

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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WOMEN'S
PAVILION

من مدينة إكسبو دبي
PART OF EXPO CITY DUBAI

This International Women's Day, join us to celebrate the strength, resilience, and accomplishments of women from all walks of life at the Women's Pavilion!

During the free, full-day event, you can look forward to:

- Empowering workshops
- Engaging panel discussions
- Networking opportunities
- Exploring the Women's pavilion's new co-working space
- Special "Buy 1, get 1 free" promotion on hourly services at Fun First Kids nursery, located in the pavilion
- Health screenings and early childhood development support, courtesy of experts from Kings College London
- "Resonating Tides" art exhibition featuring 11 women artists placing climate at the heart of their art



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAMME

09:00 – 10:00

📍 RECEPTION

Welcome and registration

09:00 – 12:30

📍 LOUNGE

Kings College Hospital London

Point of care testing station – Kings Nurses
Women's Health Station – Ob & Gynae
The Mental Health Station - Psychologist
Childrens Development - Pediatrician

09:00 – 09:45

📍 SOLUTIONS ROOM

Empowering Yourself

Sound healing - Olivia Prescott (Limited spaces, registration is essential)

09:00 – 10:30

📍 MULTIPURPOSE HALL

Empowering Youth (Invitation only)

Mastercard #Girls4Tech workshop

Mastercard's signature STEM education program developed for middle school girls to get them excited about STEM careers. Changing the world, one girl at a time.

10:00 – 10:20

📍 MAJLIS

Musical Performance Al Firdaus Orchestra

Anvita Shankar on Sitar
Lama Kassem on Percussion
Ariel Azarian on Handpan

10:30 – 10:45

📍 MAJLIS

Opening remarks by **HE Reem Al Hashimy, UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation and CEO, Expo City Dubai Authority**

Contextualising the expansion of the Women's Pavilion within the purpose-driven mandate of the City and the broader mission of the Women's Pavilion within a global context, to empower and enable women and girls from all around the world.

10:45 – 11:15

📍 MAJLIS

Empowering Mothers: Foundational Impact of Early Childhood Development (Arabic Session)

An intimate conversation, hosted for the first time in Arabic at the Women's Pavilion, with prominent voices in the field of early childhood development.

PANELISTS

HE Sana Suhail	Early Childhood Authority
Dr Mona Badran	Founder Fun First Kids Club
Dr Haneen Jarrar	Clinical Psychologist

Session moderated by **Sajeda Shawa - Head of UAE office - United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)**

11:00 – 11:30

MULTIPURPOSE HALL

Empowering Entrepreneurs: The Impact of Women in F&B (English Session)

A conversation with female chefs and entrepreneurs in the UAE to reflect on their careers to date, discuss the importance of fostering diversity and inclusion in the F&B industry, and how it positively influences innovation and progress.

PANELISTS:

Hind AlMulla Founder of Home Bakery
Meral Jibouri Mohebi Plant-based food content creator, certified holistic nutritionist, and winner of Chopped Arabia Season 3
Zahra Abdulla Award-winning cookbook author, food entrepreneur, and social media influencer

Session moderated by **Loui Blake** PXB Founder & Plant-based food influencer

11:30 – 12:15

MAJLIS

Women's World Majlis - Count Her In: Re-defining how we invest in women (English session)

Expo City Dubai's signature Women's World Majlis will engage experts on the official theme of International Women's Day this year, "Investing in Women". Panelists will reflect on how we invest in women through an economic, social and cultural lens to enable their full potential and participation in society.

PANELISTS:

Isobel Abulhoul CEO and Trustee of the Emirates Literature Foundation
Amnah Ajmal Executive Vice President, Market Development, Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa at Mastercard
Shada El Borno Regional Head of Global Subsidiaries for the Middle East, North Africa and Pakistan, Standard Chartered Bank.
Jihane Bachir Corporate Affairs and Engagement Director, representing L'Oréal Middle East
Zaur Shiraliyev Vice President learning and development at Chalhoub Group
Sajeda Shawa Head of UAE office - United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Moderated by **Rania AlKhatib**, Chief Brand & Marketing Officer, International Media Investments

11:45 – 12:15

MULTIPURPOSE HALL

The EmiratesGBC Women's Network: Igniting Inspiration: Women Leading Change in Sustainable Built Environments

A session highlighting the significant contributions of women in advancing sustainability within built environments, and to inspire actionable change, foster innovation, and drive collective efforts towards creating more resilient and environmentally conscious spaces.

AGENDA

11:45 – 11:50 Women Network Introduction Presentation and 3rd cohort of Women Network Mentorship Program Launch

Lana AbuQulbain Technical Engineer, EmiratesGBC

11:50 – 12:10 Fireside Chat

Farah Yassine Senior Manager - Sustainability and ESG at PwC Middle East, and Chairperson of the EmiratesGBC Women's Network
Alida Saleh Head of Sustainability MEA, JLL, and Senior Advisor, Climate Champions Team, Built Environment

12:10 – 12:15 Q & A

Let's come together to foster connections, amplify voices, and ignite change.
Be part of this uplifting celebration at the Women's Pavilion

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