013 and was appointed Project Director of Mega Science 3.0 at the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) 2014-2016.

She became Professor Emerita at UKM in 2015 and was a Fulbright Scholar at the Space Policy Institute of George Washington University, 2015-2016, and elected Senior Fellow of ASM in 2016.

She co-chaired the ASM Malaysia Foresight 2050 initiative, and is currently the Director of the International Science Council (ISC) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) since 2017.



STEPHEN RITZ

**Educator, author
Founder, Green Bronx Machine, USA**

Stephen Ritz is an internationally acclaimed, award-winning educator, author of best-selling book, *The Power of A Plant* and Founder of Green Bronx Machine. Known as America's favorite teacher and 2015 Top Ten Finalist for the Global Teacher Prize, Stephen is responsible for creating the first edible classroom in the world. He and his students have grown more than 150,000 pounds of vegetables in the South Bronx, were celebrated at the Obama White House three times, have been featured on the cover of *TIME* for KIDS, and are the subject of a new, full-feature documentary, *Generation Growth*. A replica of his classroom was installed in the US Botanic Gardens in Washington, DC and his curriculum is being used in hundreds of schools across the United States, and internationally from Colombia to Dubai, from Canada to Cairo, to Doha, and beyond.

To date, Stephen's work has been featured by Forbes, Fast Company, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, FOX, TNT, Disney, Discovery TV, NPR, Teach Middle East, The Gulf National, and countless others. His TED talk boasts more than 1 million views, ranks in the Top 10 Food/Education TED Talks of all time, and is used for teacher training/workforce development globally. Stephen was featured in the film adaptation of Michael Pollan's best-selling book, *In Defense of Food* and appeared on ABC's *The Chew*, The Rockefeller Foundation's *Food for Thought*, NPR's *50 Great Teachers*, *All Things Considered*, and *American Graduate*. The State University of New York uses his curriculum to train teachers in all content areas. His recent appearance on PBS' *Growing a Greener World* (Episode 808) won an Emmy Award, the first ever in the ten-year history of the show.

Stephen serves as a Senior Fellow in Social Innovation at Babson College and as a Board Member for the NYC Nutrition Education Network. Stephen is now appearing in the new PBS educational series *Let's Learn with Mister Ritz*, was named the 2020 Change-Maker Award by NYC Food Policy Center for his response to COVID, named a 2021 Food Hero by TMZ Live, testified for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ending Hunger in America, and was awarded the 2021 Artemis CEA Disruptor Award for his work, advocacy, and impact in public schools across NYC and America. Stephen was just named to the Food Transition Team for NYC Mayor, Eric Adams.



ANDREW WHALLEY OBE

BArch (Mackintosh) AA Dipl D.Litt RIBA FAIA FRSA
Chairman, Grimshaw, UK

Andrew Whalley has been an instrumental part of Grimshaw since the earliest days of the practice and has been Partner in Charge of projects in diverse sectors including education, performing arts, transportation, and workplace.

Andrew has been involved with academia for many years. In the UK this has included several years teaching at the Royal College of Art and Imperial College's Industrial Design Department. In addition, Andrew ran a unit at the Architectural Association for three years and lectured at University College London for over five years. He has been a visiting Professor at Washington University and an adjunct Professor at POLIMI Milano. He is currently advising the Glasgow School of Art on a new post graduate course in Biomimetics.

Andrew was appointed as Deputy Chairman in 2011 and succeeded Sir Nicholas Grimshaw as Chairman in 2019; the Chairman's Office is responsible for managing the practices core design ethos, brand identity and working to build relationships and to strengthen the profile of around the world.

Andrew is a registered member of the AIA and RIBA and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He was elected to the AIA College of Fellows for Design in 2019 and awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from his alma mater, The Glasgow School of Art. Andrew received an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) in the Queen's New Year Honours List 2022. The honour, awarded in the international list, and recognises Andrew's services to architecture and environmental sustainability.



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