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World Business Angel Investors Week: Angel Investors' Flagship
World Business Angel Investors Week is envisioned as a great platform where all stakeholders pause to assess their fast-paced journey, to analyse why and how we should leverage angel investment as a must-have financial tool for boosting economies, and to reiterate how entrepreneurial ecosystems can create more jobs, more wealth and more social justice in co-operation with key players in early-stage equity markets. It is celebrated every year, under a global theme.

Grand Opening Ceremony

19 June 2023 - | Virtual at www.angelsweek.org | Time Zone: GMT

Global Theme

Global Collaboration with Higher Education to Increase Financial Inclusion

GLOBAL CHAIR 2023

Baybars Altuntas, Executive Chairman
World Business Angels Investment Forum

19 June 2023, Monday

Virtual

14:00 PM | Welcome Remarks by the Global Chair
Increasing Role of Global Partnership with Higher Education for
Financial Inclusion

Speaker:
Baybars Altuntas, Executive Chairman, World Business Angels
Investment Forum

14:05 PM | Special Remarks:

Keynote Speaker:
H.E. Dr Jewel Howard-Taylor, Vice President, Republic of Liberia

14:10 PM | Keynote Speech:

Keynote Speaker:
H.E. Antonio Couto dos Santos, Former Deputy Prime Minister of
Portugal, Portugal

14:15 PM | Video Message:

Speaker:
Prof Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman, Higher Education Commission
(HEC), Government of Pakistan

**14:20 PM | Roundtable 1: A new role for higher education
institutions to boost innovation**

Most innovative business ideas come from young people. Current and future entrepreneurs and investors need specialized knowledge and a highly complex set of skills to move innovative ideas into the market and ensure they succeed. All this suggests that it is time for higher education institutions to take on a new role. They need to revisit their current business curricula and expand their offerings beyond the traditional concept of business education into a wider framework that bundles education, incubation, mentoring, technology transfer, and research and development. This roundtable will attempt to propose a road map for universities and early stage equity market players for a better collaboration to boost innovation in post-pandemic economies.

Moderator:
Baybars Altuntas, Executive Chairman, World Business Angels
Investment Forum

Panelists:
Prof Rudy Aernoudt, Co-founder European Business Angels Network
(EBAN), Belgium
Marcia Dawood, President, US Angels Capital Association (ACA), United
States
Marcus Dantus, President, Latin American and Caribbean Trade
Association for Business Angels (LACBAN), Mexico

14:50 PM | Video Message:

Speaker:

Dr Pamela Norris, Vice Provost for Research at George Washington University, USA

14:55 PM | Roundtable 2: Missing link: University Business Angel Networks (UBAN)

The triple helix model of innovation refers to a set of interactions between academia (the university), industry and government, to foster economic and social development, as described in concepts such as the knowledge economy and knowledge society. Interactions between universities, industries and governments have given rise to new intermediary institutions, such as technology transfer offices science parks, incubation centers and acceleration centers. This roundtable will attempt to discover advantages of establishing business angel networks within universities to turn universities to local and/or regional entrepreneurship and innovation hubs.

Moderator:

Baybars Altuntas, Executive Chairman, World Business Angels Investment Forum

Panelists:

Prof Inderjit Singh, President WIPA, Faculty Member WBAF Business School

Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes, WBAF USA Country Director, Faculty Member WBAF Business School

Dr Paul Doany, Rector WBAF Business School

15:30 PM | Video Message:

Speaker:

Prof Adalat Jalal Muradov, Rector, Azerbaijan State University of Economics, Azerbaijan

15:35 PM | Closing Remarks:

Speaker:

Dr Paul Doany, Rector WBAF Business School

15:40 PM | Bell Ceremony

Speaker:

Baybars Altuntas, Executive Chairman, World Business Angels Investment Forum

Speakers



Baybars Altuntas

Former Senior Advisor of the London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG), Executive Chairman of the World Business Angels Investment Forum (WBAF) - an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) chaired by the Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, and President of Deulcom International Inc., Star of the Turkish version of the television show Dragons' Den / Sharks Tank. Recipient of the European Trade Association of Business Angels (EBAN) award for the Best Individual in Europe Globally Engaging with the Global Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in 2014 (Ireland), 2015 (Netherlands), 2016 (Portugal), 2017 (Spain) and 2018 (Bulgaria). The only angel investor to be granted a personal audience with former President Obama at the Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship in Washington DC. Appointed as JCI Ambassador, following Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary General of the United Nations. Profiled regularly by leading international media such as CNN International, Bloomberg, BBC. A co-author of Planet Entrepreneur: The World Entrepreneurship Forum's Guide to Business Success Around the World, published by Wiley (2013). Author of "How I Became a Top TV Star and Celebrated Investor", published by Balboa Press (2014) and translated into Chinese, Croatian, Albanian, and Macedonian.



Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes

Expert Advisor to the European Union Blockchain Observatory and Forum, and holding several leadership roles at the World Business Angels Investment Forum and its Institutes, which is an affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) chaired by Her Majesty Queen Maxima of the Netherlands. Founder & CEO of the Institute for Science, Entrepreneurship and Investments, Board Member of the Partners in Digital Health Institute, as well as the Government Blockchain Association, where she remains the acting Chief Innovation Officer. Executive partner or advisor to Fortune 500 and UN-affiliated organizations. Most recent executive consulting engagements include the EU Central Bank and US Bank. Earned a Doctor in Medicine and an Executive Masters in Business Administration, and is an alumna of MIT, Harvard, Stanford, and Columbia Universities. Executive certifications in AI, Blockchain, Finance, Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Bioethics. She continues to teach at the University of Miami Business School and the WBAF Business School, while serving as an Affiliate Faculty at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy, as well as the US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights as a certified consultant. Member of the Forbes Business Council, and Co-Founder of the WBAF World Smart Cities Economic Development Commission. Numerous lifetime recognitions and 30+ awards, most notably the WBAF World Excellence Award for Social Entrepreneurship, Award of Excellence in Research by Columbia University in New York City, and Teacher of The Year twice by the University of Miami, FL. Member of several prestigious professional organizations, including the International Business Honor Society, Lifetime Fellow of the ACP, a Fellow of ACHE, and a Member of IEEE. She has authored and guest-edited several scientific journals and is a publishing editor at IGI Global and Frontiers Media.



Dr Pamela Norris

Dr. Pamela Norris is the Vice Provost for Research at George Washington University. She previously served in roles as the Executive Dean, the Executive Associate Dean of Research, and the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies in the University of Virginia (UVA) School of Engineering and Applied Science and as the Frederick Tracy Morse Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. At UVA she served on the Board of Directors of the Licensing and Ventures Group from 2016 - 2021, and represented the University on several Commonwealth of Virginia Boards, which were public-private partnerships, including: the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing where she was founding chair of the Academic Engagement Committee (2018-2021); the Commonwealth Center for Applied Logistics Systems, serving on the Board of Directors (2015 - 2021) and as Chair (2020 - 2021); the Virginia Microelectronics Consortium Executive Committee (2015 - 2021), serving as Secretary (2018 - 2021); and the Board of Directors of the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority (2015 - 2019). She is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. She joined the faculty at UVA in 1994 after receiving her undergraduate degree from Old Dominion University, her MS and PhD degrees from Georgia Tech, and completing post-doctoral studies at UC Berkeley. She is recognized globally as a leading expert in nanoscale heat transfer, especially interfacial thermal transport with a focus on thermal management across a range of length scales. She holds patents for innovative thermal management techniques for jet-blast deflectors as well as for applications of aerogels in areas ranging from biological warfare detection to lab-on-a-chip, to thermal insulation.



Dr Paul Doany

After his first tenure as Group CEO of Turk Telekom (2005-2010), Dr Doany moved into ICT Venture Capital, with 22 Technology investments, half being pure start-ups, as well as expanding into renewable energy (geothermal power, hybrid biogas/solar energy + organic fertilizers). During this period, he also served as Group CEO of Turk Telekom for a further 3 years, ending late 2019 (i.e. total of 8 years), 47 million customers, and around 34k employees, during which he established the company's CVC, Corporate Venture Capital arm, as well as supporting its Tech/Starters Accelerator, with a focus on three main verticals: Ed-Tech, Health- Tech as well the Energy; in his first Turk Telekom tenure, he led the full acquisition of four strategic IT/ technology companies, an international carrier business with 19 country operation, as well as listing the Group on the Istanbul Stock Exchange in 2008.



H.E. Dr Jewel Howard-Taylor

Vice President Chief Dr. Taylor is a daughter of Bong County, born to the Royal Household of Kerkula Giddings of Sanoyea District. King Giddings in his tenure wrote the script to the Kpelle language. The Vice President was raised as a child on the Phebe Hospital Compound under the watch of her loving parents, Mr. Moses Y. Howard and Mrs. Nora Giddings-Howard., both of whom were enviable professional Health Workers who died in service to the people of Bong County and are buried at the Phebe Compound. Vice President Chief Dr. Taylor is a visible and very involved stateswoman; with a vision for affordable but quality education; transparent justice system; improve and accessible health system; women's economic and political participation; and an accountable public service system. She is one of Liberia's foremost advocate for increased and improved opportunities for women of Liberia; thus becoming a critical voice on cross-cutting issues at many frontlines in the battle to reposition Liberia for vibrancy, productivity and democratic good governance. On account of her national disposition, the Vice President is fondly called **the Vice President without boundaries. While she represents Bong County in particular, her voice and views are national in scope.**



H.E. Antonio Couto dos Santos

Former Deputy Prime Minister of Portugal. He was deputy to the Secretary of State for the Environment (1983-1984), deputy minister of quality of life (1984-1985), Secretary of State for Youth (1985-1987), Deputy Minister of Prime Minister and Youth (1987-1991), Deputy Minister and Parliamentary Affairs (1991-1992) and Minister of Education (1992-1993) and Minister of Education (1992-1993) and Minister of Education (1992-1993) and Minister of Education (1992-1993). His last position coincided with the most intense student challenge to the global tests of access to higher education (PGA) and tuition fees. In addition to his activity as a businessman, Couto dos Santos also held, among other positions, the president of the National Commission for the Commemorations of the Portuguese Discoveries between 1988 and 1991 and deputy to the Assembly of the Republic for the district of Setúbal between 1987 and 1995. He was also a member of the district of Setúbal and Porto and the National Council of the PSD. He was also a member of the Board of Directors at the Luso-American Foundation. He was chairman of the Board of Directors of Casa da Música, in Porto, having been responsible for the completion of the works and the opening of the show room to the public on April 15, 2005. Couto dos Santos was linked to the Business Association of Portugal (formerly called The Porto Industrial Association) for 13 years, where he held management positions in several companies of the group, namely in Europarque, Eurisko, Parque-Invest and Exponor, in addition to AEP itself, where he was executive vice president. He ceased his collaboration in 2008. Couto dos Santos also performed the duties of honorary consul of Russia in Porto, having submitted his refusal to the post on 26 February 2022, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. He was a Member of Parliament; between 1987 and 1991 and from 2009 to 2015. Between 2011 and 2015 he was Chairman of the Board of Administration of the Portuguese Parliament and Chairmai of Wealth Parliamentary Committee. As well as his work as a businessman, and among other positions, Couto dos Santos, has been CEO of Portuguese Business Association (AEP), (1995-2007), Chairman of the General Assembly of a Media Group, among many other management positions in organisations in a wide range of fields, such CEO of the Casa da Música, in Oporto, member of the Board of Administration of the Hospital Amadora-Sintra, and member of the boards of administration of several companies in the areas of environment and energy ,namely Fomentinvest,SGPS ,and companies of Constrution. Now is Consultant in areas of energy, environment and health and Vice President of APD Portugal, association of Directors and CEOs.



Marcia Dawood

She currently serves as the Chair of the Board of the Angel Capital Association (ACA). The ACA is the professional society for angel investors in the US and globally. Marcia is an investor in several early stage private companies. In addition to her own investing, she is a Venture Partner with Mindshift Capital and a part of the investment committee for Next Wave Impact Fund. She is also a member of Golden Seeds, one of the largest angel groups in the US. Mindshift Capital and Golden Seeds focus on investing in women-led companies. According to Bloomberg, the amount of early stage investing dollars that went to women in 2021 was less than 3%. We need to change this!!! Marcia is a founding member and current chair of the ACA's Growing Women's Capital group building syndication and collaboration among US investment groups focused on women-led companies. Previously, she was the COO of Portfolia (one of her portfolio companies) as well as a managing partner at BlueTree Capital Group where she was responsible for investment strategy, diligence research and member education. She received an MBA from the Global Executive program at UNC's Kenan Flagler's School of Business, OneMBA. During her graduate studies, her group acquired the franchise rights to a new sports team. She served on the Board of Directors and managed financial and legal matters for the organization. This gave her experience as an entrepreneur from the start through the exit of a business.



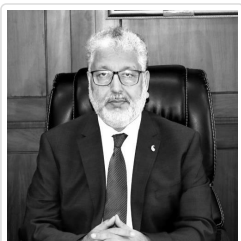
Marcus Dantus

Shark at the Sharks' Tank, Mexico. Innovative thinker with broad-based expertise in operations, business development and sales. Proven ability to quickly identify key business drivers and develop strategies to maximize opportunities. Startup creator and operator, has led several incubator and accelerator programs, angel investor, academic and public speaker.



Prof Adalat Jalal Muradov

He worked at the Ministry of Economic Development (Ministry of Economy and Industry) of the Republic of Azerbaijan beginning from 2002. He headed the Department "Macroeconomic analysis and forecasting of the Ministry within 2002-2007 years, Department "Foreign trade policy and World Trade Organization" in the years of 2007-2009 and Department "Economic policy, analysis and forecasting" over 2009-2014. He was a member of the Board of the Ministry of Economic Development, as well as WTO Accession Negotiation Team of Azerbaijan and head of the Working Group on Services. He is a civil service counselor. He was the chairman of the Supervisory Board of the "Bakielektrikshebeke" OSC since 2009, member of the Commission on expenditure of the State Budget, member of the Trustee Council of the Azerbaijan Deposit Insurance Fund, member of the Methodology Council of the State Statistics Committee and deputy chairman of the Expert Council on Economy (economy and law) of the Higher Attestation Commission under the auspice of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan within 2011-2014 years. On September 24, 2020, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of Azerbaijan State University of Economics and for his services to the development of education in Azerbaijan, he was awarded the Order of Glory.



Prof Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed

Islamabad, August 1, 2022: Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed assumed the charge of Chairman, Higher Education Commission (HEC) on Monday. He has previously served as Chairman HEC from 2014 to 2018, Executive Director HEC from 2013 to 2014 and as Member (Operations and Planning) HEC from 2005 to 2011. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed has played a key role during the last two decades to formulate and implement reforms in the higher education, be it increase in the access to university education, strengthening quality assurance systems, convincing federal and provincial governments to raise funding for higher education, development of universities' infrastructure, promoting national and international collaborations of faculty, researchers and universities, steps to stop and discourage illegal practices in the higher education sector, and a number of other initiatives. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed has also served as Deputy Director General, Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) based in Rabat, Morocco, where he was responsible for Directorates of Education, Science, Culture and Communication, ICPSR, CPID (Planning and Strategic Division) and ISESCO Regional Centres. With a Bachelors and Masters of Science from University of Agriculture, Faisalabad and Masters in Business Administration and PhD from University of California, Riverside, USA, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed has over three decades of educational development and management experience at national and international level that includes teaching, research, administration, policy development, linking educational research to industry / commercialization, introducing entrepreneurial approaches to education and a diverse range of educational development programmes. His distinguished career is enriched with diverse academic, research and administrative experience both in public and private sectors of higher education in Pakistan and abroad.



Prof Inderjit Singh

Founder of the UTAC - a Unicorn 3 years after he started the company. Prof. Dr. Inderjit Singh served as Chairman of NTUitive, the Innovation Company of the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Solstar International Pte Ltd, a multinational company from Singapore. Prof. Singh was the founding President of the Singapore Chapter of The Indus Entrepreneurs, a network of entrepreneurs and professionals founded in 1992 in Silicon Valley, California. From 1995 to 2012, he was the Deputy Chairman of Action Community for Entrepreneurs (ACE), a Singapore national committee involved in Entrepreneurship Policy and Advocacy. Previously, Prof. Singh founded United Test and Assembly Centre Limited, or UTAC, a Singapore-based semiconductor test and assembly company, and served as UTACs President and Chief Executive Officer. UTAC was a Unicorn 3 years after Inderjit started the company. Before founding UTAC, Prof. Singh served at Texas Instruments Singapore (known as Micron Semiconductor Asia since 1999) for 13 years, holding the post of Director of Assembly and Test Operations for the Memory Division from 1996 to 1998. Prof. Singh also served as a Member of Parliament (MP) in Singapore, from 1996 to 2015 and was the Chairman of the Singapore Government Parliamentary Committee for Finance, Trade and Industry for a duration of his term as an MP. Prof. Singh serves as a Member of the Board of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and in the past served as a board member in several Statutory and Public Bodies, including the Urban Redevelopment Authority, the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board and Spring Singapore. He is an active angel investor and also holds directorship positions and investments in a number of start-up companies. Prof. Singh holds a degree in Electronics Engineering from the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, an MBA from the University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom and an Honorary Doctorate from the Amity University, India.



Prof Rudy Aernoudt

Senior Economist at the European Commission. Co-founder of the European Business Angels Network (EBAN). Experienced Professor Corporate Finance and European policy and outstanding International and European experience (MIT, European Commission, European Council and European Social and Economic Committee). Experienced and skilled in Corporate Social Responsibility. Masters in Thomistic Philosophy (KUL), Economy (KUL) and European economy (college of Europe). Co-founder of EBAN, the European Business Angels Network and of FREE (the Foundation for the Research on Education and Entrepreneurship). Columnist (FD Magazine, CXO and Trends) and author of several books (30+) and papers (300+) on corporate finance, politics and economics. His handbooks 'Financial Management in Practice' and 'Entrepreneurship, no guts, no glory' (both Intersentia, Cambridge), are widely used both in academic and business world.