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REINFORCING DIGITAL BUSINESS:

Accelerating Growth Amid Turmoil

📍 20 OCTOBER 2020, TUESDAY

📍 3.00PM - 4.00PM (+GMT8:00)



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

WIEF ThinkTalk is a special session designed to empower young changemakers with compelling ideas and deep knowledge on leadership, business, entrepreneurship and the world's most pressing issues from prominent leaders as well as industry experts. It welcomes inspired thinkers willing to contribute their thoughts and individuals from every discipline seeking knowledge in this world of disruption in which we live. In this virtual WIEF ThinkTalk edition, the speaker will dive deeply into digital business and explore how it continues to be a driving force for world economic recovery and growth.

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SESSION **Reinforcing Digital Business: Accelerating Growth Amid Turmoil**

The pandemic has forced businesses to explore new and heighten levels of digital collaboration. This is pivotal in positioning them to thrive beyond the near and intermediate terms. With digital ecosystems forecasted to contribute towards a larger portion of the global corporate revenue by 2025, the digital journey is no longer seen as a new endeavour, but a powerful enabler in bridging the physical and digital worlds to deliver new business value and a key differentiator in times of crisis.

E-commerce is now at the forefront of retail. The adoption curve for online payments is on a steep rise and the supply chain is witnessing unprecedented digital acceleration. These are signs that digitisation has stepped in to fill the gaps left by mandated shutdowns and physical distancing. How can digital businesses persevere to ensure being future-ready beyond this crisis and continue to drive economic recovery and growth?

This session will discuss:

- How digital business can build an advantage in efficiency, productivity and agility through innovative efforts and creative models.
- The lessons to learn from examples of digital and data collaboration industries that have helped accelerate positive outcomes during the crisis.
- How can policymakers support digital businesses in terms of cross-border trade challenges, network capacity, digital incentives and subsidies, online trade policies, talents, narrowing the digital divide and levelling the playing field for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.



Speaker:

Frances Valintine (CNZM)

Founder, Tech Futures Lab, New Zealand



Moderator:

Ebrahim Patel

Chairman WIEF Young Leaders Network
& Managing Director, SiyaXoxa Technologies
South Africa

ROLE PLAYERS



Speaker:

Frances Valintine (GNZM)

Founder, Tech Futures Lab, New Zealand

Frances Valintine is a leader in innovation and emerging technologies. After a 20-year career in higher education and creative technology, she launched Tech Futures Lab in 2016, committed to the development of people and capability, as well as a culture of innovation and responsiveness to technological advancements. She has worked with, and advised over, 250 organisations from every sector in New Zealand and has gained a reputation as an expert in leading change initiatives.

Frances was appointed a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2018 and was recognised for her lifetime contribution to education as well as technology. She received the New Zealand Flying Kiwi Award in 2017, was inducted into the New Zealand Hi-Tech Hall of Fame and named one of the top three Innovators of the Year at the 'NZer of the Year' awards. In 2016, she was named as one of the top 50 EdTech Educators in the World by EdTech International and awarded a Sir Peter Blake Leader Award. Prior to that, she was awarded the Westpac New Zealand Woman of Influence (Innovation) and the Next New Zealand Woman of the Year (Education).

Frances sits on the boards of Watercare and Dilworth School Trust and is an advisor to Bank of New Zealand. She is also a selection advisor for the Edmund Hillary Foundation, committed to supporting a community of impact entrepreneurs, investors and changemakers to build meaningful solutions to global problems. She holds a Master of Education Management from the University of Melbourne.

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Moderator:

Ebrahim Patel

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Ebrahim Patel is the Managing Director of SiyaXoxa Technologies. He is also the Chairman of the WIEF Young Leaders Network and member of the WIEF International Advisory Panel. He was the Founder and Past President of the Minara Chamber of Commerce and is an Advisory Board Member of the University of KwaZulu Natal ELC. Ebrahim was recently appointed as the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Indonesia and serves on the KwaZulu Natal Economic Council which advises the provincial government on economic strategy. He is passionate about youth and entrepreneurship.



ABOUT

WORLD ISLAMIC ECONOMIC FORUM (WIEF) FOUNDATION

World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation was established in 2006. It is the organising body of the annual World Islamic Economic Forum. The Forum serves as a focal point where country leaders, captains of industry, emerging entrepreneurs, academics and other stakeholders from the Muslim World and beyond, meet to build bridges through business. The Foundation also undertakes various capacity building programmes under the WIEF initiatives of the Businesswomen Network (WBN), Young Leaders Network (WYN), Education Trust (WET) and Roundtable Series (WRT).

WIEF FOUNDATION'S YOUNG LEADERS NETWORK (WYN)

Aimed at promoting cross-border business opportunities and social projects for the common good, the WYN is a global youth network for young pioneers and changemakers to connect and collaborate. WYN's flagship leadership programme, Young Fellows, focuses on creating a top-class leadership mentality in the next generation, coupled with a strong moral compass embodied in its philosophy of altruistic leadership under the tagline 'Learn. Empower. Earn. Return'. Other initiatives include IdeaLab, a boutique startup conference that connects global investors to the most promising startups around ASEAN, and MOCAfest, which aims to bridge the gap between the creative industries and the business world.

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