

EMPOWER

2024

The Role of Youth in Times of War and Conflict

Youth Conference Programme

TIME	SESSION
DAY 1 – Friday 26th April	
8:00-8:30am	Participant Registration
8:30-10:00am	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by MC: Shaikha Al Marri, EAA Youth Advocate • In Conversation: A Dialogue with Ahmed Hijazi, Palestinian Journalist • Short Film: ‘The Power of Youth in Times of War and Conflict’ Panel: Relief Efforts in Perspective: Qatar’s Role in Regional Conflicts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ahmed Al Rumaihi, Director of External Affairs, Qatar Charity • Mr. Sahir Mohyudin, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR • Dr. Moataz Al Fegiery, Head of Human Rights Program, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies • Ms. Sarah Keshaiish, Enterprise Development Officer, Silatech Moderator: Ms. Salwa Kuwari , EAA Youth Advocate
10:00-11:30am	Workshop Sessions
11:30 - 1:30pm	Juma’a Prayer & Lunch Break
1:30-3:00pm	Panel: Youth and Digital Activism: An Online Catalyst for Offline Social Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Mashaal Mir, Executive Producer, AJ+ • Ms. Razan Elshazli, Sudanese Youth Activist • Ms. Khadija Maalej, Senior Projects Manager, BBC Media Action • Mr. Tariq Luthun, American Palestinian Poet from Gaza Moderator: Ms. Celine Kasem , Syrian Emergency Task Force Power Speech: Mr. Mohammed Alnass , Libyan Filmmaker
3:00 - 3:30pm	Coffee Break
3:30-5:00pm	Workshop Sessions
5:00pm	End of Day 1

DAY 2 – Saturday 27th April	
8:30-9:00am	Participant Registration
9:00-10:30am	<p>Panel: Youth Empowerment in Climate Conflict: A Call to Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Niina Kylliainen, Senior Programme Specialist, UNICEF MENA • Ms. Susana Puerto, Head, Youth Employment Accelerator, International Labour Organisation (ILO) • Dr. Firat Oruc, Associate Teaching Professor of Culture & Theory, Georgetown University in Qatar • Ms. Hessa Al Noaimi, Co-Founder, Arab Youth Climate Movement <p>Moderator: Mr. Amr Ramadan, EAA Youth Advocate</p> <p>Power Speech: Ms. Mashaal Mir, Executive Producer, AJ+</p>
10:30-11:00am	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30pm	Workshop Sessions
12:30 - 1:30pm	Lunch Break
1:30-3:00pm	<p>Panel: Writing as Resistance: The Transformative Power of Education and Literature in War and Conflict [In Arabic]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Eid Mohammed, Assistant Professor of Literature, Qatar University • Ms. Mariam Al-Dhubhani, Journalist, Filmmaker, Curator, Educator • Dr. Anasse Bouhlal, Programme Specialist for Higher Education and TVET, UNESCO • Mr. Khalid Al Baih, Political Cartoonist <p>Moderator: Ms. Yasmeen Abu Ghazala, Palestinian Activist & Designer</p> <p>Power Speech: Mr. Tariq Luthun, Emmy Award-Winning Poet</p>
3:00 - 3:30pm	Coffee Break
3:30-4:30pm	<p>Closing Ceremony MCs: Mohammed Al-Qassabi & Shaikha Al Hamaidi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Declaration – Q&A • Youth Participant Testimonials • EMPOWER 2024 Recap Video • Power Speeches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Ahmed Zayed, Gazan Georgetown Student (5 mins) ○ Ms. Salma Amin Saad, Co-Founder of Andariya (5 mins) • Live Performance • Group Photo
5:00pm	End of EMPOWER 2024 Youth Conference