



IX MEDITERRANEAN WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR FORUM CONCLUSIONS

The “IX Mediterranean Women Entrepreneurs Forum” edition ,co-organized by AFAEMME (The Federation of Organizations of Mediterranean Businesswomen) with the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce and ASCAME (Association of Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry) was held in the framework of the Week of the Economic Leaders of the Mediterranean last 24th November. More than 200 businesswomen and representatives from 23 Mediterranean countries took part in this Women Entrepreneurs Forum of the Mediterranean in Barcelona. The main aims were, to enhance better economy in the region and the empowerment of the women in the access to the economic and financial decision marking positions, in order to promote the economic growth and the job creation in the region.

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Casa Llotja de Mar, Barcelona

MEDITERRANEAN WEEK OF ECONOMIC LEADERS

MARIA HELENA DE FELIPE



Maria Helena de Felipe, President of **AFAEMME**, Member of **EESC** (European Economic and Social Committee), President of **FEPIIME** Catalonia, Vice-President of **CEPYME** and **UEAPME**.

“We need more women thinking in starting their own business. Young women as job creators as a key of the economic growth in the Mediterranean area”



M^a TERESA FERNÁNDEZ DE LA VEGA



Chairwoman Foundation Women for Africa and past **Vice-President** of the Spanish Government, Permanent **Body Member of the Spanish** Conselour of State .

“The Mediterranean and its shores form a privileged place. Mediterranean women are called to play a fundamental role and the achievements of business women will be a mirror for other women”

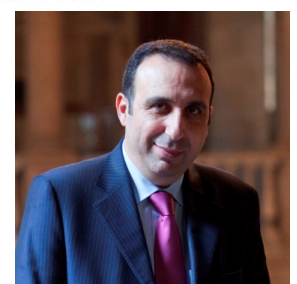


ANWAR ZIBAOU



Anwar Zibaoui, General Coordinator of **ASCAME** (Chambers of Commerce from the Mediterranean) the most relevant private Organization in the Mediterranean region.

“The increase of female participation in the labour market would add 47% of the G.D.P. of the Mediterranean area in the next decade”



MIQUEL VALLS



Miquel Valls, President of the **General Committee of the Chamber of Commerce** from Catalonia and General Secretary of the **ASCAME**.

“The Mediterranean should not be a gap, instead a point of cooperation”



LAURENCE PAÏS



Laurence Païs is the **Deputy Secretary General** of the Union for the Mediterranean in charge of Social and Civil Affairs since September 2017.

“Solidarity between Women and Women is very important”



SAIDA NEGHA



President of CGEA, the General Confederation of Algerian Companies and President of Businessmed.

“The economy is privatized based on half of its potential; we need to promote women in the business world”



MARIE-ALEXANDRA VIELLEUX-LABORIE

The EBRD Retweeted



Union for the Mediterranean @UfMSecretariat · Nov 24
 @EBRD's Marie-Alexandra Veilleux-Laborie: #Women are 20% less likely than men to have borrowed from financial institutions for their businesses.

Ms **Veilleux-Laborie** is responsible for the **EBRD's investments** and operations in the country. Ms Veilleux-Laborie joined the EBRD in 2007 and initially worked for the Financial Institutions and Equity Funds teams.

“Inclusive growth is based on the believed of giving opportunities. Women are loyal, disciplined with clear priorities. Empowering and women entrepreneurship needs to this end increase and extend access to funding “



NAYEF Z. STETIEH

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ASCAME @ascameorg · Nov 24
 Nayef Stetieh from @BDCJordan slighting us with sucessful stories #Women in region #Mediterranean #medaweeek17 #medawomen17

Nayef Z. Stetieh is the **President and CEO** of the Jordanian Business Development Center, which promotes the **“Maharat Med”** project.

“We have the open doors to women, so they can access the top positions, nothing should prevent from fulfilling their dreams”



DIANA BATTAGGIA

UNIDO ITPO Italy Retweeted



UNIDOWeMENA @unidowemena · Nov 25
 The Mediterranean can only develop trough partnerships based on equal opportunities, which guarantee the full participation of women in the economic and business development in the region. #MedaWeek17

Diana Battaggia is the **head of UNIDO – ITPO** contributing to the industrial development and economic growth of developing countries.

“Gender gap is the goal, empowering, is the key for a positive impact on the economy. Women are unexplored resource for a sustainable economy”

