

1st Conference on Arab Women in Science and Technology (S&T):
"Empowerment for the Development of the Arab World" held 28-30
September 2009 Raffles Hotel - Dubai - UAE
Session 7: Business Leaders and Empowerment of S&T Women in the Arab
World. Business and investment leaders will express their opinions in
the field of investment and community service in addition to their role
in empowering their societies in general and their role in empowering
Arab women in S&T in particular

A Vow: I am determined to contribute in any way I can, to human
development and wellbeing. Growth of individuals will generate growth
of our World. I will give all my best, to help human beings without
discrimination of race, color, gender, social status or religion

A Thank you for the invitation to participate in this Conference, I am
honored by your trust in me

A Confession: I do not "understand" the concept of empowering Women

A Story: I was born a Woman, Moroccan, Arab, and Muslim with very
genuine conservative parents in all aspects. Educated as a woman in the
real values of Islam and Arab traditions: kindness, inclusion, dignity,
compassion, hospitality, generosity, integrity, loyalty and honesty.
With these skills, I am powerful as a woman, as an Arab, as a Human
being. Yes, a woman is different from a man, in many respects, but
EQUAL as Human being. Yes, an Arab has different roots from other
races, but is EQUAL as a Human being.
Believing that as Humans, we carry similarities, particularities and
diversities. Knowing that in differences resides richness.
Most of all, remembering that being happy is a Life Goal.

Pioneering experience: In that spirit, as an Arab Woman, I travelled
over 50 countries per year, managed over 2000 staff, for the last half-
century. Despite all odds, it was enjoyable and successful.
Woman is powerful. We all need to KNOW it and ACT on it.

Recommendations:

Education systems are important and need to be looked at thoroughly.
Consciousness starts at an early age, we may appreciate the impact of
woman's powerful role as a mother, to provide nourishment and education
to future generations.
Know that men have more key positions worldwide, ignoring and excluding
them from our reflection and action plan, because of hurt, frustration,
anger, resentment and revenge, will not help us achieve our goals. We
are partners not enemies. Laws alone will not fulfill the task at hand.
We should all understand the gain in involving women in all decision
making process. And we all should keep in touch with The Essence of
Life.

If One wish: To be trusted as human beings and have the freedom to
choose and pursue our inner drive in Life. As conscious beings, will
sure make very good use of it for our wellbeing and development.

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Ref. book entitled: Women in the Arab and Islamic history by Dr.
Abdulhadi Tazi)