

The World Business Angels Investment Forum  
An affiliated partner of the G20 Global Partnership for  
Financial Inclusion (GPII)  
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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.

## Closing Ceremony

25 June 2023 - | Virtual at [www.angelsweek.org](http://www.angelsweek.org) | Time Zone: GMT

## Global Theme

Global Collaboration with Higher Education to Increase Financial Inclusion

## COUNTRY CHAIR 2023

Baybars Altuntas, Executive Chairman  
World Business Angels Investment Forum

## 25 June 2023, Sunday

Virtual

**14:00 PM | Welcome Speech:**  
Global Partnership with Higher Education for Financial Inclusion

**Keynote Speaker:**  
*Baybars Altuntas*, Executive Chairman, World Business Angels Investment Forum; Global Chair, 2023 World Business Angel Investors Week

**14:05 PM | Special Remarks:**  
Global Partnership with Higher Education for Financial Inclusion

**Keynote Speaker:**  
*H.E. Jonathan Fonati Koffa*, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of Liberia

**14:10 PM | Keynote Speech**  
Smart steps of a unicorn founder

**Keynote Speaker:**  
*Prof Inderjit Singh*, Founder of a Unicorn & WBAF Board Member, Singapore

**14:20 PM | Video Message:**  
Global Partnership with Higher Education for Financial Inclusion

**Keynote Speaker:**  
*Norma Kenyon*, Vice Provost for Innovation at University of Miami, USA

**14:25 PM | Global Roundtable:**

A new role for higher education institutions to boost innovation The Week aims to contribute to the development of skills and expertise of students and faculty members alike, assist in the digital transformation of higher education institutions, and foster the kind of creative thinking that leads to innovation and eventual success in the ever-changing market environment of the 21st century. During this roundtable, Country Chairs will pause to reflect on their fast-paced journey, to analyse why business transformation is needed and how transformation will support entrepreneurship and innovation that will boost economies, and to reiterate how entrepreneurial ecosystems can create more jobs, more wealth and more social justice in cooperation with key players in early-stage equity markets in the post-pandemic economy. Each Country Chair will deliver 3 take-away messages from the events they led in their countries to celebrate the World Business Angel Investors Week 2023.

**Moderator:**

*Baybars Altuntas*, Executive Chairman, World Business Angels Investment Forum; Global Chair, 2023 World Business Angel Investors Week

**Panelists:**

*Arletty Pinel*, Country Chair for Panama  
*Dr Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes*, Country Chair for USA  
*Fernando Ríos Díaz*, Country Chair for Venezuela  
*Harris Kovoov*, Country Chair for UAE  
*Mariam Chikopaidze*, Country Chair for Georgia  
*Dr Nikhil Agarwal*, Country Chair for India  
*Phi Van Nguyen*, Country Chair for Vietnam  
*Phillip J Mostert*, Country Chair for South Africa  
*S M Zillur Rahman*, Country Chair for Bangladesh  
*Stacey Menga Onyago*, Country Chair for Kenya  
*Tokunbo Ige*, Country Chair for Togo

**14:50 PM | Global Awards Ceremony 2023**

The WBAF World Excellence Awards salute those who stand out in imagining, discussing, and shaping the future of an entrepreneurial world. Given the diverse challenges the world is facing in the twenty-first century, it is important to recognize that entrepreneurship can have a major impact on our future, offering new ways to increase economic opportunities and to foster social justice. The World Business Angels Investment Forum aims to contribute to that impact by driving positive changes that will facilitate entrepreneurship. Fostering entrepreneurship that affects both economic and social arenas is a hallmark of the World Business Angels Investment Forum.

**Moderator:**

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**14:55 PM | Closing Ceremony & Bell Ceremony****Moderator:**

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## Speakers



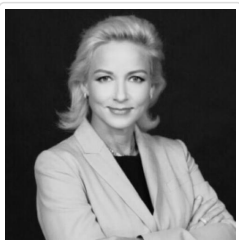
Arletty Pinel

Dr. Arletty Pinel is an internationally recognized global health authority who has supported programs in over one hundred countries in most regions of the world. A visionary, she has more than twenty years innovating in the use of technology for health systems strengthening. A social entrepreneur and angel investor, she has spearheaded multiple initiatives including the recently launched E-Silver, a coalition of institutions and individuals committed to promote the silver economy as an instrument of inclusion, participation, and revitalization of local economies using exponential technologies. Dr. Pinel is leading an initiative to create impact funding mechanisms focused on the silver economy in Latin America and the Caribbean.



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 (GPFII) 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 (GPFII) 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.



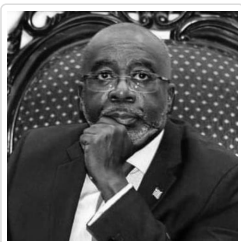
**Dr Nikhil Agarwal**

Nikhil Agarwal holds twin charge of CEO FIRST "Foundation for Innovation & Research in Science & Technology" is responsible for incubation and innovation AND CEO of C3i Hub - Cybersecurity and Cyber Defence of Critical Infrastructure Innovation Hub. FIRST and C3i Hub are section 8 companies promoted by IIT Kanpur. He is the former CEO, AP Innovation Society, Government of Andhra Pradesh. The role of the innovation society is to kickstart the innovation agenda and promote entrepreneurship in the sunrise state of India. Dr Agarwal has founded businesses and advised firms on strategic matters in last 20 years of his career. He has worked with global multinationals like Cadbury's and Zensar (RPG Group). He has lectured at leading global universities like Virginia Tech, University of Bradford, University of Edinburgh and University of Cambridge in visiting capacity. His interviews and work has been extensively covered in international media including HBR, Forbes, CNN Money, BBC Radio, The New York Times to name a few. He has served on many international think-tanks and hold leadership positions in global organisations. He has served as high-level-advisor to United Nations Global Alliance on ICT & Development (UNGAID) between 2008-12; board member at World-Entrepreneurship-Forum and Open Mind Foundation respectively. He was the first Asian to be elected as Co-Chair of prestigious Internet Society Advisory Council (ISOC-AC) for 2008-10. In 2017, he was nominated as Fellow of IC2 Institute, University of Texas at Austin. Professor Agarwal has traveled extensively around the world and worked with global institutions, corporations and multinationals. He has published over 40 research papers, conference publications and articles in top journals. He writes his column "Snake Charmer" in Times of India (TOI) and Economic Times (ET). TOI is the largest English newspaper in the world by circulation. He founded EntrepreneurCafe.org one of the world's largest entrepreneurship networks. Dr Nikhil Agarwal is alumnus of University of Cambridge and University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom.



**Fernando Ríos Díaz**

Personal Brander, entrepreneur, marketer with a human sense, innovator and ultra marathon runner. I love helping people develop their life projects. Current chapter director in Caracas of the Startup Grind community. WBAF International Partner. Speaker on Personal Branding, Entrepreneurship and Marketing in different Universities and Institutions. My purpose is to help passionate entrepreneurs to grow, beginning from the (re) design of their purpose/value proposition all the way through the acceleration process and the fund raising stage, including marketing implementation.



**H.E. Jonathan Fonati Koffa**

A member for the ruling Coalition. The sitting of the new Legislature at the Capitol Building, the seat of the National Legislature, followed midterm elections last December after which a vacancy occurred for the position.



**Harris Kovoor**

With over 15 years of professional experience in the financial and business advisory services, Mr. Harris has played key roles in structuring various financial products for major public limited Companies listed in stock exchanges. As Financial Manager, Royal Family Office, of Abudabhi, UAE has also played key roles in managing investments from Central & southern Asia, EU, US & UK. The experience is varied with several initiatives of debt & equity structuring / Infrastructure development / Oil & Gas / Energy / Fintech & Block chain / Education in the MENA region. Playing a key role in the regional capital markets, Mr. Harris engages with various organizations looking to raise funds. Whether it is through an IPO, private equity or debt financing, the network he has built expands globally. His interest in angel investing comes from his experience in capital markets and working with start-ups looking to grow their business. Mr. Harris has handled Private Equity, IPO Management, and Company Law matters, Statutory Audits, Taxation, Bank Branch Audits and Stock Audits for Nationalized Banks etc. Completed academic credentials in Finance, Accounting, Corporate Laws and Economics and Passionate about encouraging ventures of Social entrepreneurship.



**Mariam Chikopaidze**

President of Association of Women Entrepreneurs - AWE. An artist, designer, entrepreneur, owner of the Jewellery brand PIGMALIONI. By education Philologist and political scientist.



Norma Kenyon

Dr. Kenyon is the Vice Provost for Innovation at the University of Miami and Chief Innovation Officer of the Miller School of Medicine. Under her leadership, the U Innovation team, including the Office of Technology Transfer and the Wallace H. Coulter Center for Translational Research, has successfully increased the number of licensing agreements and startups emanating from faculty innovations across the university's 11 schools and colleges. The Launch Pad provides support to students, alumni and faculty entrepreneurs interested in establishing a startup. Under her leadership, the university recently launched the 'Cane Angel Network, aimed at bringing together entrepreneurs and investors from the University of Miami community to provide early-stage funding and a network of advisors. Together with external partners, Kenyon is working to grow the Converge Miami innovation district and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade Beacon Council. Norma Sue Kenyon, Ph.D. is The Martin Kleiman Professor of Surgery, Microbiology & Immunology, Biomedical Engineering and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology at the Diabetes Research Institute, University of Miami. She has served as a member of both the National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Disease Council and the NIH Council of Councils and chairs the Opportunities Pool for the NIAID Nonhuman Primate Cooperative Study Group. Kenyon has served as a scientific advisor to the FDA. Kenyon earned her undergraduate degree from Duke University and her Ph.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University, followed by post-doctoral positions at UCLA and the University of Miami. Subsequent to post-doctoral training, Kenyon was a Senior Scientist and Lab Head at Coulter Corporation.



Phi Van Nguyen

Nguyen Phi Van holds an MBA from Australia majoring in marketing communication. Her experience spans over 20 years as a senior executive in brand, retail, and franchise development across global emerging markets in Asia, The Middle East, Africa, and Eastern Europe. She has engaged in various national projects in developing the creative economy and the entrepreneurship network for various governments and is currently advisor to Project 844 under the Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam on startup & innovation, Board Director of ASEAN Business Angel Network, Chairwoman of Vietnam Angel Network, and is an angel investor with a portfolio of 24 companies.. Phi Van is 2015 award winner of Retail Leadership presented by Asia Retail Congress, 2017 & 2018 award winner of 100 Top Great Retail Minds presented by World Retail Congress, 2019 award winner of ASEAN Outstanding Business Award, and has been curated in Top 100 powerful women of the global franchise industry 2019 & 2020. Phi Van is the author of seven books, "Franchising - The Short Route to Global Markets", "Cross The Rice Field, Reach The World", "Go Global: An MSME's guide to global franchising", "I, The Future and The World", "In Search of Myself", "Nym - My Future Self", and recently "Opening the Future".



Phillip J Mostert

Phillip J Mostert - Vice President Fio Capital Group | Founder and Chairman MontRiche Capital | Rainmaker & Influencer | Specialist in Mergers & Acquisitions | Strategic Business Specialist | Global Deal Maker | Born 1964 | Multiple Qualifications in International Contract Law and Business | Avid scholar & reader and believes in Benjamin Franklins' quote: "Either write something worth reading, or do something worth writing". Member International Chamber of Commerce | Member Institute for Mergers, Acquisitions and Alliances (IMAA) | Member World Intellectual Property Organization - WIPO | Member Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis | Member International Institute of Business Analysts - IIBA | Member International Institute for Strategic Studies - IISS | Member Center for Strategic and International Studies - CSIS | Licensed Consultant - Licensing Executives Society (USA & Canada) Inc. | Associate Certified Coach (ACC) Project Management Institute.





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.



S M Zillur Rahman

S M Zillur Rahman is the Chairman & CEO of RAHMAN GROUP OF COMPANIES LTD. He is involved in Textile and Ready-made garments manufacturing, Int'l manpower recruitment, restaurant, real estate development, international trading and export-import businesses under RAHMAN GROUP OF COMPANIES LTD. He like to make relation with the peoples in home and abroad who maintain honesty, punctuality and very much conscious of personality and reputation. At the age of 15 he started his business from Singapore and Thailand and continuing with good reputation at home and abroad as an international reputed businessman. He is well known to the maximum diplomats in Bangladesh from last two decades and visited many countries including Europe, America, Australia, Canada, Far-East, Middle-East, South-East countries for different business meetings as well as business delegations member of Bangladesh, as foreign Expert, as speaker and as stakeholders from Bangladesh. He achieved several awards and crest in home and abroad for his outstanding contribution to society and business, like, BKVA Gold Medal, DCRU award, TRAB award, life time achievement award by Journalism Development Foundation, crest by Voice of America (VOC) Fan Club, Glamor Media Award, Atish Dipankar Gold Medal, SME Excellence award, Etc. Crest from Vietnam ambassador, Brunei Ambassador, Malaysian DCM, Association of Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Malaysia. Mr. S M Zillur Rahman has founded Fatema Mahbub Foundation, a humanitarian organization to serve the society especially for needy peoples and for the development of religious and general knowledge. He is devoted for the development of SME's in Bangladesh and across the world and as a result he has nominated as president of World Association for Small & Medium Enterprises (WASME), Bangladesh. He is director of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and industry (DCCI) for the year of 2018-2020. Founder and President of Bangladesh- Qatar chamber of commerce & industry (BQCCI). President of Bangladesh Bamboo Cane and Mate Crafts foundation (BBCMF).



Stacey Menga Onyago

Founder/ CEO of Minkoti Agencies Limited a Company founded in 2009 dealing in Labour Based Contracting and Construction.Co-Founder of Nileganics Limited which deals in sourcing and value addition of organic products from South Sudan. Senior Human Resource Officer at the National Construction Authority and the Authority's Service Leader at Huduma Kenya Secretariat. Holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and an MBA- Strategic Management . Member of Young African Leaders Network ;Member of Independent Continental Youth Advisory Council on AFCFTA . Nominated by the African Women Innovations and Entrepreneurship Forum( AWIEF) as a finalist in the Young Entrepreneur Award Category in Africa. Passionate about creating sustainable economic development opportunities for youth and women.



#### Tokunbo Ige

Olatokunbo Ige is an international human rights lawyer, peace and development expert turned social entrepreneur. Trained by the John Maxwell Team, she is also a certified trainer, coach, mentor and human behavior consultant. With 30 years of experience in the field of human rights, peace, security and disarmament in Africa, she recently retired from the United Nations and is now founder / coordinator of The Livingstones Resource Center (TLRC ) an incubator, as well as principal consultant of TI Consulting her leadership training and consulting outfit based in Togo. She has recently started working on environmental issues, a passion that has become a career. Through TLRC, Tokunbo Ige leads several projects including the creation of an ecological centre known as ECOVILLAGE. ECOVILLAGE is an eco-friendly hotel built with local materials where she brings to life her passion for healthy living as well as adding value to others by imparting eco-centric leadership, personal development and technical skills, especially to women and young people In 2019, she established UTRADER as a waste management and transformation centre that seeks to alleviate the problem of domestic waste management by transforming, for example, used plastics, tyres, barrels, wood and textile waste into quality products and goods.