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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MARIA HELENA DE FELIPE

Maria Helena de Felipe, President of AFAEMME, Member of EESC (European Economic and Social Committee), President of FEPIME 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”

Mª 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 ZIBAOUI

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 NEGHZA

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

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 belief of giving opportunities. Women are loyal, disciplined with clear priorities. Empowering women entrepreneurship needs to this end increase and extend access to funding“

NAYEF Z. STETIEH

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

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 unexploited resource for a sustainable economy”