



“Youth Engagement in Socio-economic Development: Towards Shaping a Development Vision for the Youth in IDBG Member Countries”

15-16 May 2017, (Hilton Hotel, Jeddah)

Overview

There are nearly 1.75 billion Youth (15-29 years age group) in the World. About 500 million of them (28.5%) are living in Islamic Countries. Engaging Youth in shaping development strategies and initiatives aimed at empowering them both economically and socially - is therefore a necessity that the Islamic Development Bank Group (IDBG) recognizes vitally. In order to engage the Youth in its development efforts, in 2012, the IDBG established a Youth Development Seminar as a yearly event at its Board of Governors' Annual Meeting, to serve as a platform for Youth engagement. Since 2012, five Youth Development Seminars have been successfully organized. These Seminars have brought together influential thinkers, policy makers, entrepreneurs and international development policy experts to address, discuss and debate critical issues of relevance to Youth in IDBG Member Countries in areas ranging from education, employment, entrepreneurship, networking to financial inclusion.

Differing slightly from previous Youth seminars, this year's event received enormous support from IDBG member countries to be scaled-up to a Summit. The summit will bring together leading Youth delegates from all IDBG Member Countries to debate, discuss, share and exchange diverse perspectives on the future development vision of the Youth in IDBG Member Countries.

Moderator	Shereen Mitwalli - Motivational Speaker, Event Presenter, MC
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S.N	Speakers
1	Adeyemi Babington-Ashaye , Head, Global Shapers Community, World Economic Forum
2	Ashok Regmi , Director, Social Innovation, International Youth Foundation
3	H.R.H. Princess Reema Bent Bandar Al-Saud , Vice President, Women's Affairs of the General Sports Authority, KSA <i>(Tentative)</i>
4	Her Excellency Sümeyye Erdoğan , Vice Chairwoman, Women and Democracy Association <i>(Tentative)</i>