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Breaking Boundaries: Global Women Forum Unites Europe and Arab World for International Collaboration in STEM, energy and AI

On 15 November 2023, over 150 participants gathered in Berlin for the Global Women Forum, a groundbreaking event that aims to promote exchange between businesswomen from Europe and the Arab region and create networks to build cultural and economic bridges between the two regions.

The event was organized by the Euro Institute for Information and Technology Transfer in Environmental Protection (EITEP Institute), which is dedicated to the international exchange of information and technology in the water, energy, environment, and infrastructure sectors. With a clear focus on sustainability and the aim of fostering meaningful connections among women in the key areas of science and technology - STEM, energy and artificial intelligence - the Global Women Forum marked a first: it brought together for the first-time personalities from different regions of the world to create global networks spanning both business and cultural aspects.

The agenda of the Global Women Forum was intense with various panels and two breakout sessions, focusing on energy and artificial intelligence. The diverse range of high-level speakers, including politicians, diplomats, academics, and industry experts, contributed to an inspiring mix. In a constructive atmosphere, participants enriched the event with their own contributions, which led to lively and controversial discussions that continued during the networking breaks.

The opening keynote speech was given by the Ambassador of Sudan in Germany, H.E. Ilham I.M. Ahmed. In her captivating address entitled "Bridges to the Future: Women's Empowerment in Global Cooperation and Sustainability", she underlined the crucial role of women in building bridges between different cultures, economies, and industries. The diplomat with over 35 years of experience highlighted the importance of cultural sensitivity and the often-overlooked role of women in peace processes. The keynote emphasized the power of women in STEM, energy and AI and celebrated their ingenuity and resilience.

The second keynote, "Strengthening Global Cooperation for Climate and Energy" was presented by Ellen von Zitzewitz from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK). She shared effective strategies and initiatives to empower women in different sectors and pointed out the significant contributions of women who have overcome obstacles and initiated change.

As part of "HERStory", H.E. Maitha Saif Al Mahrouqi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman in Germany, shared her inspiring story. "HERStory" is dedicated to honoring the personal successes of individual women and sharing experiences and knowledge. "HERStory" places a special focus on the remarkable contributions of Omani women.

The distinguished panelists from various fields shared their personal backgrounds and revealed their competencies in promoting women's economic development. They discussed the hurdles, strategies and potential for inclusive economic expansion in STEM professions. For example, H.E. Dr Abdullah Al-Nuaimi, former Minister of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates, took part in the panel discussion "Empowering Women in STEM to Drive the Economy" as one of the panelists.

The Global Women Forum on 15 November 2023 was a unique platform that not only served to connect women in business and culture, but also helped to take significant steps towards a sustainable and collaborative future. The event marked the beginning of further activities and initiatives to sustain the dialogue and translate the insights gained into concrete actions.

For more information, updates on upcoming events and opportunities to participate, please visit the website at <https://global.women.forum> or follow the LinkedIn showcase at <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/global-women-forum-gwf/>.

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