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## **Dubai to host New Arab Woman Forum**

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The two-day New Arab Woman Forum, to be held in Dubai on October 21-22, will bring together more than 500 high-profile delegates and speakers from 30 countries.

Under the patronage of Princess Haya bint Al Hussein, wife of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, the forum will be held at the Jumeirah Emirates Towers.

The forum is being organised by Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group and Al Hasnaa magazine, in cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Arab League, ESCWA, V-Day Karama, and Diplomatic Ladies Association-Dubai and North Emirates. MBC1 is the media partner.

The forum emphasises the fundamental role of the Arab woman and her strengths and abilities in leadership, management, politics, business, education, media, beauty. It also discusses the problems encountered by Arab women.

Among the invitees are women ministers and parliamentarians, NGO heads, actresses, artists and journalists, as well as businessmen and other specialists.

Addressing a Press conference yesterday, Mazen Hayek, MBC Group Director of Marketing, Public Relations and Commercial, said: "The role of Arab women is no longer limited only to building a family. She now plays a vital role in steering the change to become an effective member in facing current and future challenges."

Nadine Abou Zaki, Editor-in-Chief of Al Hasnaa and Executive Chair of The New Arab Woman Forum, said: "We have made sure the topics to

be discussed in the forum are vital and important for Arab women.”

The subjects of the forum will revolve around basic topics that spotlight the role of the Arab woman in different economic, social and political spheres. The sessions will focus on the role of women in business, maternity, women and education, investment in social development, women and the public, women and the media, and women and beauty.

Faysal Abou Zaki, Deputy General Manager of Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group, said: “The subject of the Arab woman and her present and future role in Arab society and economic life is undoubtedly one of the major and most important topics that should be discussed in depth in our region today. And there is no question that an expanding role for women is vital for the future of Arab societies and economies, as well as their ability to grow and develop, especially in terms of education and health care and the level of women’s participation in the jobs market.”